The Weather
Forecast: Partly cloudy and unsettled with occasional showers tonight and Saturday. Cooler Saturday.
Highest yesterday 78
Lowest this morning 46

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20 KILLED IN LONG BEACH BLAST

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BUSINESS houses handling overalls have received in the past week or so notices of price increases amounting to about 16 per cent.

One such notice concludes with this paragraph: "Please confirm acceptance at this price by June 1, or your order will be automatically cancelled."

It has been a long time since sellers have made cocky statements such as that to buyers.

THERE have been recent advances of about 25 per cent in wholesale prices of shirts of the dollar grade, such as men have been buying for the past couple of years.

One seller, notifying buyers of this increase, writes: "If you want them at this new figure, let us know by RETURN MAIL."

More evidence of an impending sellers' market.

SHOES of the lower-priced grades have gone up about 15 per cent. This reflects a considerable rise in the price of raw hides, which are up materially. Here is one case where the raw material producer is getting a break.

The suede jackets that have been worn so extensively in the past few years are up about 20 per cent—more response to increasing prices of leather.

FURNITURE prices are rising — as you have noticed from the advertisements. Not only that, but furniture manufacturers are not holding out very rosy prospects of early delivery of new orders. They do not seem to have much stock on hand.

Demand, that is to say, will not have far to go to catch up with supply.

WHY these increases? Inflation, presumably. At least that is the conclusion of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, which says:

"The threat of inflation is having the usual effect. Manufacturers will not make quotations for future deliveries. Wholesalers, jobbers and retailers are therefore buying now where possible to avoid possible future higher prices. Their customers are doing the same thing.

"Business thus receives an artificial stimulant. It is exactly the same process, though, as taking a whip to a horse when the wagon sinks in the mud—the whipping doesn't provide the horse with any additional muscle, because a whip is rather poor food."

TRUE enough.

Still, if you ever happen to have been stuck in the mud with a heavily loaded wagon you know that pouring the bud to the team often helped like the mischief in getting out.

Business is stuck in the mud of depression. The President, quite frankly, with no effort at concealment of his purpose, is applying the whip of inflation to the horses in an effort to get out of the hole.

All of us are hoping fervently that he succeeds.

A DISPATCH from Toledo, away over in Lincoln county, on the coast, says:

"An errant opossum was on exhibition after it had been killed by Francis Thorne near Drew's Prairie.

"The animal is the first ever known to have visited the state of Oregon."

THE CORRESPONDENT who sent out that dispatch should know his Oregon better.

Opossums have been reasonably common for years up in the northeastern corner of the state. The story goes that a pair of them escaped years ago from a family of immigrants bringing them to Oregon as pets from one of the southern states.

They survived in their new surroundings, and their descendants have become fairly numerous.

ANOTHER Oregon immigrant—this one a tree, instead of an animal—is the live oak. Many of these oaks, which retain their foliage in the winter, are to be found along the Pacific highway in the Canyon Creek canyon south of Canyonville.

The yellow poppy, as everyone knows, is another California immigrant that has found a home in Oregon.

Oregon Weather

Partly cloudy and unsettled tonight and Saturday, with scattered showers in west portion and in mountains; cooler interior Saturday; moderate southerly winds offshore.

FIVE MILE AREA JARRED WHEN OIL PLANT BLOWS UP

Flames and Smoke Leap High Over Signal Hill Area — Effect Felt in San Pedro — Windows Broken

LONG BEACH, Cal., June 2.—(AP)—A terrific explosion swept the Richfield refinery at 1:50 o'clock today causing death and destruction, the toll of life being estimated at twenty.

The compression plant with ten compressors and eight 1000 barrel tanks are burning fiercely at 2:30 p. m.

The damage to the plant is estimated by workmen at over a million dollars.

Derrick houses on practically all wooden rigs in the Signal Hill section were demolished and many wells damaged.

All available fire apparatus has been rushed to the scene but the flames were so hot firemen could not get near the center of the blast.

Witnesses said that houses were crumpled worse than in the recent earthquake. Sides of buildings caved in and furniture was blown into the streets.

The blast broke windows two miles away in the downtown section of Long Beach, and created intense excitement throughout the city, which was struck by an earthquake last March.

Flames in great sheets shot high into the air and before fire apparatus could reach the scene a crowd of some 15,000 people blocked the streets and delayed the fire apparatus.

The refinery is located at 22th and Lime streets.

The first identified dead was Thomas Collins, an employee of the refinery.

It was reported that among those who perished were a woman and a baby. It was the greatest disaster that ever swept the famous Signal Hill district, one of the big oil producing fields of southern California, located on the northeast border of Long Beach.

Vast clouds of black smoke belched from the flaming structures, the havoc appearing to have spread over several acres of the plant.

Half on hour after the blast the flames were raging beyond control.

Terrified residents rushed from homes in all parts of the city when the blast shattered windows miles from the scene.

The blast appeared to have originated in the meter plant of the refinery, known as plant No. 9, and the I C lease.

Representatives of the Richfield Oil company said they knew of three men being sent to the hospital and three of their employes being missing.

AUTO INDUSTRY BOOSTS WAGES

DETROIT, June 2.—(AP)—Five per cent pay increases affecting 130,000 wage earners were announced today, as officials of the Fisher Body Corp., said they would join the General Motors Corp., in ordering the increase, effective in all divisions of the two organizations.

Lawrence P. Fisher, vice president of General Motors and president of the Cadillac Motor Car Co., said the increase, authorized by Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., president of General Motors, would affect 100,000 employes.

The Fisher Body Corp., said its 30,000 employes, most of whom are in Michigan, will receive the pay increase.

General Motors officials said the increase went into effect yesterday in the majority of plants controlled by the corporation.

STAGG'S TEAM PLAYS MONMOUTH NEXT FALL

STOCKTON, Cal. June 2.—(AP)—Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg will make his Pacific Coast football debut in Portland, Ore., on September 23, when he sends his College of the Pacific varsity against the Oregon Normal, from Monmouth, Ore., in a night game.

The contest was announced today by Graduate Manager Ralph Francis of the College of the Pacific.

The Portland engagement will mark the beginning of a 10-game schedule.

LABOR PARTY ATTACKS NEVILLE CHAMBERLAIN

LONDON, Eng., June 2.—(AP)—The labor party attacked Chancellor of the Exchequer Neville Chamberlain and the government in the house of commons for allowing the world economic conference initiative to "go to the United States."

BASEBALL

National

Brooklyn	1	5	1
Boston	6	12	0

Carroll, Shaute, Ryan and Lopez, Outen; Brandt and Spohrer.

Brooklyn	7	13	2
Boston	2	8	1

Benge and Outen, Lopez; Cantwell, Mangum and Spohrer.

New York	11	19	2
Philadelphia	3	14	2

Hubbell and Mancuso; Rhem, Collins, Pickrel, A. Moore and V. Davis.

American

Philadelphia	4	8	1
New York	5	8	1

Mahaffey, Grove and Cochrane; Gomez, Moore and Jorgens.

Cleveland	2	8	0
St. Louis	1	4	1

Hildebrand and Spencer; Blaeholder, Gray and Shea.

Boston	3	9	1
Washington	8	13	1

Welland, Andrews, Rhodes and Ferrell; Weaver and Sewell.

CROFT RETURNED TO JAIL AS BOND GIVER BACKS OUT

Joseph Croft, a reputed member of the socalled "Good Government congress," one of the organization's active workers, said to have been high in the councils of L. A. Banks, convicted murderer of Constable George J. Prescott, at the zenith of his local agitation activities, was returned to the county jail late yesterday, when Mrs. Ernest Dahack of the Eagle Point district, withdrew as bondswoman. Croft, known as "the man in the bearskin coat" and indicted for the ballot theft has been at liberty the past six weeks, on $7500 bonds.

No reason was given for the withdrawal.

Croft, according to jail attendants, reported that an effort was underway to reorganize the socalled "Good Government congress," with new leaders, dissatisfaction being manifested with the present official personnel, of which Mrs. Henrietta B. Martin is president, and her father, C. H. Brown, is secretary.

One faction wants to place the organization upon a constructive and sane basis, without any "noise and fury," it is said.

Banks, now in the hospital at Eugene awaiting a life term sentence in state prison, was honorary president, and with County Judge Fehl and Mrs. Martin main orators at the "grand assemblies" and "convocations."

Owing to public aversion and wholesale withdrawals of members following the slaying of Constable Prescott, the organization has only been spasmodically active, though some of the leaders have tried valiantly to keep it alive.

Authorities claim that a close and thorough check, shows that the "congress" at its peak, had less than 1000 members—the highest mark being 882. Banks claimed 6000 members, but research shows this was a gross exaggeration. Many signed the cards without a thorough knowledge of the organization and never attended more than one meeting, according to their own statements.

C. W. (Chuck) Davis, one of the eight men who entered pleas of guilty on ballot theft indictments, yesterday denied vehemently that he was, or ever had been a member of the "congress." Davis' claim is substantiated by county officials and "congressmen," who admit they belonged. Davis is detained in the county jail, where he is a trusty.

GIRL BEGGAR IS CAUSE OF PROBE

City police were today investigating the cause of a local thirteen-year-old girl begging daily on the streets here, who tells people on the street that her sister's baby is starving, add that the family is without food. The girl lives with her parents and other realtives on North Central avenue, officers said.

A local man, who bought a supply of groceries for the girl, and gave her some money, was described by the mother of the family as "very crude," for reporting them. She also told police that when the relief organizations gave them more money, she would cease sending her daughter into the streets to beg.

Relief workers here said this morning that the family spent the past year in California, and recently returned to Medford.

ROOSEVELT FOR CHANGE IN GLASS BANKING BILL

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—President Roosevelt sent word to congressional conferees today that he wanted the Vandenberg emergency bank deposit plan eliminated from the Glass bank reform bill, but the conferees reached no agreement on the measure.

SEVEN ARRESTED, PART OF RANSOM COIN RECOVERED

Former Oregon Convict Among Gang Held for Kansas City Extortion—Women in Accused Group

KANSAS CITY, June 2. — (AP) — Police detectives said today that seven persons whom they asserted were involved in the kidnaping last Saturday of Miss Mary McElroy, 25, daughter of City Manager H. F. McElroy, have been arrested.

Police said three men and two women were arrested in Amarillo, Tex., and the other two were taken into custody here. Police named Walter McGee, held in Amarillo, as being the reputed leader of the extortion gang.

Officers said part of the $30,000 paid by City Manager McElroy for his daughter's release last Sunday has been recovered.

McGee was described by police here as about 37 years old, once a driver of large transportation trucks. Officers said he is a former convict who served a sentence in the Oregon state penitentiary at Salem and is sought in several Kansas bank robberies.

PORTLAND, Ore., June 2.—(AP)—PoPlice detectives said today that Walter McGee, arrested in Amarillo today in connection with the kidnaping of Mary McElroy, Kansas City girl, served a two-year sentence in Oregon state prison for armed robbery.

He was convicted of having participated in five holdups of stores and service stations here in 1927.

FRANTIC MOTHER DEER DROWNS IN SEARCH OF FAWN

BEND, Ore., June 2.—(AP)—Frantic because she was unable to find her missing fawn, a mother deer lost her life in Paulina lake yesterday, although she was taken from the icy waters three times by anglers.

Chased by coyotes, the doe and fawn crashed out of the brush and plunged into the mountain lake as amazed fishermen looked on. The doe headed for deep water, but the fawn, which had been following closely, turned and swam toward shore.

When the doe discovered the fawn was missing, she began swimming in wide circles. Anglers saw she was tiring, and they towed her ashore. But without resting, the deer plunged back into the lake. Three times the doe was taken from the water, and each time she resumed her search for the fawn.

Before the fishermen could rescue the frantic animal a fourth time she sank beneath the surface of the lake.

HAWKS PASSENGER IN ROBOT GUIDED PLANE

LOS ANGELES, June 2.—(AP)—Captain Frank Hawks, flying a Robot-controlled, 14-cylinder airplane, took off from the municipal airport at 5:51 a. m. today on a non-stop flight to Floyd Bennett field, Brooklyn, N. Y. He proposed to test the automatic pilot and was not necessarily seeking a speed record.

The ship left the ground easily in spite of its load of 620 gallons of gasoline which attendants at the airport said would approximate two tons in weight.

BENSON PUPILS ON CRATERIAN STAGE

Eva Benson, well known local teacher of dancing, will present 16 of her talented pupils in a half-hour revnue on the stage of the Craterian theater Saturday night. Tap routines, toe dancing and other equally entertaining variations of terpsichore will all be offered. The revue will be on the stage for one show only, at 9 o'clock. The regular showing of "Hell Below" will occupy the screen.

KINGFISH SUED FOR CHARACTER ATTACK

BATON ROUGE, La., June 2.—(AP)—Senator Huey P. Long today was sued for $250,000 damages by Mrs. Anne Ector Pleasant, wife of former Governor Ruffin G. Pleasant, who alleged Senator Long had defamed her character and had her ejected from the state house during the 1932 session of the legislature.

An American firm proposes to build metal houses in Britain.

PROTEST HALTS QUIZ IN MORGAN BANK ACTIVITIES

Davis, Counsel for Lamont, Lodges Sharp Protest Against Query of Pecora On Income Tax Returns

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—The senate investigation of J. P. Morgan & Company was abruptly recessed for the week end today after John W. Davis, counsel for the firm, protested against a question directed at Thomas S. Lamont, junior partner, apparently relating to his income tax return.

The white-haired Davis, former presidential candidate, leaped to his feet to object when Ferdinand Pecora, aggressive senate committee counsel, called young Lamont to the stand and asked him about sales of stock December 30, 1930.

"This is not fair play," Davis protested, asserting Lamont had not been advised he would be questioned about the stocks.

While Lamont sat quietly at the table, and his senior partner—J. P. Morgan—listened intently from the background, Davis and Pecora argued the question.

Chairman Fletcher finally ruled the question was pertinent.

Lamont then said he did not recollect about the sales and he was directed to look them up over the week end.

Previous testimony before the committee had diclosed that the 20 Morgan partners had paid a total of $48,000 income tax in 1930.

The committee was taken today behind the scenes of financial drama of the chaotic days of late '29, by a Morgan partner who told how a few bankers—with $250,000,000 at their fingers—supported the crashing market.

It was a profitable operation, too.

George Whitney, the Morgan partner, testified that although loss had been expected, the 1,146,609 shares purchased were sold at $1,067,355 profit, exclusive of interest.

The massive purchase lasted some three weeks.

"It ended, as I recall, on November 11," Whitney said.

VERDICT FOUND IN DEATH OF HUNTER

ROSEBURG, Ore. June 2.—(AP)—A verdict of involuntary manslaughter was returned by a coroner's jury here last night against Frank Jantzer, 18, who last Tuesday accidentally shot and killed his uncle by marriage, William Smith, while hunting in the vicinity of Starveout creek on upper Cow creek. Jantzer, upon the witness stand, admitted that he and Smith were hunting out of season, which left no resource from the verdict of involuntary manslaughter under the provision of the state law, which so classifies the killing of another person while engaged in an unlawful act.

HUSBAND CHARGED IN CAMPUS CRIME

SAN JOSE, Cal., June 2.—(AP)—A murder charge was filed today against Davis A. Lamson, who has been held in jail here since the mysterious death of his wife in their cottage on the Stanford university campus last Tuesday. The charge was filed by Sheriff William Emig.

Prosecuting officials declined to say anything further about the case they had, despite days of investigation following upon the finding of Mrs. Lamson's body in the bath tub of the cottage and subsequently discovering she had been struck four times on the head with some blunt instrument.

ILLINOIS DRY TEST SCHEDULED MONDAY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., June 2.—(UP) The first real test for Illinois prohibitionists and repealists since enactment of the federal eighteenth amendment comes next Monday, June 6, when they meet squarely in a state-wide election of delegates at large to a federal repeal convention.

State prohibition recently was wiped out in Illinois by a large majority, but the question concerned only the state search and seizure law.

Four Fatalities

SALEM, June 2.—(AP)—Four fatalities resulted from industrial accidents during the past week, setting a new record for such casualties in one week for the current year, it was announced today by the industrial accident commission. A total of 332 accidents were also reported.

Morgan Is Snapped With Circus Midget on His Lap

This Associated Press telephoto shows Lya Graf, midget associated with a circus playing in Washington, D. C., on the lap of J. P. Morgan in a senate committee room. Miss Graf was placed on the financier's lap while the senators were in executive session in another room.

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—An air of joviality between J. P. Morgan and his associates and members of the senate investigating committee prevailed before today's session started, as they joked over the incident of a midget being put on Morgan's lap yesterday.

"It was an unfortuante occurrence," Morgan told Chairman Fletcher, "but I don't blame the photographers.

"I don't want to stand in the attitude of knocking men out of their jobs.

"I haven't been used to advertising a circus."

He was laughing and gesticulating.

Members of the banking group told senators it was not their wish to exclude the photographers, and that the decision was up to the committee.

Nevertheless, Fletcher required that cameras be left outside the hearing room for the present. Senator Adams of Colorado said afterwards photographers were to be given a day off and then readmitted.

PROHIS PLAN TO BALK CONVENTION BY COURT ACTION

SALEM, Ore., June 2.—(AP)—The attempt of P. C. Heffron of Eugene to file as a candidate for the Oregon repeal convention on the basis of an "out and out" dry regardless of the mandate of the people of the county he represented, was interpreted here today as the opening move on the part of the anti-repeal group to throw the constitutional convention into the courts.

Heffron, an attorney, was sent a letter from the state department informing him his filing as a candidate was rejected because it did not conform to the qualifications. Heffron yesterday sent in his application but declared he would vote dry regardless of the vote in his county. The filing pledge was changed by him to that effect.

Under the provisions it is mandatory on the part or wet or dry candidates to vote in the constitutional convention in the same manner as the majority of voters in the county represented vote on the repeal of the 18th amendment.

It was understod here that Heffron represents a group of drys and sent in his application for the purpose of taking the issue to the courts. The move was seen as the opening gun of the announced plan to test the law calling for the constitutional convention and providing for the manner of voting upon repeal.

ONE OF KANSAS CONVICTS TAKEN

SILOAM SPRINGS, Ark., June 2.—(AP)—Lewis Bechtel, one of 11 convicts, who escaped from the Kansas penitentiary Tuesday, was surprised and captured today at a farm house near Dripping Springs, Oklahoma. Posses reported they were close behind two of his companions.

The scene of the capture was eight miles northwest of here, where search has centered in the remote, hilly section for three convicts since early yesterday.

MORGAN'S POSITIVE BANKING METHODS ARE WITHOUT SIN

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By JAMES McMULLIN

NEW YORK, June 2.—The inside attitude of the Morgan interests is still "Everybody's out of step but us."

Their faith in the fundamental rightness of their system has not been shaken in the least. They have no consciousness of wrong-doing and their conviction is stronger than ever that Mr. Roosevelt will presently fall on his ear. Outwardly they will continue to cooperate with his program. Inwardly their resistance will be passive—unless they can find a banana peel guaranteed to work.

Mr. Lamont is scheduled for some uncomfortable moments in the near future. Pecora will ask him about Japanese and Argentine bond issue which he handled personally. No one charges misrepresentation, but there is quite a question whether the underlying collateral was inspected with sufficient care.

The real insiders know that a mutually benefical hookup has existed for years between Morgan interests and Tammany. But it would take a seventh son of a seventh son to prove it and it is not likely to develop in this investigation. You could search the Morgan files from now till doomsday without finding a trace of it.

Chiefly it was handled through Morgan utility connections, yet even there you would be put to it to find

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SENATE FOR LIMIT IN CUTS FOR DISABLED

WASHINGTON, June 2.—(AP)—The senate today adopted an amendment to the independent offices bill limiting to 25 per cent the cuts in service-connected world war veterans' disability benefits and pensions of veterans of the Spanish-American war.

Vice President Garner cast the deciding vote for the amendment.

A tie vote of 42 to 42 resulted, and without Garner's vote in the affirmative it would have lost.

146 SENIORS GET DIPLOMAS TODAY AT HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Gilbert of University of Oregon to Give Commencement Address — Flowers Only to Be Given

At the fortieth annual commencement exercises this evening in the senior high school auditorium, diplomas will be presented 91 girls and 55 boys, making a total of 146 seniors to complete the standard high school course.

Dr. James Gilbert, dean of the school of liberal arts at the University of Oregon, will give the commencement address.

Parents and friends of the graduates are advised that flowers will be received in the auditorium for the students, but a request has been issued by the school officials that no gifts be brought to the exercises.

Program

The program has been announced as follows:

"Calif of Bagdad" (Boieldieu)—High School Orchestra.

Invocation—Rev. Wm. Howell.

Salutatory—Frances Perry and Elizabeth Ferry.

"Happy Song" (Teresa Del Riego)—Aileen Guy.

Address—Dr. James Gilbert.

Valedictory—Frances Tucker.

Awards—C. G. Smith.

Presentation of Diplomas—N. H. Franklin.

"Medford High" — Adapted from Heidelberg; senior boys' quartette.

Benediction—Rev. Howell; flowers.

Members of Class

Members of the class are: Gertrude Amidon, Ella Frances Applegate, Frances Elizabeth Arnspiger, L. Ione Bates, Stella Bates, Maxine Mae Bohnert, Pearl Boussum, Nina Gertrude Boyle, Lois Esther Carter, Catherine Chaney, Ethel M. Chord, Edna Merriam Claussen, Mary Elizabeth Colvin, Leona Marian Conger, Margie Jane Dalton, Helene Lillian Davis,

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BANKS OPERATION DEFERRED TODAY

L. A. Banks, former local editor and honorary president of the so-called Good Government Congress, convicted for second degree murder by a Lane county jury, is not to undergo an operation today, contrary to plans, according to report this afternoon from Eugene, where he has been a hospital patient since announcement of the jury's verdict.

No change in Mr. Banks' condition was noted this afternoon, the Eugene report states.

BIG NEGRESS TO TRIAL ON JUVENILE STATUS

DECATUR, Ala., June 2.—(UP)—Two of nine negroes accused of assaulting two white women on a freight train near Scottsboro, Ala., two years ago today, won the right to be tried as juveniles.

Cases of the two defendants—Roy Wright and Eugene Williams—who were proved to be minors, were remanded to the Morgan county juvenile court by Circuit Judge James E. Horton.

WILL ROGERS says:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., June 1.—Mr. Roosevelt has been for six weeks trying to find a Republican. He wanted to put him on the economic conference and send him to London. Well, he finally located one, Senator Jim Couzens of Detroit, and he only admitted to being one just to get the trip. I tell you it takes bribery to get a fellow to write Republican after his name nowadays.

Well, they are leaving with high hopes and it would be wonderful if they could do something beside just seeing the king when he delivers his address. Yours,

Will Rogers

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