

The Weather
 Forecast: Fair, except unsettled at times tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.
 Highest yesterday 45
 Lowest this morning 36

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VOTE ON VETS BONUS IS ASSURED



News Behind The News
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WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The whole story of Mr. Roosevelt's anti-graft campaign has not been made public, and probably never will be.

The public display is only the half of it. On the inside the president has been using one excuse or another for getting rid of a little group of his so-called friends and political allies who have let themselves get talked about in connection with government expenditures.

It is one of those things seldom mentioned in public. A man cannot always prove that a friend has been faithless, even though he knows it to be true.

In such cases it is usually advisable to find a way of getting rid of the friend, without any unpleasantness.

Pinnacle

The wedding has been so quietly done in some instances that even the suspected are not quite sure why they were pulled up by the roots.

In other cases subtle hints have been dropped from the White House. The victim has wisely noted them, developed a sudden cough and banded himself voluntarily.

There is one case which indicates that even the highest friendship failed to save the victim.

The inner circles have noted the moves and are winking at each other. They accept the developments as proof of the sincerity behind Mr. Roosevelt's efforts to rid his administration of the parasites which inevitably follow a political leader and trade on his name.

Mystery

Norman Davis secretly obtained from the German embassy recently a visa on a passport to Germany. He is the big disarmament man whose patience has not yet been exhausted, although he has received a cold shudder in every chancellery in Europe.

The natural suspicion is that Davis is going to Germany to try his disarmament wiles on Hitler.

When the wiles get out, the excuse probably will be offered that Davis is also chairman of a Krueger & Toll bond committee and that he is going to Germany in connection with Krueger and Toll.

Baby

Another reason for the Davis trip may be those rumors that Germany is going to recognize Japan's baby state Manchukuo.

All the world has declined to accept the baby socially. If Germany does now, it will strengthen the suggestion of an alliance between Berlin and Tokyo.

Our economic experts have noticed that Germany imported \$35,000,000 worth of Manchukuo soy beans last year.

Art

The OWA subsidy to starting artists went over big.

Government officials are trooping to room 168 of the treasury building daily to get the pick of thousands of paintings, drawings and etchings for their offices.

Interior Secretary Ickes got four of the best oils of Boulder dam. Treasury Secretary Morgenthau helped himself. So did OWA administrator Harry Hopkins. A batch is being selected for the White House by Mrs. Roosevelt.

A jobless sign painter in a midwestern city submitted a quite competent oil landscape of houses in a poor neighborhood. It was the first work of that kind he had ever done.

Some other work may remain in room 168 indefinitely.

Taxes

The tax bill will not be changed materially in the senate.

Senators have looked over the measure being passed now in the house and they agree it is a fairly good bill. That makes it certain that the final form of the law will be substantially what the treasury department and house worked out.

It represents a sensible effort to stop tax evasions and distribute the burden equitably. It is not perfect, but far better than previous efforts.

Notes

Several of Mr. Farley's friends are reported to have fainted when they read that James J. Walker had been appointed clerk of the court in the Panama Canal zone. They were revived upon learning that it is a different Jimmy Walker.

The new Japanese ambassador when he presented his credentials to Mr. Roosevelt will be in the interest of peace. You will recall that the attack on Shanghai was also staged in the interest of peace.

The house recently spent \$3 million

OPPOSITION FROM ROOSEVELT FAILS TO KILL PROPOSAL

145 Signatures Obtained to Get Proposition Before House—Senate Attitude Not Known—Veto Certain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Despite expressed opposition by President Roosevelt to cash payment of the bonus, the 145 signatures necessary to get that proposition before the house of representatives were obtained this afternoon, and a vote March 12 is certain.

Speaker Rainey, after a special conference at the White House, summoned reporters to say very formally that he was authorized to record presidential opposition to cashing in the bonus at the present time.

That was in early afternoon. Signatures on the Lunscomb petition numbered 130. Finally the list crept to 140. Representatives Ayres (D. Mont.) was the last house member to put his name down to discharge the committee holding the bill.

Rainey and the leaders, seasoned as to the ways of legislators in facing such campaigns as house members look for this fall, have predicted approval of the bonus bill.

The senate attitude, as usually is the case, remains to be seen. But if congress does get behind the bonus now, a veto is certain.

Under house rules, such a petition as now effective may be considered only on the second and fourth Mondays of each month and must have been signed up seven days before consideration.

Under those rules, March 12 is the first day the house can vote on whether to issue \$2,400,000,000 in greenbacks for soldier holders of adjusted compensation certificates.

Asked whether the Democratic leaders would seek to have the Democrats remove their names from the petition, Speaker Rainey said: "Not at all. They can do as they damn please."

The Democratic leaders have been concerned over the bonus drive among the membership. They felt it was necessary to obtain the president's views.

Decision of Court Permits Irrigation Refinancing

NEW AIR MAIL LAW WILL BE DRAFTED TO BAR SUBSIDIES TO BAR SUBSIDIES

House Postoffice Committee Urged to Forget Politics and Investigations—Open Contract Bidding Wanted

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Circumstances surrounding the drafting of the nation's airmail map again drew the attention of senate investigators today after they heard that former President Hoover had taken a hand in one contract case.

Walter F. Brown, Mr. Hoover's postmaster general, was on the stand for the second consecutive day, and the hearing consisted largely of debate—sometimes quite heated—between Brown and Senator Black (D-Ala.), chairman of the committee investigating air and ocean mail contracts let by the last administration.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—With an appeal from Chairman Mead (D-N. Y.) to "forget all about politics and investigations," the house postoffice committee today set out to draft a new basic air mail law designed to eliminate subsidies.

The committee already has approved the administration's emergency bill, making funds available for the army to fly the mail.

The committee sought information today as to what kind of legislation so-called independents wanted.

William I. Denning, representing the Braniff Airways, operating between Chicago and Oklahoma City, said they were anxious to have the right to compete for service in open bidding.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The weather man broke up army air mail operations in this district today. A heavy rain and sleet storm which descended on northern Utah during the night and continued unabated today forced officers to cancel seven flights scheduled to begin here this morning.

Today—the first time since September 15, 1928—Medford is without United States air mail service from a local port. With the United States army taking over the air mail system last midnight, Medford was cut from the route which had extended the length of the coast.

The establishing of the first air mail route with stops at Medford, was September 15, 1926, with two trips a day out of here. The route at that time, according to post office officials extended from Seattle to Los Angeles. At the time four stops a day were

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Model of First Power Gin Found In Georgia Barn

WASHINGTON, Ga., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Nobody ever paid much attention to a decrepit piece of machinery which lay in an old Wilkes county barn for years and years.

The other day the farmer, in whose barn the ancient machine lay told J. Luke Burdette about it.

"It's probably been in the old barn for more than a hundred years," he said.

Burdette looked it over and found what he believes to be the original model for Eli Whitney's first power cotton gin, the machine which revolutionized the cotton industry in the south.

GALES AND SNOW WREAK HAVOC ON ATLANTIC COAST

Cold Area Extends Far South As Florida—Ships Dangerous by High Winds—Heavy Snow New England

By the Associated Press.

Armed with stinging snow, fierce winds howled over the Atlantic seaboard today, menacing ships, crippling transportation and causing several fires.

The area of cold extended down into Florida where freezing temperatures were reported. At Jacksonville, the mercury dropped to 31 degrees.

The north Atlantic coast was pounded by gales. Coast guardmen worked frantically to save the crew of the steamer Northern Star, pounding to pieces on the rocks near Winthrop, Mass.

Off Cuttyhunk, Mass., two patrol boats took the fishing schooner Hope Leslie in tow and raced toward harbor.

Far out in the Pacific ocean, a lumber schooner, the Horace X. Baxter, reported she was leaking and out of fuel. A coast guard cutter steamed to her assistance.

Virtually all New England was buried under swirling drifts of snow. Temperatures tobogganed.

A six to 12 inch blanket of snow covered eastern and southern New York. Trains and buses were hours late. Highways were dotted with stalled automobiles.

Several disastrous fires broke out in scattered sections. Ten aged women, inmates of a home for the indigent, were burned to death in Brookville, Pa. Firemen stood by helpless as the flames raged through the frame building.

Fire fighters strove desperately to save the town of Southfield, N. C., from being reduced to ashes by a conflagration which had destroyed the Sanders building, the town's principal structure.

Flames likewise menaced Southern Pines, N. C. Fire departments from two nearby towns were enlisted in the efforts to keep the flames in check.

MDIVANIS REUNITED IN JAPAN



After a process server had caused their separation in Reno, Nev., Prince Alexis Mdivani and his bride, the former Barbara Hutten, were reunited on their honeymoon in Japan. Here they are, looking happy to be together again, as they went behind the scenes in a Tokyo theater to meet Baike, well known Japanese female impersonator. (Associated Press Photo)

DEGREE PERMITS QUICK ACTION TO DROP DEBT LOAD

Cancellation by State of District Debts Removes Barrier to Federal Aid—Local Districts to Profit

The decision of the state supreme court today, allowing the cancellation by the state of irrigation district indebtedness, to permit re-financing through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, means said Attorney Frank P. Farrell, that the Medford Irrigation district will be relieved of indebtedness of approximately \$105,000, the Talent district of \$201,000, and the Grants Pass district about \$400,000. The Eagle Point district will also profit.

Release of the indebtedness to the state, will be conditioned upon a satisfactory re-financing arrangement being made with the bondholders of the various districts, Attorney Farrell stated.

While the present action was in the name of the Warm Springs district, it was carried to a conclusion, in the higher court, by the Medford and Talent districts. Arguments for the irrigation districts were made in the supreme court by Attorney Porter J. Neff. The brief in the action was prepared by Attorneys Neff, Farrell, and Frohnmeyer.

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(P)—The writ of mandamus requiring the state treasurer to cancel indebtedness of irrigation and drainage districts in order to permit re-financing through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation was allowed by the Oregon supreme court today.

The case was brought by the Warm Springs irrigation district against the state treasurer. The opinion allowing the writ was written by Justice J. O. Bailey.

Plans for re-financing numerous districts for which loans have been authorized on the stipulation the state cancel the indebtedness, will proceed immediately following this decree. Three of the districts in the state for which loans have already been authorized upon that stipulation include the Medford, Talent, and Ochoona districts. Not all districts were indebted to the state, it was announced by the reclamation commission.

The amount owed by the plaintiff to the state, including interest was \$514,000, but as a result of the decree the state could cancel a total of \$4,323,000 in interest and principal if the districts enter into contract for government re-financing.

MEDFORD COUPLE TO WED IN RENO

RENO, Nev., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Marriage licenses issued here today included: Dave Liskey, 43, and Maude E. Liskey, 26, both of Klamath Falls, Ore.

Licenses issued late yesterday included: Wesley Bagley, 22, and Oleta Rogers, 21, both of Medford, Ore.

Both Miss Rogers and Bagley have resided in Medford for a number of years, being employed locally. Miss Rogers has been with the Gates and Lydard Groceries for the past several months. She took a prominent part in the Mail Tribune popularity contest conducted here last summer, and won an airplane trip to San Francisco.

LESLIE SALT PLANS ADVERTISING DRIVE

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Leslie California Salt company has announced a Pacific coast newspaper advertising campaign, including picture copy and cartoons, using colors.

BERKELEY, Calif., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Funeral services for William J. Connell, 74, veteran California educator, were held here today. Connell died Saturday from a cerebral hemorrhage.

TEN AGED WOMEN PERISH IN BLAZING W. R. C. HOME

BROOKFIELD, Pa., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Trapped in their beds by a raging fire, ten aged women, were burned to death in the infirmary of the Pennsylvania memorial home early today.

One other woman received slight burns and four others were rescued unharmed.

Firemen and attendants stood by helpless in 18-below-zero weather as the flames raced through the 18-room, one story frame building.

The victims, ranging in age from 64 to 90, all widows, daughters or cousins of civil war veterans, had no opportunity to flee from their hospital beds as the fire started about the middle of the building and swept through the corridors.

The bodies, some burned almost beyond recognition, were found huddled in the ruins.

The blaze was discovered during the shift, early morning hours by Mrs. Ella Hulings, a night nurse.

Awakened by the smell of smoke,

REED INSTALLED AS CRATERS' HEAD

H. D. (Johnny) Reed inaugurated his reign as "big crupper" of the Crater club with a rousing meeting at the Hotel Medford last evening, devoting the main business of the session to discussion of plans for aiding the forthcoming Diamond Jubilee.

General Chairman E. L. Jerome of the Jubilee pointed out that a vast amount of work will be necessary in staging the celebration and such clubs as the Craters will be called upon to shoulder much of the burden.

An original poem by W. B. Bolger, vocal selections by Jim Stevens, accompanied by Sebastian Apollo, and renditions by the "Little German Band," were a feature of the evening's entertainment. Unlimited helpings of the new Medford Pilsener beer were enjoyed by the Craters and guests.

RE-INSPECTION OF DEUEL BUILDING COMMITTEE'S AIM

Public safety and building committees of the city council will this evening recommend to the mayor that the Deuel building on East Main street be re-inspected from the standpoint of its being a hazard, according to Dede Terrett, who acted as chairman of the public hearing conducted last night which was attended by about 30 people.

A number of local citizens, whose property is in that vicinity spoke, including George Pierce, who told the committee that he loses between \$250 and \$300 a year as a result of the building on the corner of Bartlett and Main streets, which was gutted by fire three years ago.

Clayton Isaac of the Palmer Music House and Mrs. E. N. Warner, who owns the property on Main street directly across from the Deuel building also talked against the unsightliness of the structure, declaring that it detracted from the desirabilities of that part of town.

Dr. J. D. Rickett, Albert Hall, and Al Pleche, were also heard.

H. S. Deuel, representing the Deuel estate, said the building had not been considered a hazard. He said he had no prospective tenants or buyers.

C. H. Brown who was last year secretary of the Good Government congress and reporter to the city sitting in Chicago and Oklahoma City, said that he had a lease on the building. Brown was not in attendance at the hearing.

NEW PATROL CAR FOR MEDFORD POLICE USE

A new patrol car for the city police was placed in service yesterday afternoon by the city of Medford—a new Plymouth sedan of gunmetal hue. The automobile replaces the Chevrolet sedan which officers have used here for the past two and a half years.

The automobile was purchased from the Pierce-Allen Motor company here.

SIX PARDONED BY GOVERNOR MEIER

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier today issued six conditional pardons from the Oregon state penitentiary, two of which involve life terms for murder—Gilbert T. Ingersoll and Alfonso Royce.

Ingersoll was convicted of first degree murder in Klamath county and received at the penitentiary December 19, 1929.

Royce also was received at the state prison from Klamath county, following conviction on a second degree murder charge. He was committed February 6, 1924.

Other conditional pardons were as follows:

Steven Mogensen received from Lane county March 28, 1931, embelishment.

Allen R. Mortenson, received from Lane county June 5, 1933, to serve two years for burglary.

Arthur Miller and Frank Latin, received from Clackamas county May 25, 1932 to serve five years for burglary.

DOLLFUSS HANDED THREAT BY NAZIS

VIENNA, Feb. 20.—(P)—The Dollfuss government today faced a real threat to fight it "unless"—and at the same time was given a solemn reminder of the recent costly clashes with socialists as elaborate funeral services were held for 60 supporters, slain in crushing the rebellion.

Official reaction was lacking on the demand broadcast from Munich by Theodore Habicht, exiled Nazi leader, giving Dollfuss eight days in which to take the party into government power.

The peace of Europe "hung by a hair" last week, Vice Chancellor Emil Fey said in an oration at the funeral of police, soldiers and peacefully (fascist home guard) victims of the civil war.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Feb. 19.—Well, wasn't that too bad about the king of Belgium. I think he had always appealed to us, a fine human man, with great love and concern for his people. Well, England has love for their King George too. And Italy too. Mussolini runs everything but their little king stands mighty high with them and Mussolini is smart enough to just handle it right.

Say, did you hear that little fellow Dolphus talking on the radio from away over in Austria? He must be a pretty keen little "ombre."

Will Rogers

CHINA MAY FORBID EXPORT OF SILVER

SHANGHAI, Feb. 20.—(AP)—As a result of reports here that Washington intends to raise the price of silver, the Chinese government is rumored to be considering an embargo on silver shipments from China. Chinese financial circles said they consider a higher silver price would not be favorable to China.

GAME COMMISSION WITHHOLDS TITLE

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(P)—Supported by an opinion by Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle, the state game commission has decided to withhold its title on the funds going to the maintenance of the state police department.

The commission, recently criticized by the secretary of state's office for refusing to pay this title, decided to maintain its course at the Monday meeting.

VACANCIES OPEN FOR LOCAL MEN IN ARMY

Sergeant Jennings D. Lowman of the United States Army Recruiting office, announced today that five vacancies are now open for service in the air corps, field artillery and coast artillery, all for duty in Hawaii.

Sergeant Lowman stated that any men in Medford interested should get in touch with him, Wednesday at his office in the local armory.

OREGON BRIDGE PLAN SPEEDED BY SOLONS

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Speedy completion of preliminaries for construction of five bridges on the Oregon coast highway was indicated today in Washington, D. C., by Senator McNary and Representative Mott, it was said in a special dispatch to the Journal after the two had held independent consultations with PWA officials.

JOB INSURANCE MOVE STARTED BY JOBLESS

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(P)—Unemployment and social insurance would be provided all workers in the state under a preliminary initiative for constitutional amendment filed here today with the secretary of state by the Multnomah county federation of unemployed.

TOUHY'S CHAUFFEUR MAKES CONFESSION

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—William A. (Buck) Henrichsen, once a policeman and later the "driver" for Roger Touhy, confessed in the Factor kidnapping trial today that he drove the car when members of the Touhy gang collected \$70,000 ransom for John Factor's release.

LINDBERGH SCORED BY FORMER POSTAL CHIEF

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(P)—Albert Sidney Burleson, postmaster general in the Wilson cabinet, was quoted by the World-Telegram today as terminating Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh's telegram to President Roosevelt opposing the cancellation of air mail contracts "propaganda to unsettle the confidence of the people in their president."

The World-Telegram printed a statement written by Burleson which read, in part:

"It looks as though Colonel Lindbergh has acted upon bad advice, and that his telegram to President Roosevelt, given out to the newspapers before it was received at the White House, was not intended to help, but was to be used as propaganda to unsettle the confidence of the people in their president."

Burleson asserted cancellation of the contracts was justified because the air lines had "parceled among themselves an unreasonably subsidy muleted from the government."

Burleson was further quoted as saying he did not believe that "Colonel Lindbergh's airway company, through partisan, political propaganda channels, could destroy the faith of the American people in their president."

REFERENDUM ON GRANGE POWER BILL PERMITTED

SALEM, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Circuit Judge Lewelling today dissolved the injunction and dismissed the complaint intended to keep the referendum on the Grange power bill of the last legislature off the general election ballot. It is probable an appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

Kroschell Undergoes Operation.

According to a telegram received by the Mail Tribune late this afternoon, Sam Kroschell of Medford, underwent an operation at the Portland Medical Hospital today. Mr. Kroschell is reported getting along as well as can be expected.

MAST ABOVE WAVES SHOWS SHIP'S FATE

FREE CITY OF DANZIG, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A topmast emerging from the Baltic sea near Helg today was established by divers to be that of the Norwegian Collier Hardy, missing during a recent gale.

The crew of 14 perished. The collier was bound for Ireland from Bydgos, Poland.

DEATHS

The dead:

Mrs. Lena Setley, 75, widow of a veteran, Tonawanda, Pa.

Mrs. Jenny Sowers, 84, widow, Reynoldsville, Pa.

Mrs. Milda Crampton, 65, daughter, Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. Martha Moore, 74, daughter, Baxter, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Perry, 76, daughter, Grove City, Pa.

Mrs. Mary Marvin, 81, sister, Verona, Pa.

Mrs. Elizabeth Loveland, 65, widow, Moscow, Pa.

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