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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS.
BANDITS hold up a bank in the outskirts of Minneapolis and get away with \$20,000. Back in Cincinnati, other bandits hold up a payroll messenger and take \$2500 from him.
These are the crime highlights of one day's news.

IN BAD TIMES, unprincipled people steal because they need the money—or make themselves believe they do. In good times, the same kind of people steal because they WANT the money.
Criminal minds are criminal minds in depression or prosperity.

FRANCE declines to pay her war debt to the United States, and, if one may judge accurately by comment in the French press, thinks it was a smart thing to do.
Germany says: "If France isn't bound to pay her war debt, we aren't bound by the treaty of Versailles."
One thing, you see, leads to another. France may not be as smart as she thinks.

GOVERNOR DERN, of Utah, opposes state sales taxes, fearing that home merchants will be injured by purchases OUTSIDE the state.
It is possible, of course, for under the constitution of the United States people in states that have sales taxes can not be prevented from buying in states that have no sales taxes.

But if the tax is moderate, the trouble involved in buying in another state, slight unseem, and having one's purchases shipped home will be too great to be worth while.

Where there is a difference of only one or two cents in the gasoline tax, for example, people don't take the trouble to buy their gasoline over the state line.

GOVERNOR DERN suggests that the sales tax should be levied by the federal government, and a share remitted back to the states, just as the property tax is levied by the counties, which remit to the states, the cities, the school districts, etc.

That would be possible—just as it would be possible for the federal government to collect all income taxes and remit to the states; assuming, that is, that all the states levied income taxes.

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MEDFORD BUDGET CUT \$4470 GETS OKEH OF COUNCIL

Expense List Totalling \$167,194 Is Approved for City After Long Debate—Relief Fund To Remain

Reduced from a total of \$171,664.70 to \$167,194.65, the Medford budget for 1933 was passed by the city council last night at the close of a long argumentative session, which opened at 7:30 o'clock and continued until midnight, with members of the city budget committee, the citizens' tax committee and the Chamber of Commerce tax committee in attendance. The reduction of \$4,470 was made through cuts in departmental costs and elimination of the provision for tax delinquencies in the general fund.

The sum of \$62,000 as a tax delinquency provision to care for the redemption of bonds and interest, however, was included in the budget. The amount was determined on the basis of a 75 per cent collection of taxes, anticipated for the coming year.

The departments of city government were slashed \$1300 in the budget and the decrease will be made in the fire department, building and lights, and heating of the new city hall. The sum of \$300 was pruned from the fire department budget, a reduction of \$760 was made in the salary and expense account of Frank Rogers in the building and lights department, and the cost of heating the city hall was reduced \$300. This last saving has already been accomplished, according to report today, through substitution of wood for oil as fuel at the building.

The emergency relief of \$6,000 which was the subject of great discussion at the first public hearing last Thursday, was left in the budget at final passage last night. The major portion of the amount will be spent in widening Bear creek bridge and the East Main street bottleneck, it is understood, if the property owners of East Main street continue with the street widening project outlined, to which they will contribute \$12,000.

Veto Library Increase
A recommended increase of \$750 in the library fund, the only increase sought by O. C. Boggs of the citizens' committee, which requested important slashes in the budget, was not granted by the council. The appropriation was left at \$750 instead of \$1500. Considerable discussion of this appropriation was suggested by Councilman Dade Terrett, who voted no when it was moved to leave it at \$750.

The meeting opened last night with a complete report of the financial condition of the city, given by Mayor E. M. Wilson, who stressed the necessity of caring for the bonded indebtedness. Debatable last year, he pointed out, are less than they have been at any time since 1926.

Expenses Now Low
The operating expenses of the city, he maintained, have been reduced as low as possible with safety to the city. During the year of 1932, he said, but 84 per cent of the taxes were collected. The amount of delinquent taxes coming in brought this percentage up to a little higher figure, but the city for the current year will have a tax delinquency of over \$60,000, he stated. Referring to the proposed elimination of the \$6000 emergency relief fund, provided in the budget as prepared by the committee, he stated that the city had had received from the department of labor, insisting that Medford make some provision for supplying work to the unemployed, and stating that other cities have made more generous appropriations to this end.

Burden on Taxpayer
Following Mayor Wilson's report, Mr. Boggs of the citizens' committee stated that the delinquency tax provision in the budget would inflict a burden upon the persons paying their taxes, repeating the same stand as taken at Thursday's budget hearing. M. N. Hogan insisted that the city's benefit must be guarded and W. A. Gates asked for reductions in the budget, describing taxation as a burden to local home owners. Others participating in the extensive discussion, which held up definite action on the budget until 10 o'clock, were: A. W. Pipes, A. C. Hubbard, Harry Moore and members of the city council and city officials, called upon to explain costs in their respective departments.

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Woman Is Sheriff



Mrs. Beale Kelly, a democrat, is the first woman sheriff of Texas county, Mo. She succeeds her husband, a republican, who died from auto accident injuries. (Associated Press Photo)

BANKS SUED FOR FORECLOSURE OF PAST DUE NOTES

Suit for foreclosure of mortgages on three alleged causes of action were filed in circuit court this afternoon against Suncrest Orchards, Inc., Llewellyn A. Banks and Edith B. Banks, by O. B. Waddell, acting for the Medford National bank.

The first cause of action is on a promissory note for \$4500, issued January 23, 1931, and renewed March 18, 1932.

The second cause of action is for \$2028.44, on a promissory note issued June 29, 1932.

In the first and second causes of action, Llewellyn A. Banks, Edith B. Banks, Suncrest Orchards, Inc., the Peoples Electric Co., and the State Industrial Accident commission are named as defendants. The Peoples Electric company claim a lien for material furnished, and the accident commission a judgment for \$2833.11.

In the above causes of action, the Suncrest Orchards, Inc., is offered as security by mortgage.

The third cause of action is based upon a promissory note for \$4500, secured by a mortgage on West Main street property.

POTENCY OF BEER FEATURES DEBATE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The potency of 3.2 per cent beer and whether President Hoover would sign a bill legalizing it ensnared the house in lengthy arguments this afternoon, while friends of the legislation insisted victory would be theirs on a vote tomorrow.

Despite challenges to the contrary from foes of the measure, Representative Rainey, majority leader, and others held 3.2 beer to be non-intoxicating.

Nearly the entire membership was in attendance, and every word of debate was followed in a tense silence by crowded galleries.

TWINS WELCOMED BY COVERSTONES

The birth of twin boys to Mr. and Mrs. Virgil J. Coverstone of Portland was announced in a wire this morning to Mr. Coverstone's parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. W. Hoffman of this city.

The babies were born this morning at the Hart maternity home, weighing five and six pounds, and with their mother, were reported as getting along nicely.

Their arrival makes the Coverstones the parents of four boys. Their two older brothers are nine and seven years of age. Mr. and Mrs. Coverstone are well known here.

INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC RAGES IN THE DALLES

THE DALLES, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The influenza epidemic reached more serious proportions here today with another death, that of Leonard Andrews, 83 years old. This was the third death from the disease this week.

More than 500 pupils and 13 teachers are out of school because of the malady. Doctors estimate that nearly 2000 cases have been treated.

DETROIT, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A baking company salesman was killed and a bank employee wounded today when two negroes unsuccessfully attempted to hold up an armored bank truck as it stopped in front of the baking company offices.

WALLENSBURG, Colo., Dec. 20.—(AP)—One man was killed and at least one man injured in an explosion today in Colunet No. 1 mine, 15 miles north of Wallesburg.

HOOVER PLAN FOR REVIEW OF DEBTS FINDS DEMS COLD

Opposition Party Shys at Participation in Commission for Probe of Problem—Expected to Go Ahead

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Democrats today were clearly shying away from active participation in President Hoover's proposal for a commission review of the war debts problem, and he was expected at the capitol to go ahead on his own initiative.

It was understood the president and Governor Roosevelt already have exchanged views and that the democratic president-elect is leaving the issue with this administration.

Friends of the president-elect were convinced he would stand by his previously announced policy that debt negotiations should be conducted through regular diplomatic channels and separately with the debtor nations.

Wants Separate Probe
Meanwhile it became apparent that democrats in congress were not inclined to listen to the presidential suggestion that members of congress serve on the debt commission.

Senator Swanson of Virginia, a democrat member of the American arms delegation, who had been regarded as perhaps the first choice of the president for a place on the debts agency, said:

"The power to negotiate all foreign relations is left with the president under the constitution. The methods he adopts have been left entirely with him under law and custom. I think a situation has developed that makes it impossible for the United States to conduct separate negotiations with the United States is really the only creditor nation and joint negotiations would only bring a solid front against us.

Up To Congress
"Of course, any negotiations that the president may effect are not operative until congress has approved. I think Governor Hoover has approved the proposal that the negotiations be direct and separate. I have had no occasion to change my views since then. I think Governor Hoover was wise in his decision."

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 20.—(AP)—There was silence at the executive mansion today concerning President Hoover's proposal that President-elect Hoover cooperate with him in setting up machinery for dealing with war debts, disarmament and world economic problems.

Close associates of Gov. Roosevelt delved into his past utterances, finding in them evidence which they insisted would not bring a favorable response from the governor.

As for the governor himself he indicated to newspapermen that any formal statement of his position probably would be made at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Hoover informed congress in a special message late yesterday he proposes to seek cooperation from President-elect Roosevelt, looking toward methods for immediate reconsideration of war debts, the world economic conference and disarmament.

Regardless of congressional opposition to a debt commission, he spoke of plans to set up an agency of that sort, empowered to survey war debts with nations "who have sought to maintain their obligations to us." He did not specify the nations.

There was no word whether he already had moved toward getting together with his successor. At one point in the message he took a fling at Mr. Roosevelt's views on how debt discussions might be conducted, telling congress "ordinary diplomatic agencies . . . are not suitable for the conduct of negotiations which can best be carried on across the table by specially qualified representatives."

Oregon Weather
Rain wet and snow or sleet east portion tonight and Wednesday; little change in temperature; south to southwest gales offshore.

Portland—Bids to be called soon for repair of north and south jetties at Yaquina Bay, for which \$550,000 has been allotted.

TOUGH GUY OF GANGDOM WHINES WHEN WOUNDED

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—They said Frank Nitti was a "tough guy." But Nitti lay in the Brydell hospital today, felled by police bullets, intoning prayers that he might live. It was, however, doctors said, only a matter of hours until he likely would die.

Underworlders and police called him the "Enforcer" and the heir apparent to the throne of the liquor, vice and gambling syndicate vacated when Al Capone, gangdom's overlord, went to the federal prison at Atlanta for violation of the income tax laws.

Nitti won his sobriquet in police circles for his reputation for giving orders to "rub out" enemies of the Capone gang. Police said more than a score of persons were splattered into sternity by the bullet and torture methods as Nitti's orders.

Nitti was among seven hoodlums in a downtown office when police dropped in yesterday. The police have been quite active during the last week since Mayor Anton Cermak told them to "clamp down" on gangsters.

Free Christmas Matinee Gift To Medford Kiddies

Here's great news for southern Oregon kiddies! The Mail Tribune, through the fine co-operation of Don Geddes, manager of the Fox Craterian and Eino Hemmilla, manager of the Fox Rialto, will sponsor a free children's Christmas matinee at the Craterian and Rialto theatres Christmas morning.

All kiddies are cordially invited to attend a carefully selected moving picture program, starting at both theaters Sunday morning at 10:45 o'clock.

"Forbidden Adventure" with Mitzzi Green, will head the free matinee bill with a Mickle McGuire comedy, "Mickle's Helping Hand" and cartoon comedy, "Santa Claus," completing the program. The same program will be featured at both the Fox Craterian and Fox Rialto theatres, both theatres being offered to accommodate the kiddies who will enjoy the holiday program as guests of the Mail Tribune and Fox Theaters.

ASHLAND ELKS DAMAGED \$1000

Damage estimated between \$1000 and \$1500, principally from water, was reported at the Elks building in Ashland Saturday night, when fire broke out in the dumb waiter, and spread to the unused attic of the building. House lines were used in the building to place the blaze under control, while the city fire lines were used on the roof.

Much water poured down through the building, although there was no fire below the club room floor. No damage resulted to the lodge room. According to J. Edward Thornton, secretary of the club, the loss was covered by insurance. Replastering and re-tinting will be necessary in the office and a portion of the building, he stated.

HIGH WIND RAKES COAST OF OREGON

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A furious southwest wind that raked the coast of Oregon during the night continued here for the past two days to 3.00 inches. Moderate temperatures prevailed over the state.

All rivers in Oregon were rising steadily today, on the coast many were out of their banks.

Toy Wagons Used In Carrying Loot

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Children's express wagons pulled along the streets today by men who gave their names as Stanley Martin and Elmer Stanford, contained, police said, \$2,500 worth of stolen cutlery and watches taken in a robbery of a hardware store. Police became suspicious of the men and searched the wagons.

Janet Gaynor and Husband Separate

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Evening Express today says today that Janet Gaynor and Lydell Peck have separated, and it is reported that a statement has been drawn up between the motion picture actress and her husband making formal announcement of the separation and that this will soon be made public. Miss Gaynor and her husband said no divorce was contemplated.

LIBBY LOSES STATUS AS FEDERAL OFFICER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The war department revealed in an official notice today that federal recognition of Colonel Eugene Libby of the Oregon National Guard has been withdrawn.

This action, the notice said, was taken December 10 by Major General George Leach, chief of the militia bureau of the war department, after a report from Oregon officials.

POLICE FAIL TO FIND HUMAN HAND IN RIVER

Investigation by state police in Grants Pass, concerning a human hand seen in Rogue river clutching a fishing pole, failed to cast any light on the case, according to reports published in that city. A prospector living near Grants Pass reported the incident to Coroner L. B. Hall Sunday, and the search was made.

The prospector said only the tip of the rod was above water, and when he pulled it free from the river mud, something white rose near the surface which he thought to be a hand.

Killer Waives Hearing

PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Chin Hing, 38, Chinese, accused of slaying his cousin, Harry Chin, waived preliminary hearing in municipal court here Monday. He was arrested Sunday on a first degree murder warrant. Harry Chin was shot to death while he was playing Mah Jong in a Chinese club.

VETS FUN ASH OF \$450,000 ASKED BY LEAGUE

National Economy Organization Says Nearly Half of Entire Federal Revenue Now Going to Ex-Soldiers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Reductions of almost \$450,000,000 a year in veterans' appropriations was urged before a joint congressional committee today by the National Economy League, which said the government is now paying "nearly one-half of its entire annual revenues to former service men and their dependents."

William Marshall Bullitt of Louisville, former solicitor-general of the United States, not a member of the league, said he was in "entire sympathy" with its purpose and had been asked to speak for it.

None for Non-Injured.
He proposed slashing \$109,000,000 from benefits to Spanish war veterans who have suffered no injury or disability from that war, and \$340,000,000 paid on account of World War veterans—all "without doing the slightest injustice to any veteran or to his dependents where the veteran died or suffered an injury or disability as a result of his war service."

"The Spanish war, including all soldiers' pay," he said, "cost \$582,000,000, and yet the government has already paid to the veterans \$718,000,000, or at the rate of \$45,000 for each man who was wounded or died, or suffered of disease."

"There is no more reason for the government to pay this huge sum to Spanish war veterans who suffered no injury or disability than there is for the government to make a similar gift to the present-day widowed mothers of children or to retired ministers, unfortunate farmers, or unemployed stenographers, clerks or industrial workers."

Average \$2,300 Apiece.
"For the World War," he added, "the government has already paid to the veterans \$3,430,000 for their service, and over \$7,000,000,000 for deaths and disabilities, making between 10 and 11 billions of dollars which the veterans have received, or an average of \$2,300 apiece."

"That is about half of the total cost of the World War and the veterans still have over two billions of dollars of 'bonus' coming to them as well as an enormous amount of unpaid installment benefits on account of war risk insurance."

GLEEMEN MEETING AT COURT HOUSE

Regular weekly meeting of the Medford Gleemen will be held in the auditorium of the new court house, at 7:30 this evening, and future meetings will all be held at that location, according to Dr. E. W. Shockley, president. The mens' chorus will begin preparation tonight for their next public appearance, scheduled for Grants Pass on the evening of January 4th.

The last appearance of the Gleemen, at the opening of the new Lithia theater, in Ashland, was a signal success, was the report from the Grants City, and other out-of-town programs will be staged during the coming months.

Dr. Shockley especially urged a full attendance of all members at tonight's meeting.

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 19.—The United States senate sentenced the Philippines to 12 years more of American receivership.

Will you tell me one thing? How can one nation tell when another nation is ready for independence? But our government can do it. Yes sir, there is not a dozen of 'em that's ever been west of the Golden Gate, but they just could tell you to a day 12 years from now when the "little brown brothers" would be able to mess up their affairs as bad as ours.

Certainly lucky for us we got our liberty when we did. Suppose the house of commons in England was holding a clinic over us to decide if we were ready for self determination.

Yours,
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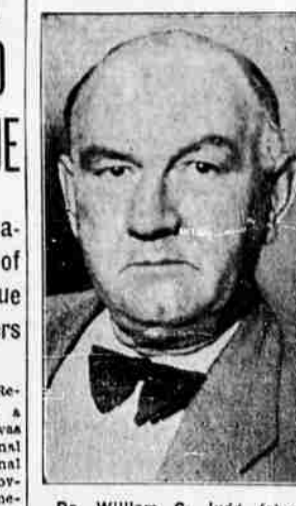
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May 'Tell All'



Dr. William C. Judd (above), whose wife, Winifred Judd, is under sentence to hang for the slaying of Mrs. Agnes Le Rol and Miss Hedvig Samuelson, said he would tell the "true story" of the killings in an effort to save his wife's life. (Associated Press Photo)

BLIZZARD IN PARK EXPECTED TO END ENTRY WITH AUTO

With 34 inches of snow falling in Crater national park in 22 hours, leaving a blanket four feet one inch deep at headquarters, and three feet seven inches at Annie Springs, park officials said today that the "closing storm" for the west entrance is now raging.

Information concerning the snow was received at the park headquarters here last evening about five o'clock, after no information had been available throughout the day, due to broken telephone service.

Two feet of snow was reported in the Siskiyou this morning at six o'clock, by state police patrolmen. It was still snowing at that time, they stated. Travelers arriving here from northern California early today, reported 18 inches of snow at Mt. Shasta City.

While the higher regions were receiving a heavy blanket of snow, Medford received considerable rain. An inch of snow falling between 5 a. m. and 8 p. m. yesterday, making the total since September 1st, 5.26 inches. Precipitation for the month of December, as well as the entire season, is one inch below normal, according to figures at the local branch of the U. S. weather bureau.

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