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SCHERMERHORN FINAL WITNESS

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS KIDNAPING! The papers are full of it. As you know if you read them regularly. Why? Because it is profitable and reasonably SAFE.

CRIME increases as the chances of punishment grow smaller. It decreases as the chances of punishment increase.

If you doubt that, take a look at counterfeiting. Counterfeiting is one crime that is relatively rare. It is one crime that is sternly and relentlessly punished. The government shows no leniency to counterfeiters.

When we think of kidnaping, we naturally think of the Lindberghs, abduction of whose son provided the most famous case of recent history.

The Lindberghs are now making news by mapping a new air route to Europe by way of Labrador and Greenland. It is no mere publicity stunt. Pan-American Airways, with which Colonel Lindbergh is associated, is deliberately planning a trans-Atlantic air route.

It wants to know whether the northern route might be preferable to the southern for normal service. Hence Colonel Lindbergh's mapping expedition.

THE question of an American terminal for this service is now under consideration, with New York, Baltimore and Charleston being studied. From the standpoint of business, New York has the call, but its business advantages may be offset by fog and ice conditions in the winter season.

It is probable that the northern route, now being mapped by Colonel and Mrs. Lindbergh, will be open to the same objection, but when big money is planning an important new investment it wants to know ALL the facts.

NOTE, please, that big money is finally becoming interested in trans-Atlantic air commerce. That means that flying over the Atlantic is no longer regarded as just a stunt.

For this service, two large airplanes are being built. Each will carry 50 passengers. These planes will be tested this winter, and it is expected that commercial flights will be started before the end of 1934.

THE world is moving. COLONEL LINDBERGH, it may increase you to know, is commonly believed to have made about a half million dollars this spring out of the rise in price of his Pan-American Airways stock.

Do you suppose the idea of making a half million dollars on Wall Street ever crossed his mind when he was wrecking that epochal flight that proved the possibility of flying over the Atlantic?

Probably not. He wasn't thinking much about money back in those days. THIS news is carried by the headlines: Russia favors trading with the United States.

The United States, at least so far as this insignificant individual is concerned, favors trading with Russia if she will pay her bills in GOOD HARD MONEY.

END OF BALLOT TRIAL EXPECTED SATURDAY NIGHT

Suspended Sheriff Tells of Movements On Night of Crime at Courthouse—Hear Character Witnesses

Suspended Sheriff Gordon L. Schermerhorn, long time resident of this city and county, on trial in circuit court, charged with ballot-theft, took the stand this morning in his own behalf, and will be cross-examined this afternoon.

The defendant is the final witness for the defense in its direct case, and up to the noon recess Schermerhorn had told of his early life and activities here, and in Colorado and New York. He took the stand at 11:30.

Schermerhorn detailed a part of his movements on the night of the ballot robbery and told of the activities in relation to the filing of bonds for L. A. Banks, and the meeting in the county judge's office between 5 and 6:30 or 6:45 o'clock. In the evening, the bonds were signed by Walter J. Jones, mayor of Rogue River, under conviction of the same charge, and Claude Ward, a brother-in-law of Banks, also a co-defendant.

Schermerhorn testified that he advised Banks against having his wife acting as one of the bondsmen. The suspended sheriff testified that after the bond transaction, he then went to his home on North Grape street for supper and returned to the courthouse, going to his office by the sheriff's entry, about 8:00 o'clock. He had an appointment to meet Attorney T. J. Enright he said.

Schermerhorn was in the midst of his testimony at the noon recess. It is now expected that the evidence will be completed by tomorrow noon, when the closing arguments will start. It is forecast that the case may be in the hands of the jury by tomorrow evening.

William T. Grieve of Prospect, foreman of the February grand jury. (Continued on Page Three)

ITALIANS REACH MONTREAL PORT

MONTREAL, July 14.—(AP)—The Italian air armada led by General Italo Balbo appeared over Montreal at 12:25 p. m. Earlier this morning, having completed their 500 mile flight from Quebec, N. B.

The first group of Italian planes dropped down to the water at the seaplane base at 12:45 p. m. The Italian seaplanes approached from the east and swung around the city in a wide circle.

General Balbo and his aviators left Quebec this morning at 8:31 o'clock and thus required 3 hours and 34 minutes to cover the 500 mile journey. The armada flew over the state of Maine during its trip today.

DETROIT, July 14.—(AP)—Thousands of persons whose homes are in immediate danger of foreclosure, crowded the Detroit branch of the home owner's loan corporation today seeking federal aid. More than 1000 were on hand prior to opening. Squads of police gave up any attempt to maintain order and advised late arrivals to return home and apply for aid by mail.

Growers and Shippers Each Adopt Fruit Code

\$4,273,540 GIVEN OREGON FOR USE ON PARKS, ROADS

State Shares Well in Allocation of Fifty Million Public Works Fund—Washington Gets Smaller Sum

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—Allocations by states of the \$50,000,000 fund for forest, park and Indian roads under the public works fund was announced today by the public works administration.

The distribution, including nearly every state in the union, included: Oregon, \$4,273,540; Arizona, \$4,838,806; California, \$7,708,917; Idaho, \$3,068,418; Montana, \$3,641,103; Nevada, \$1,433,268; Utah, \$1,878,846; Washington, \$3,693,526.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—The public works administration today told how it intended to distribute \$115,518,610 as the first step in a program to create a million new jobs by October 1.

The \$115,518,610, Secretary Ickes announced, will be partitioned out this way: \$64,561,342 for federal public works; \$50,000,000 for roads in parks, forests, Indian reservations and public lands; \$95,000 for municipal water and sewer plants.

These brought to \$753,518,610 the total allocated from the \$2,300,000,000 fund made available less than a month ago. Already, President Roosevelt had approved the expenditure of \$28,000,000 on naval construction and \$400,000,000 on highways. An additional rivers and harbors program awaits the presidential "O. K."

First Job Step "This (\$115,000,000) distribution," Ickes said, "is the first in the program of giving men work so that one million may be employed by October." (Continued on Page Four)

SELECT JURY TO TRY BOY SLAYER OF MILO BAUCOM

GRANTS PASS, July 14.—(AP)—Closely questioned as to whether they would consider the youth of John Barrier, 17, in holding him accountable for his act which the state charges is the murder of Milo Baucum, as to whether they held scruples against the death penalty, would consider the defendant's religion, or held prejudices for or against the state police, 12 tentative jurors had been seated Friday morning in Barrier's first degree murder trial in the local circuit court.

Barrier sat at the side of his mother, Mrs. J. A. Barrier of Huntington Park, Cal. Attorney for Harry Bowles, Barrier's attorney at the time of Baucum's death whose defense it was disclosed yesterday would be antagonistic to that of Barrier, observed the action.

Declaring that from the nature of things all the news so far given out concerning the officer's slaying must have been against the accused youth, W. T. Miller, for 18 years district attorney here and now trying his first case for the defense against the state, failed to challenge only those prospective jurors who declared they would not be swayed by information secured outside the courtroom before the trial.

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TOURIST BUSINESS HIGH LAST YEAR

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Nearly half million tourists visited Oregon in 1932, estimates the state motor association.

Out of state cars registered during the year numbered 90,760, a decline of 1 1/2 per cent below 1931. However, as laws last year permitted visiting motorists to travel in the state three days without registering, it is estimated that figure represents only about 60 per cent of the cars entering Oregon from other states.

Surveys have shown tourist cars carry an average of 3.2 persons so the association estimates approximately 151,266 cars carried 484,051 persons into Oregon last year.

A law passed by the 1933 legislature requires out of state motorists to register within 16 hours after crossing into Oregon.

Driving Examination or License Renewal Must Be Obtained by Sept. 1

With misunderstandings prevalent in this district concerning the granting of drivers' licenses in the state, the following eight questions, presented by the Mail Tribune to Ward Reynolds, examiner for operators and chauffeurs has been answered by him for the readers of this paper, as follows:

1—Who must either take an examination or renew their old license before they will be permitted to operate a car in Oregon after September 1, 1933?

Everyone who does not hold a license issued after July 1, 1931, must obtain an original or renewal license prior to September 1, 1933.

ROOSEVELT MAY SPANK INDUSTRY GIANTS WHO LAG

Failure to Speed Restoration of People's Buying Power Exasperating Administration—Codes Are Drawn

(Copyright, 1933, by Paul Mallon) WASHINGTON, July 14.—There have been some worried lines in the smiling faces of the highest here during the last few days.

A privately large industry served notice last night that it does not intend to go into the industrial control setup. It has been running nearly 70 per cent of capacity. Large stocks have been stored up at low production costs.

Apparently it believes the government does not dare to step into its business. But even if the back door does, the industry can sit back for a few months and sell the goods it has piled up.

That is not a very pretty picture. But it is not as dark as it appears. It is more annoying than disturbing.

Busy officials would not have paid much attention if some disappointed statistic had not reached their eyes about the same time.

Department store sales were shown to be running under last year's. That is the most accurate index on buying power. It has accentuated what the officials have privately been fearing for weeks—that buying is lagging further and further behind production.

That is why you saw Interior Secretary Ickes shove into the public works job and told to spend all he could as fast as he could. Also why officials became so exasperated at the laggards holding out against the industrial control machinery which is designed primarily to bolster purchasing power.

These were only the first two steps. There will be others.

A year ago such troubles might have caused apprehensions. They do not now. They merely point out the problem.

Pilot Enroute To Pick Up Mattern

MOSCOW, July 14.—(AP)—The Tass (Russian) news agency announced today that Pilot Lavovsky hopped off from Khabarovsk in eastern Siberia yesterday morning for Anadyr to pick up James Mattern, the American aviator, stranded there.

On and after September 1, 1933, Everyone is urged to take the examination or renew the license at the first opportunity to avoid the last minute rush which is bound to occur during August. Mr. McKinley declared today. Approximately 500,000 motorists have not yet been relicensed, he revealed.

WINS ROLE UNDER ASSUMED NAME



Mary Rogers (right), 18-year old ash blonde just out of an eastern finishing school and daughter of the film comedian, Will Rogers, was given a part in a Hollywood motion picture, using the name of Mary Howard, she took a screen test and won a role in a musical film and studio officials said they were unaware of her identity. With Miss Rogers is Lillian Harvey, star of the picture. (Associated Press Photo)

NATIONAL WAGE AND HOUR CODE LOOMS IS WORD

WASHINGTON, July 14.—(AP)—Imminence of action by President Roosevelt for establishment of national minimum wages and maximum working hours was indicated today, but the method remained to be decided.

Two motivating factors apparently lead in that direction, the desire to boost purchasing power steadily and simultaneously to guard against excess production under way in attempts to take advantage of expected higher prices.

The plan, which would be voluntary, would call for a general weekly level of 35 hours work at \$14 1/2 hours work for labor; and 40 hours with \$15 minimum for clerical and store help.

The prospect is for a general call for business and industry to join under a temporary, voluntary agreement on such a limit of working hours and wages.

At a press conference, Hugh B. Johnson said as the administrator he believed he would shortly ask the president to issue such a call, and that meantime he was gathering a tremendous volume of information needed to reach a decision.

The blanket agreement would be effective until individual industrial codes, which set up trade organizations to improve labor conditions and purchasing power and to eliminate undesirable practices such as overproduction and price cutting, can be approved.

GUARD CANNERIES AGAINST ARSON

SAN JOSE, Calif., July 14.—(UP)—Armed guards were placed in canneries and packing plants of this section last night after arson had been attempted at the United States Products corporation plant.

JACKSON COUNTY JAIL IS CROWDED WITH EVIL DOERS

The Jackson county jail is housing 32 prisoners today—three charged with murder, four with counterfeiting and the rest with various crimes ranging from bootlegging to larceny.

This number and classification, Jailor Fred Kelly stated this morning, constitutes a record for the county prison. The latest addition to the group of alleged killers is Benjamin Tupper, Indian, brought here from Klamath to be transported on to Portland by Deputy United States Marshal Cal Wells, Earl Starwood was brought to jail last Saturday night following a fight at the Eagle Point dance hall in which Albert J. Tingleaf received injuries which caused his death Sunday.

As a result murder charges were preferred against Hanson, 29, by District Attorney George Costello.

The third charged with murder is Fred Wolf, who has had the longest stay in jail. On May 4, at the Wolf ranch near Birdseye creek, he allegedly killed William Sheldon as the climax to a love triangle. He met Sheldon, according to the story, returning from the milking with his wife. Wolf was arrested about 10:30 o'clock that night and brought to Medford.

The four housed here in counterfeiting charges awaiting removal to Portland are: Paul F. White, Truman Phillips, Donald Campbell and David Middleton. The latter was brought over from Klamath Falls by Deputy Marshal Wells. The three first named were involved in counterfeiting activities in the Applegate section allegedly directed by White, who was making the money over a campfire.

Three, charged with bootlegging, were also brought from the Klamath reservation by Mr. Wells and will be transported to Portland, bringing the total to leave here for the Multnomah jail to eight.

EDITORS OF STATE OPEN CONVENTION

CORVALLIS, Ore., July 14.—(AP)—Newspaper men of Oregon gathered here today for the 1933 convention of the Oregon State Editorial Association. President Verne McKinley, editor of the Willamette Argus, opened the annual meeting this morning and Mayor F. M. Brant of Corvallis welcomed the visitors. Harris Ellsworth, editor of the Roseburg News-Review, and vice-president of the association, responded.

SPLIT IN MEETING RESULTS IN DUAL ETHICS PROPOSAL

Wenatchee Plan Evolved by Dissenting Group With Intention to Carry Case Before Administration Aides

SPOKANE, Wash., July 14.—(AP)—Two proposed codes to govern the Northwest's tree fruit industries under the agricultural adjustment act were prepared for mailing today to Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, one of them sent by shippers and the other by growers.

The two codes grew out of the split in a meeting of representatives here yesterday to approve a tentative code adopted by an organization committee of 20, made up largely of shippers. A group of growers demanded to be heard, and the meeting was split, with the shippers moving to one room and the growers to another.

The shippers said they received a ruling from the adjustment administration, supporting their contention that membership in the proposed Northwest Tree Fruit Industries association is not open to individual growers. Growers, who set as shippers, moving their own fruit in interstate commerce, will be eligible, shippers said.

Despite this ruling, however, proponents of the so-called "Wenatchee plan" moved forward with their own (Continued on Page Three)

ROOSEVELT'S SON ASKS DIVORCE ON CRUELTY GROUND

MINDEN, Nev., July 14.—(AP)—Elliott Roosevelt, second son of the president, filed suit here today for a divorce from Elizabeth, Donna near Roosevelt, of Philadelphia. His complaint charged extreme cruelty.

The case will not be heard before Monday when Mrs. Roosevelt is expected to come into court with a cross-complaint and ask that the divorce be awarded to her.

In that event Elliott will present no evidence in support of his complaint, while his wife's testimony will be read into the record from a deposition that is to be dispatched from Philadelphia by airmail today.

Roosevelt will be the only witness, and he will testify only as to his residence in Nevada.

He and the former Miss Donner, the daughter of William H. Donner, retired millionaire steel executive, married at Villa-Nova, near Philadelphia, January 16, 1932, and have an infant son.

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