

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Friday fair; warmer Friday.
Temperature.
Highest yesterday 50
Lowest this morning 49

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BERN WAS A BIGAMIST IS CLAIM

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
IN CHICAGO, a gang of thieves estimated to include at least eight men, takes possession of the premises of a safety deposit firm shortly after noon, spends the rest of that day and most of the night drilling leisurely through the vault and escapes with loot valued at somewhere from a quarter of a million to a million dollars.

That couldn't happen in Medford. In the smaller cities, known contemptuously to Chicagoans and New Yorkers as "hick towns," the police are too alert, to well onto their jobs, too familiar with what is going on.

It is only in the big cities that conditions exist that make crimes of this sort possible.
ALONZO STAGO, preparing at the age of 70 to coach his 41st football team, becomes a trifle lightheaded and offers advice as to how to live to an active old age.

What he means is this: "Don't over-exert foolishly, eat wholesome food at regular hours and refrain from dissipation."
THAT is sound advice, and like most sound advice, it WON'T be very generally followed by those who could profit by it.

HERE is a paragraph in the day's news that in a way is interesting: "The soviet government of Russia moved today to consolidate its collectivization gains by decreeing that peasants leaving collective farms can not regain the land they contributed to the communal enterprise."

It is interesting as an example of the bad habit of using so many big words that nobody knows what you are talking about.
WHAT is meant is this: The soviet government has been taking away from individual farmers their privately owned farms and throwing these farms into vast estates which are worked on a huge scale by big business methods, the former owners becoming mere cogs in the machine.

When these former owners who have been made into mere cogs in a machine become dissatisfied and LEAVE, they are told: "All right, you're out; you can't have your land back. You must either do things our way or starve."

IT IS POPULAR in certain circles to brag on the way Russia does things, and a lot of people profess to believe that the American people will have to be restrained by FORCE from adopting communism and doing things as Russia is doing them.

This writer, for one, doesn't believe that American people could be COMPELLED to adopt Russian ways, let alone wanting to. Here in America, we want to do things on our own account, and we DON'T want to be herded around in crowds by government overseers.

NEW ANGLE SEEN IN JEAN HARLOW'S HUSBAND'S SUICIDE

Insurance Adviser Says Movie Executive Wed Ten Years Ago—Not Divorced—Wife An Incompetent

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Sept. 8.—(AP) The strange suicide of Paul Bern, Hollywood movie executive, produced another mystifying angle today when George C. Clarken, Los Angeles insurance man and Bern's insurance adviser, said here that Bern was married ten years ago and never divorced from a woman who is a mental incompetent in a New York sanatorium.

Clarken said that insurance policies held by Bern are payable to a trust fund, handled by a New York trust company, for the benefit of the woman.

Never Divorced
Clarken declared that Bern never divorced his first wife and believes the allusion in the suicide note to some wrong done Miss Harlow, his recent bride, had some connection with his alleged marital tangle.

Clarken claimed he was one of the few friends of the film executive who knew of his former marriage. Clarken, here for an insurance convention, will leave today to look after Bern's insurance affairs.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—Officials at the Hotel Algonquin said today that a woman registered as "Mrs. Paul Bern" had lived at the hotel for a decade, leaving last spring shortly before Paul Bern, film executive, whose suicide has mystified the country, married Jean Harlow.

Hotel officials said Mrs. Bern received fortnightly checks from the west coast signed "Paul Bern" and that Bern visited her about once a year.

They said her tastes were modest and that she seemed deeply religious, always having many religious tracts in her room.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 8.—(AP)—A coroner's jury decided today that Paul Bern, film producer, husband of Jean Harlow, actress, killed himself but said the motive was undetermined. The jury found he died of "wounds, self-inflicted, with suicidal intent."

The verdict was returned after a brief hearing in which the only testimony bearing on a possible motive was that Bern had been nervous and run down, possibly from a lack of physical development, and thus subject to melancholia including suicide.

In a telephonic conversation with Louis B. Mayer, head of the studio where both Bern and Miss Harlow worked, Dr. Edward B. Jones, Bern's personal physician, now in Honolulu, stated he "understood the motive."

JEAN HARLOW'S HUSBAND KILLS SELF



Picturesque Beverly Hills, Cal., home of Paul Bern and Jean Harlow where Bern shot and killed himself a few weeks after their marriage. Inset is a bridal picture of Bern, film executive, and the platinum blonde star. (Associated Press Photo)

COURT TO DECIDE FINAL DISPOSITION OF F. A. BATES CASE

The case of the state of Oregon against F. A. Bates, indicted by the last grand jury on a charge of attempting to commit a felony, was docketed on the calendar for the circuit court term starting Monday, September 19, simply to "keep the records straight," the district attorney's office said this morning.

The matter of final disposition rests with the court, and the stipulation is listed for consideration as the final matter. The stipulation provides specifically for the sanction of the court.

The district attorney's office avers that the original stipulation, as drawn up by Attorney M. O. Wilkins, has never been signed, but that a carbon copy signed by Attorney Wilkins and Deputy District Attorney George W. Neilson was filed by Attorney Wilkins after an agreement had been made between the two that nothing was to be said of the stipulation filed until it had the consideration and approval of District Attorney Coddling. Deputy Neilson charged that Attorney Wilkins "doubt"

SAMUELS FILES FOR RE-ELECTION

Gus H. Samuels, city treasurer for the past two years, has filed his petition, signed by representative business men of the city, asking for reelection for a second term.

Mr. Samuels has been a resident and taxpayer of Medford for more than 20 years, and during that time has been actively engaged in accounting and general office work, which especially fits him for the office that he now occupies.

CITY WILL MOVE OFFICES TO NEW HALL, IS DECISION

At the meeting of the city building committee last evening, it was decided definitely that the city offices would be transferred to the hall on Fifth and Bartlett streets, although no date was set for moving, according to Dade Terrett, chairman of the committee.

The city is waiting for a decision from the county court as to what action that body will take concerning the cleaning of the city hall, which was occupied by the county until last week.

TRIO WITH ALKY NABBED ON ROAD

State police this morning arrested Lawrence Young and Glenn and Byron Hawton, brothers, and all of Oakland, Cal., for possession of 30 gallons of alcohol, packed in the back of a Ford roadster. The trio, according to the authorities, said the alcohol was destined for Portland, Ore., as part of the supply for the national convention of the American Legion.

The three men were stopped about 7 o'clock this morning on the Pacific highway near Ashland. The permittees H. I. Cummings, H. Parmalee, D. L. McLeod, C. W. Brazee, W. J. Butler, Ray E. Metcalfe and Dr. D. M. Brower, all of Ashland.

The lone Medford signer of the petition is Harry Watson, who gave no street address.

FEDERAL BUILDING FUND SLASHED BY M'CARL'S DECISION

Comptroller's Ruling Knocks Ten Million From Construction Program in Garner-Wagner Relief Act

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Secretary Mills said today that under the ruling of Comptroller General McCarl the \$100,000,000 public building program in the Garner-Wagner relief act would be reduced to \$90,000,000.

The announcement of the program and its various projects is expected by Secretary Mills to be made public at the White House shortly. However, the treasury held declined to say whether he had certified to President Hoover that the public finance could not afford to undertake the program at this time, an alternative allowed him by the relief act.

Mills said that while McCarl had not ruled on the entire \$322,000,000 public works section of the relief act, other officials of the treasury said that McCarl would make the same ruling under the provisions of the economy act to the public roads, flood control, army housing and other provisions.

Should McCarl apply the 10 per cent reduction to the entire program \$32,200,000 would be slashed from the relief bill.

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One unconfirmed Ashland report said it was the intention to nominate a full county ticket.

BOISE, Idaho, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The west is "any man's fight" during the present presidential campaign, Senator Borah told newspaper men today.

MAJOR PARTIES FIGHT FOR RULE OVER CONGRESS

Intensive Campaign Opened by Leaders—Indiana, Illinois and Ohio Will Be Main Battle Grounds

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—An intensive campaign for congressional control is being launched in the wake of the quadrennial presidential drive.

It included today consultations with leaders of both major parties over the contested command of Capitol Hill.

Senator Swanson of Virginia, chairman of the Democratic senatorial campaign committee, was in New York for conferences with James A. Farley, chairman of the Democratic national committee. His next scheduled stop was Albany, where he said presidential and senatorial campaign plans will be reviewed with Governor Roosevelt.

Only yesterday Senator Watson, the Republican leader, and Senator Hatfield, chairman of the Republican senatorial campaign committee, conferred with President Hoover and reported that senatorial contests had been surveyed.

Where the two parties will direct (Continued on Page Three)

BASEBALL RESULTS

Table with columns for National and American leagues, listing teams and scores for various games.

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Pear Markets

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Oregon Boac, 3,540 boxes; best \$1.60-2.40; average \$1.93; fancy \$1.55-2.20; average \$1.84.

Washington Bartlett's, 1,460 boxes; Extra \$1.60-2.15; average \$1.83.

CHICAGO, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Pears: 8 California, 3 Oregon, 1 Washington arrived; 30 cars on track; by truck, 5 cars Michigan; 12 cars sold.

California Bartlett's, 4,903 boxes; \$1.42-2.50; average \$1.99.

Washington 1,442; extra fancy \$1.35-1.75; average \$1.50; 635 Bartlett's, fancy \$1.15-1.45; average \$1.28.

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PEAR EXPORTERS TO REAP BENEFITS OF TWO CHANGES

French Agree to Grant Fruit Special Import Quota—Eastern Trunk Lines Agree to New Rate East

PARIS, France, Sept. 8.—(AJ)—Immediate relief for the American fruit industry is expected to result from agreement by France today to grant apples and pears a special import quota in accordance with the American request.

The French, after conferring with the American negotiators, said they would make ameliorating changes in administration of fruit quotas whereby the allocation of importers would be placed on a monthly basis instead of a ten-day basis, and much other red tape would be eliminated.

American importers had been reduced to 30 per cent under the general fruit quota from which apples and pears will be removed.

According to information received yesterday from W. R. Sibley, district freight and passenger agent for the Erie railway, and Ted Hoke, of the Pennsylvania, the executives of the eastern trunk lines have authorized concurrence in a new rate of \$1.25 per hundred pounds on pears from Medford to the Atlantic coast, for export, under a minimum weight of 32,000 pounds. The trunk line executives have asked the transportation lines to apply for authority from the Interstate Commerce Commission to publish this new export rate immediately.

The statement is of great interest to fruit growers and shippers of the Rogue River valley, as it means a substantial reduction in the freight rate on local fruit destined for export from Atlantic ports. The Rogue River Valley Traffic association, in cooperation with similar organizations in Hood River, Yakima and Wenatchee, made application for this rate several months ago, and this is the first action received indicating that favorable consideration has been given by the carriers. It is hoped that the rate may be made effective in time to be used for at least a portion of the season's winter pear crop.

COLONEL MISSING ON HOOVER VISIT

WASHINGTON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Raymond Robins, wife of Colonel Raymond Robins, missing since he made an engagement Saturday to see President Hoover, telephoned the Associated Press here from Maine late today that she feared her husband had been killed by Florida bootleggers.

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—New York police have been asked to search for Raymond Robins, who disappeared after leaving this city for Washington, where he had an engagement with President Hoover.

Two men believed to be federal agents conferred with Acting Captain John Ayers, head of the missing persons bureau.

Will Rogers says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Sept. 7.—Don't miss seeing the building of Boulder dam. It's the biggest thing that has ever been done with water since Noah made the flood look foolish.

Advertising Importance Stressed by Bank Chief

NEW YORK, Sept. 8.—(AP)—The importance of advertising to finance was stressed today by Francis H. Stason, incoming president of the American Bankers' Association, in an address at a luncheon by the New York financial advertisers.

SQUARE DEAL TO BE AIM OF KERR

CORVALLIS, Ore., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of higher education, returned to his office here early today and almost immediately called a meeting of the Oregon state college administrative council, discussed policies of the immediate future, and left soon after lunch for Eugene with Mrs. Kerr to attend the funeral of Mrs. P. L. Campbell, widow of the former president of the University of Oregon.

HOOPER'S CHANGES GROWING-MELLON

LONDON, Sept. 8.—(AP)—President Hoover's chances for re-election at the present time, Ambassador Andrew W. Mellon said on his return from the United States today, are equally good as they were two months before the election in 1928.

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RAILROAD CHIEFS TALK WAGE CUTS

CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 8.—(AP)—Executives of nine railroad met in a closed conference today to discuss plans for a general wage revision for union railway workers. It was reported the executives were drawing up a formal notice to the unions demanding a 20 per cent reduction from the wage levels in effect prior to last February, when the employees accepted a 10 per cent reduction.

PORTLAND, Sept. 8.—(AP)—Early completion of the Wolf Creek and Wilson Road roads was urged in a resolution adopted here Wednesday by the Northwest Oregon Development association.

OREGON NEWS BITS

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