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NAB TWO IN LINDY KIDNAP PLOT

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
BERT E. Haney, of Portland, is mentioned as a prominent possibility for secretary of the interior in the Roosevelt cabinet.

PLANS for canalizing the Willamette river from Oregon City to Eugene are reported on adversely by the division engineer of the war department.

IF the government is going out of the business of developing rivers because it can't afford the cost in the present state of its finances, its objection to canalizing the Willamette river are justifiable.

But if the government is going on developing OTHER rivers, and engaging in vast projects such as the Tennessee one announced by President-elect Roosevelt the other day, then it ought to include canalization of the Willamette in its plans.

HERE is an interesting item in the day's news: "Yakima, Wash.—Near Tieton, west of here, ranchers are resorting to horse and hobsleds for traveling about, leaving their automobiles in the garages. Gasoline costs money, they say, while hay and feed are a drug on the market."

SOUND enough at the present moment, when money is scarce and hard to find and when farm products are selling for little or nothing. When money is scarce and hard to get, we have to economize in any way we can.

BUT don't get the idea that automobiles will be left PERMANENTLY in the garages and that people will go back to horse and mule transportation. Things like that don't happen.

The automobile is a great modern development—a necessity, under the conditions of this age, and NOT a useless extravagance.

THE death rate of automobiles, the accidents dropped 16 per cent last year from the record of this year before in the 86 cities of the country in which records are kept.

Are people driving more carefully? Possibly. In good times people incline toward recklessness and in bad times they incline toward caution. But it is probable that the decrease in the automobile accident death rate is due more to the fact that fewer automobiles are being operated than to any material increase in caution on the part of drivers.

THIS week is one of those special weeks of which we used to hear a lot more than we do now. It is "International Week" and its purpose is the fostering of friendly international relations through the medium of the common interests of educated women in all countries.

That is a worthy purpose. War, which is the greatest calamity from which this world suffers, arises chiefly out of the LACK of friendly international relations—which is a big-sounding term, veering good will among the peoples of the various nations.

ARRESTS FOLLOW THREAT TO TAKE SON OF AVIATOR

Alleged Attempt To Extort \$50,000 On Threat Of Kidnaping Second Child Brings Action In Virginia.

ROANOKE, Va., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Police here today held Joe Bryant, 19, and Norman Harvey, 28, both of this city, for United States authorities in connection with alleged attempts to extort \$50,000 from Col. Charles A. Lindbergh by means of kidnaping threats.

Lindbergh's men, since December 1, have been playing checkers with the men. Today one of the men held walked into a bank, following receipt of a note, accepted a dummy package and joined his arrest on the outside. This arrest followed.

Roanoke police were questioning Bryant and Harvey, along with the latter's wife.

Bryant and Harvey, who went to the State and City bank, which is within a block of city hall, while one of the men was working on the case since early December, trailed them.

Bryant went to Teller W. M. Skelton and presented a check for \$17,000, saying, "Here's the check I want to get cashed."

The check, which had been secretly numbered, was taken and Bryant was given a package supposed to contain the money.

Police said letters had been sent to Lindbergh threatening to kidnap his second son.

GRAND JURY ASKS LIBEL DEFINITION ALSO EXTORTION

A presentment, comprising two questions—one dealing with the Oregon law upon "criminal libel," and the other with "extortion," was presented to Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, shortly before noon today, by the grand jury, William T. Grieve, prospect, foreman.

The court answered the two queries confining his remarks to the legal definitions, as contained in Oregon statutes.

The court informed the grand jury that both questions were simply explained in the law. The court said that the questions were well within the statutory limits, and not in "speculative fields."

The court advised the grand jury on terms such as "injury," "threatened violence," "criminal libel, per se," and "malice."

House for Submission of Prohi Repeal

JACKSON SOLONS SPLIT ON BALLOT FOR REFERENDUM

Kelly For Submitting Dry Law Repeal To People's Vote While Day Listed Among Those Opposed.

SALEM, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Repeal of the state constitutional amendment on prohibition should be submitted to the people by the legislature, the house today decreed by voting in favor of the two bill resolutions which provide this submission. If passed by the senate the matter would be placed on the ballot at either a special election or the next general election.

The vote on the resolutions followed more than an hour's debate in which the general subject of prohibition was argued. Roll call on the resolutions was taken, resulting in a vote of 38 to 23 in favor.

How They Voted
Voting for the repeal resolution: Allen, Beckman, Best, Chrisman, Dammach, Dickson, Durst, Eckley, Gouley, Graham, Hall, Herman, Hill, Horan, Huntington, Johnson, Judd, Kelly, Lang, Loneragan, McCloskey, McCormack, McPhillips, Nichols, Paulus, Price, Ryan, Semon, Snedecor, Snider, Staples, Stockdale, Walker, Wells, Wykes and Speckard Earl Smith.

Negative votes were: Abrams, Bolton, Childs, Clarke, Coater, Day, Delch, Gordon, Herron, Hilton, Kenney, Lewis, Lynch, Martin, McAlair, Miller, Oakes, Olsen, Paget, Scott, Turner, Weatherford and Winslow.

Absent—Bennett.
The second resolution, which was a companion measure and referring to a sub-section of the constitution on the same matter, passed with practically the same vote, Representative Scott voting "aye" instead of "no" as on the previous vote.

Nothing New in Debate.
Representative Dean Walker of Polk county ended the prohibition debate when he moved for the previous question. "No one here can say anything new on the question and we should vote on the resolution and not engage in an emotional debate upon prohibition," he declared.

History of prohibition in Oregon was pictured by Representative John H. Hall, author of the resolutions, when the law was approved through the initiative in 1914 and effective after January 1, 1916, at which time the prohibition majority in the state was 15 per cent, and with only two "wet" counties—Clatsop and Multnomah. In 1915 when the Anderson law went into effect, the enforcement act, the "dry" element polled 114,932 votes against 109,671 for the "wets."

A prohibition majority of only two per cent of the entire vote cast with six "wet" counties—Clackamas, Clatsop, Lake, Multnomah, Wasco and Washington, he said.

The grand jury gave no hint as to when it would file a return. Its present session started last Monday. According to reports, L. A. Banks of this city, and Attorney M. O. Wilkins, have testified before the grand jury this week.

BANWELL NAMED NEW SECRETARY MEDFORD C. OF C.

Man Of Long Experience Will Take Place Of C. T. Baker Who Goes To Boise—Board Lauds Services.

The board of directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce held a special meeting today noon and was presented with the formal resignation of C. T. Baker as executive secretary of the organization, to be effective February 22. Mr. Baker will leave Medford at that time to take over the duties of manager of the Chamber of Commerce, Boise, Idaho, to which position he was elected last Monday.

In considering arrangements for Baker's resignation the board was faced with a number of applications for the position, but after a thorough canvass of the situation, it was the decision of the directors that an experienced commercial secretary should be selected for the position, and by unanimous vote elected A. H. Banwell of Medford, former manager of Western Electric A. California-Southern Oregon Development Association. Mr. Banwell will accept the position temporarily, it was indicated, as the new directorate, which takes office April 1, will have the duty of selecting the secretary for the ensuing fiscal year.

Baker Lauded.
The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the board in accepting Mr. Baker's resignation from the position which he has held for the past six years: "Whereas, Mr. C. T. Baker has tendered his resignation as executive secretary of the Medford Chamber of Commerce to accept a bigger opportunity, the board of directors of the Medford Chamber of Commerce of the following resolution: "The resignation of Mr. Baker is accepted with regret."

"We extend congratulations to Mr. Baker on the acceptance of a bigger opportunity and wish to assure him of the sincere best wishes of this board for success in his new field."

"We compliment him upon the splendid service he has rendered this community as secretary of this organization over a period of the last six years."

"To the city of Boise, Idaho, we extend congratulations in securing the able services of Mr. Baker. We consider our loss your gain."

"We bespeak for this organization and the people of this community every good wish for health and happiness of our good friend, Ted Baker, for due Mr. Baker."

"To our friend and fellow associate in community betterment, we say—Good luck and God speed!"

A. H. Banwell, who will assume the duties of the office upon Baker's departure, has had 12 years' experience in commercial organization work, having come to Medford from Tacoma, Wash., where he was publicity manager of the Tacoma chamber of commerce for several years.

Prior to that time he was manager of the Tacoma Tourist Information Bureau, and still earlier manager of the Manufacturers' Association of Washington.

During his time in Medford, Banwell was manager of the Northern California-Southern Oregon Development Association, an organization devoted to the promotion of the Crescent City harbor project, and was successful in obtaining the first definite recommendation for harbor improvement there by the board of army engineers. Political conditions in Washington, however, precluded the possibility of any appropriation for improvement work at that time, and the project was temporarily abandoned. Since that time, Mr. Banwell has been engaged in the insurance business in Medford.

Banwell's experience in commercial organization work fits him admirably for the position which he will assume, according to W. B. Bolter, chamber president, and the directorate feels itself fortunate in securing the services of so experienced and capable executive.

Mr. Banwell served with the New Zealand Expeditionary Forces in the Egyptian war of 1914 and the Balkan war of 1915.

Professor's Wife Kidnaped, Liberated



Sixty-five year-old Mrs. Walter F. Skeele (left), wife of the dean of music of the University of Southern California, kidnaped from her Los Angeles home and later liberated. Her son, Franklin B. Skeele, (right), discussing the case with Captain W. B. Thomason of the Los Angeles police department. (Associated Press Photos.)

COLDEST DAYS OF WINTER HOLD NORTHWEST IN GRIP

With the mercury dropping to new lows in various parts of the state, Medford's minimum of 20 degrees was registered at 7:40 o'clock this morning, according to the local branch of the U. S. weather bureau. In comparison with reports from other coast points, this temperature was moderate.

Light rain, interspersed with a little snow fell, and then up to 1:30 o'clock snow was reported. W. J. Hutchinson, meteorologist, said this afternoon. Three hundredths of an inch of precipitation was recorded between 5 p. m. yesterday afternoon and 5 a. m. today.

Great blasts of icy air which roared in from western Canada during the night had engulfed Oregon and Washington today in the coldest weather of the winter season.

Two deaths occurred in Oregon alone, directly attributable to the winter storm. Alfred A. Hunziker, 63, miner and trapper, was found dead in the snow beside a trail on the north fork of Smith river in southwestern Oregon. Albert Spator, aged Warm Springs Indian, from its death near Wainila, in central Oregon. Both bodies were found yesterday.

At least two more days of sub-zero temperatures will be experienced, the federal weather bureau at Portland said. A vigorous east wind raked many sections of the state and it was expected to continue.

At Bend the temperature dropped to 26 degrees below zero last night, the coldest the city ever experienced. The Deschutes river was frozen from bank to bank.

Pendleton reported a minimum of 8 below zero, the coldest of the season. The weather was clear and cold Thursday. Wednesday's maximum was 24 degrees.

Portland's minimum of 12 degrees was the coldest since Dec. 11, 1924.

(By the Associated Press) Sub-normal weather, inflamed by the blizzard spending itself on the eastern coast, blanketed the country at all points except Reno, Nev., today.

SIX FIREMEN DIE WHEN OLD HOTEL RAZED BY BLAZE

OMAHA, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Six firemen were killed, one is missing and 17 others were injured when a spectacular fire destroyed the four-story Millard hotel, historic downtown landmark, early today, during a 15 below zero temperature. The loss was estimated at \$250,000.

The dead: Captain Edward Shandy, Captain Thomas Shandy, Fireman John G. Brandt, Fireman Franklin Kane, Fireman Louis Morocco.

Fire Inspector Clarence Urban, Fireman John Cogan was missing (no relation) expressed belief that he had been killed.

After seven hours' work, only the body of Captain Ed Smith had been recovered from the ruins. He had been killed in the collapse of a rear wall which buried him and at least three others.

Bodies in Debris.
Two more were buried under debris in the basement. Senior Captain George Cogan, brother of Fire Chief Patrick Cogan, and Fire Inspector Clarence Urban were trapped after an explosion brought the roof down on them as they stood on the first floor, carrying them to the cellar.

Fireman Walter Hoye, who had entered with them, was rescued an hour later.

W. S. Rathbun of Chicago, representative of the National Board of Fire Underwriters, had been inspecting the building with Urban and left a few seconds before the cave-in.

Rescuers talked with Cogan but were unable to reach him or Urban, and at 7 a. m. little hope was held that they would be rescued alive.

Chief Cogan led rescuers in an effort to save his brother in the 15 below zero temperature in which the firemen were working.

WOMAN BITTEN BY DOG; FEAR RABIES

Mrs. Wm. LaFarge of Central Point was rushed to this city yesterday for treatment, following an attack by her dog, which resulted in a serious laceration of her right hand. The head of the dog has been sent to Portland.

Dr. W. G. Bishop, attending physician, stated today, for examination for rabies. The dog was apparently having a fit when it attacked Mrs. LaFarge, she stated, and had been acting queerly for some time.

The woman's condition was reported as very satisfactory today.

Billy Sunday Has Attack Of Heart

DES MOINES, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Rev. William A. (Billy) Sunday, famed evangelist, was reported recovering today from a heart attack brought on by acute rheumatism.

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Questioned at the jail, members of the family told police that hours of praying, shouting, singing and dancing—a part of the bizarre ceremony—called forth "divine commands" that the life of one person present be offered in "human sacrifice."

FIRE OF HITLER TO BURN LOWER AS CHANCELLOR

Private Reports Say Cabinet Well Controlled By Nationalists And Junkers—Silver Inflation Rapped.

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By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Herr Hitler will not act as raw meat as chancellor. They pulled his teeth privately before they gave him an official position.

At least that is the creditable word reaching our officials. It is apparently believed so by the French government. His cabinet is supposed to be well controlled by nationalists and junkers—the old Von Papen sympathizers. They expect Von Papen to keep him from carrying out his bombastic program.

That is why his selection caused so little stir either in Paris or Wall Street.

Some influential Democrats here sent a feeler up to Wall Street this week on the question of a moderate inflation through silver. They got the answer back so fast the feeler doubled up on them. It was: "No" in a loud voice.

There is no indication that anything important will be done about silver for a while yet. Something may be accomplished through Mr. Roosevelt's conferences with the war debtors. The possibilities of legislation before that time are virtually nil.

Now that the inflation drive has come out into the open some of the conservative ringleaders are weakening.

The same influential congressmen who were asking to themselves 30 days back that some sort of inflation was necessary are now mumbling perhaps it won't be necessary. That is the result of the strong campaign being waged against inflation by a few New York banks and the few highest administration officials.

The farm gang think somebody is scuttling its allotment bill. They can feel it just as plain—but they cannot locate it.

They are getting so suspicious that they look askance at each other. Loyalty to former disciples of the measure is no longer taken for granted. They would not be greatly surprised if the senate hemmed and hawed until postponed action on the measure until next session. This hidden opposition is unquestionably seeking such delay but the despair of the farm bloc as yet seems unwarranted.

There is nothing to look forward to anyway except a Hoover veto. The bill could not possibly pass over a veto.

Democratic Leader Rainey has again demonstrated his mental versatility—this time on the depreciated currency tariff issue.

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Debate Waxes Warm on Bill to Require Study Medical Fundamentals

By Mary Greiner Kelly
SALEM, Feb. 8.—(Sp)—Yes, verily it was a battle! A religious argument couldn't have drawn more fire and brimstone than did the debate on the Basic Science Bill which occupied the greater part of the morning and afternoon sessions Monday.

Representative Frank Hilton of Multnomah county started the smoke when he opened for the minority report, recommending that the proposed bill do not pass. Sometimes accused of being a radical, Representative Hilton is, nevertheless, one of the most fascinating speakers of the house.

The Portland physician declared that the examination, demanded under the Basic Science Bill, were not for the protection of the doctor, but for the protection of the people.

"There are examining boards and examining boards," he said. "The one proposed by this bill is not made up of medical men, but of unbiased educators, who merely require that the applicant be reasonably well grounded in the basic sciences."

After this came those who spouted and those who fumed; and those who waxed humorous, and those who dealt in personalities. There were the men patterned along medicinal or drugless biases who jumped up and spittered incoherently; or else sat tight, gripped their chairs and grew red in the face.

Eugene Chilled
EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 9.—(AP)—A minimum of 11 degrees above zero was registered here this morning. The ground was covered with a light blanket of snow which fell yesterday morning.

Oregon Weather
Fair tonight and Friday, slowly rising temperatures; moderate east and northeast winds offshore.