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Comment on the Day's News

WILLIS SHARPE KILMER, who made his name as a patent medicine magnate, spent a lot of it on a string of race horses, and is now publishing a newspaper, is back from a trip to Europe with ideas of his own on this business of war debt cancelling—about which the papers are printing long stories that nobody much reads.

"FRANCE, England and Italy," he says, "are prosperous and able to pay. Their poverty talk is just so much poppycock. They are using money they owe us to prepare for another war. Two of the battleships they have built in the past year represent more money than the Decree 18 payments."

"They built those battleships with money that was due us when they made their moratorium bluff and got away with it."

"SOMEBODY owes you money and says he can't pay it and pleads for renewal of the note and reduction of the principal, you look him over. If he gives evidence in his daily living of extreme and genuine poverty you are inclined to be easy on him, realizing that you can't get blood out of a turnip and not wanting to try. So you renew the note and maybe you forgive him a part of the debt."

But if he goes out and buys a fancy new automobile, you get hot under the collar and demand your money. THAT, Mr. Kilmer tells us, is what the European nations that owe us money are doing. They are crying to us about their poverty and then going out and buying fancy new battleships. It doesn't sound so good.

"COURSE, what Kilmer tells us may be a lot of moonshine. There is nothing to indicate that he knows any more about it than anybody else. Still, we have been taking the advice of a lot of statesmen about these war debts, and the only place it has got us has been deeper into the hole. So we might as well listen for a while to a patent medicine manufacturer. In the days when he was going good, Willis Sharpe Kilmer prescribed for every human ailment, from housemaid's knee to falling hair—and his invariable prescription was a bottle of Swamp Root.

What he is prescribing for our war debt troubles is a little dose of common sense. It might not be so bad. SPEAKING of poppycock, the Independent Monthly, published by the Petroleum Association of America, cites an estimate made by "experts" back in 1925, to the effect that the total possible production of petroleum from all the proven fields in America was 5,300,000,000 barrels.

In less than six years, these same fields produced 6,000,000,000 barrels and there isn't the slightest sign as yet that they are falling. SOME 30 years ago, the timber conservationists assured us with solemn faces that in 25 years ALL the virgin timber in the United States would be GONE.

Considerably more than the quarter of a century they named as the outside possible limit of the timber supply has passed, and it is quite probable that there is more timber in this country now, taking new growth into consideration, than there was then. At least there is a lot more timber left than a man can find for at the present moment.

OUT here in the timber country, where our principal manufacturing industry is sawmilling, we know something of the damage that has been done by this recklessly inaccurate estimate of the life of our timber supply. It scared people pink, causing them to believe that their children wouldn't be able to find even a piece of wood to whittle with their jack knives. With this idea fixed in their minds, using substitutes for lumber became a sacred duty.

STATE POLICEMAN TARGET FOR GUNS AUTOMOBILE GANG

First Bullet Ruins Officer Folsom's Revolver — Attempts Pursuit, But Is Ditched By Bandits Fire

Bandit's Description The description given by State Policeman Joseph Folsom of the gunman who fired a half dozen shots at him, when stopped for questioning last night near Gold Hill, is as follows: About 30 years of age. Weight 165 pounds. Height five feet eight inches. Dark complexion, square jawed, Italian appearance. Wore dark colored shirt, coat and hat.

Sheriff Ralph Jennings said this afternoon that the description of the assailant of Officer Folsom fitted in a general way with that of Paul McQuade, sought as one of the slayers of Victor Knott, Ashland policeman, a year ago. The sheriff said weight, height and description were about the same as McQuade, who walked with a strut. Lee Jackson, also indicted for the Knott murder, was taller.

The sheriff's office advanced the theory that the trio might have been the thieves who robbed the Toggery last Friday night, and held there was a possibility the gunman might be one of Knott's slayers. Sheriff Jennings says there is no question but that the desperadoes car contained stolen goods or contraband. The authorities received a report this morning that a car answering the general description of the bandit vehicle had been seen in the Applegate district and were investigating. Up to early this afternoon no word had been received from Springfield, Ill., relative to who the Illinois license the auto carried was issued to. The state police think the license plates were stolen.

State Policeman Joseph Folsom, on patrol duty on the Pacific Highway one mile south of Gold Hill, narrowly escaped death or injury about 7:15 o'clock last night, when a murderous gunman opened fire upon him at close range, and in the auto chase that followed stood upon the running board of a Chrysler sedan and continued firing, until one of the bullets hit the windshield of the state police car, and caused Officer Folsom to plunge into the ditch. The first shot, fired when Officer Folsom was two feet away, struck a buckle on his Sam Browne belt and staggered him momentarily. The gunman leaped on the running board as his two companions drove the car ahead. Officer Folsom leaped into his own car and started pursuit. Two other shots narrowly missed Folsom, and he was temporarily blinded by the missile that splintered the windshield. Folsom's revolver was rendered useless by the first shot at close range, which broke the trigger.

Recalls Knott Slaying. The gunfire occurred a year and three days from the anniversary of the slaying last November 18 of Victor Knott, special policeman of Ashland, when he and another officer, sought to question occupants of an auto, in the warehouse district. The episode of last night resembles in many details the Knott slaying. W. Reed of Denver, Colo., is now serving a life term in Salem state prison upon conviction of complicity in the slaying. His companions—Paul

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British Bankers Assured Morgan Aid To Sterling

NEW YORK, Nov. 23.—(AP)—The Evening Post said today that according to persistent reports in the financial district, New York banking interests, headed by J. P. Morgan & Co., have assured private London bankers that a substantial credit will be advanced to support sterling, if needed as a result of payments by the British treasury of the \$26,000,000 of war debts due the United States Dec. 15.

BACK-TO-LAND IS SOLUTION OREGON JOBLESS PROBLEM

SALEM, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Idle lands in Oregon offer the "surest, swiftest and most economical solution of Oregon's problem of unemployment," Charles H. Gram, state labor commissioner, declared in his biennial report which was released here today. The report will be presented to the 1933 legislature.

The commissioner renewed his suggestion of 1931 that the state, in its increasing emergency, inaugurate and pave the way for a back-to-the-land movement with the three-fold object of furnishing employment to the unemployed, developing class of small home owners sustaining themselves and replacing on the tax rolls of the state an increasing volume of land now unproductive and non-tax bearing.

Simple legislation, the report sets out, should make the land now owned by the counties available for such improvement and use. A considerable portion of the land now suitable for some might be turned over to the forestry department for reforestation. Gram said the state and counties of Oregon have a superabundance of idle land. Much of it has been taken over for taxes or on foreclosure of state loans, and could be used for establishing small sustaining homes.

FIVE FAT TURKEYS FOR WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Five fat turkeys, the gift of well-wishers, have come to the White House to form the centerpiece of the simple Thanksgiving dinner the president and his wife will eat tomorrow. The choicest will be selected by chefs. White House aides or charity will get the other four.

To Mr. and Mrs. Hoover Thanksgiving will be a day for offering thanks and feasting—"with plenty to eat," a presidential secretary said. For them it will be their last Thanksgiving day in the executive mansion before President-elect and Mrs. Roosevelt arrive next March 4.

HALT COFFEE PLANTING THREE YEARS IN BRAZIL

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Nov. 23.—(AP)—President Getulio Vargas issued a decree today prohibiting the planting of coffee anywhere in Brazil for three years.

NO PAPER THANKSGIVING DAY

In order to permit enjoyment of the holiday by employes, and in accordance with long-established custom, there will be no issue of The Mail Tribune Thursday, Thanksgiving day.

Hoover Opposes Holiday On War Debt Payments; Would Hear Suggestions

In Conference With Party Heads Says No Facts Presented To Justify Debtors Passing Obligations

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—President Hoover today declared himself formally opposed to suspension of December 15 payments due on war debt and recommended that congress create an "agency to exchange views" with debtor nations, upon international financial obligations.

BRITAIN WILL GIVE BASIS FOR ASKING DEBT MORATORIUM

LONDON, Eng., Nov. 23.—(AP)—The Canadian press reported tonight that the British government is preparing a statement to be submitted to the United States setting forth its reasons for believing that the war debt payment due December 15 should be suspended.

Mother Victim of Revolver Accident

ROSBURG, Ore., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. Genevieve Elder, 25, was killed at her Days creek residence Tuesday when a small revolver she was replacing on the mantle accidentally discharged. The bullet entered her head. She was the mother of two small children. Her husband, H. R. Elder, left several days ago on a hunting trip.

Dallas Veteran Taken By Death

DALLAS, Ore., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Colonel Conrad Staffin, 56, veteran of the Spanish-American and world wars and a charter member of the local American Legion post, died here yesterday afternoon.

Oregon Emerald Editor Silly Replies Stanford

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Nov. 23.—(AP)—An editorial in the Oregon Daily Emerald, student publication of the University of Oregon, which accused Stanford, along with the Universities of California, Washington, Southern California, Oregon and Washington State college and Oregon State college, of subsidizing football players, was described today as "silly" by Stanford officials.

Medford's Undeclared Tigers Meet Portland Champs Turkey Day



These husky lads who have carried on Medford's high school tradition by defeating all opponents so far during the current season, will climax their drive for laurels Thursday when they clash with the Oregon high school champions of Portland, at Multnomah stadium in that city for the mythical state title. While neither team will have an advantage in weight, the Jettis boast a galaxy of individual stars who may spell trouble for the Medford machine. On the other hand, the Tiger eleven is a steady-knit outfit which surges with clock-like precision on the offensive, when in form, and should they "click" Thursday, will have little to fear from isolated efforts of Jeffersonians to halt their drive. The lineup includes: Front row, left to right, Shaw, tackle; Minner, tackle; Glen, guard; Green, guard; Hamrick, center; Beaudet, end; Lindley, end. Back row, left to right—Ed M. Kirtley, director of athletics; T. White, half and quarterback; Knipps, halfback; Scheel, quarter; Pfeister, fullback; Gilman, halfback, and Darwin E. Burgess, ex-Isham star coach. (Photo courtesy Oregonian.)

Roosevelt Opposes Beer Legislation Will Be Hurried

Huge Throng of Visitors Keep President-Elect Busy in Washington Stay—Policy Hints Dropped

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—President-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt left Washington at 2:30 p. m., eastern standard time, today for Georgia.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—(AP)—A stream of callers, many of them prominent in Washington officialdom, today kept President-elect Roosevelt busy from the time he finished breakfast.

Lines formed outside his hotel room, and many of the conferences of necessity, were short. One of the earlier visitors was Justice Brandeis of the supreme court. He was with Governor Roosevelt about 20 minutes, and declined to talk with newspapermen on leaving.

At Press Club Five hundred reporters heard a brief extemporaneous address by President-elect Roosevelt last night but not a word was written on it.

BANK LIQUIDATION RIGHTS SOUGHT

Petitions asking the right to sell bonds and adjust a note, in the liquidation of the Citizens Bank of Ashland, have been filed with the county clerk as follows: To sell two shares at \$30 each, of the California-Oregon Box company, to Arthur L. Coggins of Ashland.

ONE CANDIDATE SAVED HIS COIN

Charles Barge of Gold Hill, candidate for constable for that district at the last election, is the only candidate to date in this county, to file an expense account, showing no expenditures.

SNOW AND RAIN LOOM IN OREGON

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—(AP)—Slightly warmer temperatures tonight and Thursday were predicted by the weather bureau here today for Oregon. Snow in the mountains and rain in the north and west portions tonight and tomorrow appeared to be indicated.

Holiday Turkey Is Shot From Roost Atop Third Story

Mrs. George Wilkie, who resides at 807 South Central avenue is not going to miss her turkey dinner tomorrow just because the big bird she had purchased for the occasion flew on top of a three story building after it had run a block from home.

The big turkey had been locked in the garage by Mrs. Wilkie, and when she opened the door this morning to see how the gobbler was getting along, out it flew, she said, and it was down the street in a brief space, atop the tall structure.

BUDGET DRAFTERS ADD FINAL POLISH 'ERE PUBLICATION

Finishing touches were being made by the budget committee to the 1932 budget for Jackson county today. The main item before the budget committee is a levy for relief. The budget committee desires to avoid this, if possible, though realizing the necessity of some special session for the levy.

The first publication of the 1932 budget, as required by law, is expected to be made within the week. A public hearing on the budget must be called within 20 days after the first publication.

3 BANK ROBBERS SHOT TO DEATH IN VAIN ATTEMPT

BOLEY, Okla., Nov. 23.—(AP)—A negro bank president and three robbers, two of them white men, were shot to death today in a furious gun fight following the attempted robbery of a bank in this negro community.

Dalles Railroad To Be Extended

THE DALLES, Ore., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Formation of a company to take over the Great Southern railroad, extending from The Dalles to Friend, was announced here Tuesday. Immediate expenditure of \$25,000 for repairs to track and equipment was announced. The line will be extended.

Klamath Mayor Declares COPCO Backing Ouster

Write-In Candidate Sees Attempt to Hinder Tax Schemes—'Friendly' Contest Suit Gives Him Laugh

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 23.—(AP)—Willis E. Mahoney, mayor-elect of Klamath Falls, against whom an ouster suit was filed yesterday in that city, declared here today that the California-Oregon Power company was back of the movement. He called upon his friends and supporters "to hold the lines until I return to await the call to arms."

Mahoney was on his way to Seattle, where he said his physician has ordered a complete rest following the strenuous campaign. At the election 1783 voters wrote in Mahoney's name to give him a victory over Mayor Fred E. Cofer. Friendly suit. The ouster suit, described as a "friendly action," was brought by R. C. Groesbeck, attorney and president of the chamber of commerce. It's purpose is to determine whether the city charter provision calling for a two-year residence in the city as a pre-requisite to office is valid and enforceable in Mahoney's case.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

CORONA, Cal., Nov. 22.—Well, as you read this our two presidents will be as nervous over their meeting as a couple of debutantes. Well, we all hope some good comes from their meeting and, in fact, we hope some money comes out of it, too.

I know a hitch hiker out here that is having such poor luck getting a ride that now he is standing in the middle of the road offering to go either way. Yours, Will Rogers.

Will Rogers

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