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# PUBLISHER BEATS OFF KIDNAPERS



**News Behind The News**  
By PAUL MALLON.  
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Blunders.  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—The big airlines have quieted down the last few days for a reason.  
A cool-headed faction among them decided the industry was wrong in the way it handled the Roosevelt-Farley airmail cancellation program of the start. This faction is confessing sotto voce that the Lindbergh protest and the New York court suit were tactical blunders.  
Such actions merely infuriated the administration authorities and put them in a position where a sensible compromise would be embarrassing. In the face of such tactics the administration could not concede anything without surrendering the whole position.  
The air boys may break out in a rash again, but not as long as they believe there is a chance to get their contracts back. They will take a stiff cut in rates, and promise to be good cut in rates. Leopold.  
The new Belgian king, Leopold, was raised by his family rather strictly. He was not permitted to sow any wild oats.  
He is popular among his people, but in a rather impersonal sort of way. He is not known, for instance, in the same way the British know the Prince of Wales. For that reason, he has not had a chance to be revered in the same way his father was.  
His ascendancy will make little difference in international policy. There is no chance for the Germans to gain a foothold in Belgium, although they would like to.  
The Belgians will continue to walk behind France.  
Veterans.  
Statements hear their bad days, too. The day Democratic House Leader Byrns announced a soldier bonus bill was going to pass was the day it happened to have a heavy cold. That day everything seemed black to him. All was lost for the administration.  
Such announcements are common in Washington. In winter they are called "influenza statements." In summer, the name for them is "hot-weather announcements."  
The fact, at that time, was that a soldier bonus bill would certainly pass the house if a vote could be obtained. There were some doubts about the prospects of an early vote. One or two duplications were discovered on the vote petition.  
Only four or five additional members had signed during the previous two weeks. How the necessary additional signatures were going to be obtained was not then apparent.  
Even if the bill passed the house, it would still be a long way from enactment.  
On the soldier issue the senate would not be so amenable to outside political pressure. Not because senators are any more noble than house members, but only one-third of them are up for re-election this year. All members of the house must face a voter vote.  
Then if the senate should fall outside the administration, there is always in the background the insurmountable obstacle of a presidential veto.  
The administration might permit nature to take its course so that the congressmen could pass themselves on record in favor of the soldiers as before election time, but there is no indication yet that he has any such intentions.  
Banter.  
It happened some weeks ago, but only four people knew about the story, and they kept it under cover.  
A representative of the electric power companies offered his code and insisted on mail signing his provisions. One provision would have given the code control board jurisdiction over public utilities. Mr. Roosevelt put his foot down on that.  
The representative insisted he could not change the code, because he was only an emissary under specific instructions to accept the code. He was run around town from office to office for several days, crying "What shall I tell my people?" He used the same line finally in a conference with Mr. Roosevelt. "What shall I tell my people?"  
The President leaned back in his chair, stroked his chin, and replied: "Oh, just tell them there's a big bad wolf in the White House."  
Fashion.  
Labor Secretary Perkins was an hour late in appearing to testify before the house labor committee a few days ago. Congressmen sat around twiddling their thumbs, growing more irritated every minute.  
The very next day William Green of the A. F. of L. appeared on time to testify, but the committee members were exactly an hour late in assembling. Mr. Green twiddled.  
The New Deal apparently has not settled the matter of punctuality. Perhaps it is still fashionable to be late, and then again, perhaps it depends on who is late.  
Notes.  
In a house committee hearing, a congressman kept asking an aviation official what contracts his company had with "Opaerolavia." The official denied he had any contracts with anyone like that. After an argument.  
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## ONE CAPTURED BY HOTEL DETECTIVE AFTER TRAP FAILS

### Hotel Room Yields Evidence of Elaborate Plan to 'Snatch' Wealthy Publisher at Chicago Meeting

CHICAGO, Feb. 21.—(AP)—E. P. Adler, publisher of the Davenport, Iowa, Times and head of the Lee Syndicate of newspapers, was attacked by two men in a hotel corridor today in an apparent attempt at kidnaping.  
Slugged twice, Adler dodged the full effect of the blows and ran down the corridor from his room, eluding the assailants. Officers said one of them was arrested.  
In the room next to Adler's detectives found a large trunk in which articles had been packed. They said it was apparent the two men intended to lock Adler in the trunk and have him carried out.  
The publisher was here to attend a meeting of the Inland Daily Press association and was staying at the Morrison hotel at Clark and Madison streets.  
At 7:30 a. m. today Adler stepped from his room, locked the door and suddenly two men jumped from the next door and slammed him with black-jacks. So severe were the blows that several articles had to be taken. Nevertheless, Adler broke away from the pair and summoned help.  
Adler and the house detectives inspected the adjoining room and found the trunk, apparently a large size case about three feet high, five feet long and two feet wide. There was a pistol in the room, and other bags containing clothing, adhesive tape, sponges and a screw driver.  
While the inspectors were going over the room Adler noticed a man walking along toward them.  
Adler yelled, "Get that man!"  
Attacker Captured.  
The suspect, whom he said he recognized as one of the attackers, turned and ran away, but was caught by House Detective Michael Colligan. He was taken to the first district police station.  
The suspect told the police he and his companion had driven here from New York in a coupe. The trunk bore the initials "B. M. K. Pittsburg."  
The man captured identified himself as Charles Clyde Phillips, 29, New York. He refused to reveal the identity of his companion.  
Adler recalled that he had been warned before leaving Davenport Sunday that two men were following him, but had given it no further thought.  
Followed by Pair.  
As he was purchasing his railroad ticket, a man stepped up to him and told him he had been followed from a cigar store by two men and that they were then watching him from the station platform.  
DAVENPORT, Iowa, Feb. 21.—(AP)—E. P. Adler, attacked in a Chicago hotel today in an apparent kidnap attempt, is publisher of the Davenport Daily Times and president of the Lee syndicate of newspapers.  
Adler also is president of Davenport's only bank, the Davenport Savings Bank and Trust company. He is 61 years of age and prominent in civic and Republican political circles.

## Ponzi Leaves Prison



As soon as he was freed after 11 years in Massachusetts state prison on "get-rich-quick" swindling charges, Charles Ponzi was held by immigration authorities pending hearings on a government order that he be deported to Italy. (Associated Press Photo)

## SALES TAX DEBATE BY GILL, BROCKWAY AT ARMORY, 8 P. M.

Plans have been completed for the debate to be staged here tonight by Ray Gill, master of the Oregon State Grange, and A. E. Brockway, state representative to the legislature from Jackson county, on the question of the sales tax. The debate will be held at the armory beginning at 8 o'clock and the public is invited to attend. The affirmative and the negative arguments will be presented in accordance with strict debate rules and the gathering will not be in the form of a mass meeting. J. O. Cameron, chairman of the debate committee, announced this afternoon.  
There will be no questions asked or answered from the floor during the meeting. Representative Brockway will open the debate, taking 45 minutes to present the affirmative arguments. He will be followed by Grange Master Gill, who will give one hour in which to give the negative side of the question. Brockway will then complete the debate with the customary 15-minute rebuttal.  
Fred Holmes of the Beaverton (Continued on Page Two)

## MACKINTYRE GETS FIRST OF PENSIONS

Philo Mackintyre, 98 years old, a resident of Jackson county for a quarter of a century, will receive the first old age pension certificate issued by Jackson county.  
The distinction was won by a loss of a coin, in the county court this week. The county court had County Agent Robert G. Fowler act as umpire. He called "pencils" and lost, for John B. Griffen, pioneer Jackson county resident. Griffen will receive the second certificate.  
Mackintyre was born in Urbana, Ohio, December 24, 1835—and was a hearty, despite nearly a century of life, and has smoked the same brand of tobacco for 72 years.  
Mackintyre lives in the Howard district and has as his first friend Dr. C. T. Sweeney of this city, who for years has had a kindly interest in him, providing a house on his property.  
The certificates are now being issued by the county court, and will be turned over to the county clerk as fast as possible. A large amount of detail work is necessary. This is being done as speedily as possible.

## ELKS WILL ATTEND ASHLAND MEETING

A delegation of Medford Elks will motor to Ashland tonight, where a joint meeting of southern Oregon lodge members will be held. A delegation from Klamath Falls will be present to put on the initiatory work and an interesting evening's entertainment.  
The plans were approved by the council, and the housework pitchers will be asked to engage a court elsewhere. The report was presented by Councilman R. D. Stephenson. A description of the memorial planned was not given.

## 1 O'CLOCK CLOSE FOR BEER SALES IS BOARD'S EDICT

### No Serving Between 1 and 6 A. M., Either City or Rural, Says Notice Posted at Headquarters in Salem

SALEM, Feb. 21.—(AP)—No beer will be served to customers of any beer dispensary, either city or rural, between the hours of 1 and 6 a. m., regulations posted yesterday at the liquor commission offices state. Penalty for violation of the order is revocation of the dealer's license.  
Six days from the time of posting his regulation will take effect as law. Violators are also subject to a maximum fine of \$500, county jail sentence up to six months, both.  
Gambling along with drinking in places where beer is sold, will make the dealer liable for loss of his license, Administrator George Sammla stated.  
No information had been received in Medford this afternoon regarding such a ruling by the state liquor commission. State police, city police and Mayor E. M. Wilson stated that it was all news to them.  
Such a suggestion was offered in the ordinance proposed by the League of Oregon Cities, read at last night's meeting of the city council, but no regulation to such effect from the liquor commission was indicated.

## THIRTY-HOUR WEEK AN IMPOSSIBILITY, IS JOHNSON'S VIEW

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt and his aides are concerned over continued activity of bootleggers and are investigating the prices of legal liquor.  
This was made known today as a newsman gathered today at the president's semi-weekly press conference.

## MEMORIAL TO PALM PLANNED FOR PARK

Plans for erection of a memorial in the Medford city park to the late C. W. Palm of this city were revealed at last night's meeting of the city council. Request for removal of the horseshoe pitching court from the section of the park, now occupied, was made with announcement that it was planned to place the memorial there.  
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## PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR TAKES SUICIDE ROUTE

SEATTLE, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Word was received here today that the Rev. Harry E. Templeton, 59, former Seattle, Portland and Bellingham Presbyterian pastor, and former University of Oregon football player, shot and killed himself in Los Angeles yesterday. He had been ill.

## Pal of Sullivan Dies From Injury In Stubbing Toe

EDMONTON, Alta., Feb. 21.—(AP)—William "Old Bill" Burns, 76, blind news vendor and a familiar figure on city streets, is dead today. His death followed an operation to remove his right leg infected after he stubbed his toe while tapping his way along a sidewalk.  
Old Bill traveled with John L. Sullivan when the great fistic champion toured the United States. In his youth he fought on the levees of New Orleans. He was with his father when the latter managed the "white hope" Mike McCool, in 1885.

## COMIC INTERLUDES ROCK COURT ROOM KEITH WILL TRIAL

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 21.—(AP)—The contest of Miss Margaret Keith's will, now in its eleventh week and still playing to good-sized crowds in Judge Robert Kenny's court, is making up in comedy what it lacks in brevity.  
Last week a steamfitter sang operatic arias for the jury and the court room spectators applauded, and today a bit of pantomime literally "rocked" Judge Jury and spectators. It followed a long argument on the word "visomy," which even the judge admitted was unknown to him.  
Baldwin Robinson, who had asked a witness to describe Miss Keith's will, leaped for a dictionary and in so doing, knocked over a water-filled vase of almond blossoms. The water spilled over the clerk's desk and surged over a transcript and record of opposing lawyers.  
Robinson won his point, proving by the dictionary that visomy means countenance or visage, but Robinson's associate, A. Brigham Rose, got an even bigger hand when, to demonstrate the neckline of a pink blouse, Miss Keith was shortly before she committed suicide last April, he removed his coat and put on the dress.  
Rose stands more than six feet tall and weighs more than 200 pounds. The ballist almost cracked his gavel.  
Miss Keith left her million dollar estate to her nephew, Albert C. Allen, young farmer of Medford, Ore. Other relatives are contesting the will on the grounds the wealthy splinter was of unsound mind. The Keith fortune was made in Utah silver mines.

## KAY FRANCIS ENDS THIRD MARRIAGE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The third marriage of Kay Francis, 30-year-old brown-eyed film actress, was terminated today with an interlocutory decree of divorce granted against Kenneth McKenna, actor and director.  
She charged cruelty in asking for the legal action to undo the wedding knot that was tied three years ago at Catalina Island.  
In court where the screen star told her troubles today, the case was listed as Katherine Gibbs Meikler against Leon Meikler, Jr., their real-life names. They separated last December.  
Her previous marriages were with William Gaston and J. Dwight Francis.

## MRS. WOODS INJURED WHEN HIT BY AUTO

Mrs. J. C. Woods, wife of the well known local civil war veteran, sustained injuries late yesterday afternoon when struck by an auto driven by Mrs. A. Meusel of this city. She was reported getting along satisfactorily in the Community hospital this afternoon.  
Mrs. Woods, according to the report filed with the city police, stepped in front of the car, when Mrs. Meusel was driving down Riverside in front of Sampson's feed store.

## KNOX LAW VIOLATOR PAYS PORTLAND FINE

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—In one of the first cases under the Knox liquor law, Irene Dunn was fined \$20 in municipal court here Monday for selling liquor without a license. Arresting officers said she sold them two drinks of whiskey in her apartment.

## BANKS, COURT HOUSE TO OBSERVE HOLIDAY

All banks of Medford will be closed Thursday in observance of George Washington's birthday. Court offices will also be closed.

## \$19,738 AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT AT G. PASS APPROVED

### Five Projects in Oregon Favored for CWA Funds —Ashland Advised Modify Plans Less Costly Basis

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Handling of airport by the army was characterized today by Stephen A. Cleser, general superintendent of aircraft, as "very satisfactory" thus far, despite bad weather.  
Air mails have been heavy, because of the first flight matter posted by collectors.  
Cleser said the next routes to go into operation would be the Chicago-Minneapolis-St. Paul, the Kansas City to Los Angeles, the Seattle to San Diego and the Fort Worth-Brownsville routes.

## SWEDISH PRINCE DISCARDS TITLE TO WED ACTRESS

By Elmer W. Peterson Associated Press Foreign Staff.  
LONDON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Prince Sigvard of Sweden was hiding in a small, exclusive hotel on Piccadilly Circus today, steadfastly preventing that royal displeasure should prevent him from marrying a blond German screen actress.  
Disowned by the Swedish royal family in a terse news agency communique issued in Stockholm last night, the 27-year-old prince was reported today to be planning a private marriage to the blond and petite Erika Petzke at the London registry office.  
Neither his father, Crown Prince William, nor King Gustav, however, had abandoned hope of halting the marriage of the prince to a commoner. This was evident from the secret airplane dash to London from Stockholm last weekend of Count Folke Bernadotte.  
The court, representing the crown prince, was exhausting every effort today, aided by detectives from Scotland Yard, to discourage the marriage. He was reluctant to comment, but it was learned that Count Yard was called upon for help when he had been unable to find the couple himself.  
Disowned by Family  
Word that Prince Sigvard had been disowned by the Swedish royal family came in the brief Stockholm statement last night which said that "Prince Sigvard... arrived at London recently and there made preparations to marry a woman of German nationality. The prince took this step against the expressed will of the king and the crown prince."  
The prince, under the present attitude.  
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## \$25,000 ASKED IN AUTO CRASH SUIT

Suit was filed in circuit court yesterday by Elmer E. Barrett against Lee Wilson of Grants Pass for \$25,000 damages as result of an auto accident on the Pacific highway near the Rogue River bridge.  
Barrett, a passenger in an auto driven by his brother, H. F. Barrett of the American laundry of this city, alleges in his complaint that Wilson "was in a drunken condition"; that he was on the wrong side of the highway; and that he was "traveling at a high rate of speed."  
The plaintiff further alleges that as a result of the negligence of Wilson he sustained injuries to his neck, ribs and back that will require medical attention for a long period; that his false teeth were broken in the crash, and that because of the asserted injuries he is unable to work as a railroad man. The complaint sets forth that he had a job with a railroad and was on a short vacation at the time of the collision.  
Wilson was recently tried before a justice court jury on a drunken driving charge and was acquitted. Attorney Allison Moulton of this city appears as counsel for Barrett.

## LIQUOR BARGAINS RULE IN KLAMATH

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The few drugstores in Klamath Falls still possessing liquor stocks made haste today to unload before opening of the state store on Friday. Only two drug stores, however, were reported holding supplies of any proportions.  
Blended whiskey was selling at 65 cents a pint and 16-year-old stock was placed on counters at \$3.10 per pint.  
Reports indicated that dealers in northern California were planning to go into the liquor business to compete with the state store for the Klamath Falls trade.

## Federal Funds to Spur Home Building, Rumor

By J. H. BRACKETT  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is believed by some of his closest associates to be considering a request for congress to this session to put a federal-financing spur behind home building.  
Although disinclined to talk because formal announcement of the selection of a committee of 15 to get the legislation ready has yet to be made, officials said today the plans contemplate mass production of inexpensive homes by private enter-

## Guard Cartoonist From Kidnap Plot



Jay N. Darling, Des Moines cartoonist, was closely guarded after officers learned of an apparent attempt to kidnap him for ransom. (Associated Press Photo)

## 25 DIE IN EAST WHEN BLIZZARD HITS WIDE AREA

Worst Storm Since '88 Paralyzes Traffic, Perils Shipping — Commuters Spend Chilly Night in Depot  
(By the Associated Press)  
Cold that knifed to the marrow staggered the east today as it strove to shake off the paralysis caused by the "worst blizzard since '88." At least 25 persons lay dead, struck down by the storm.  
Many towns were still practically isolated, transportation systems crawled at a snail's pace in numerous spots, and whistling winds imperiled shipping. The mercury plunged to zero and the cold glowed the land with ice, hardening snowdrifts that impeded traffic.  
Relief Unsighted  
No immediate relief was in sight. The frost wave extended as far south as Florida.  
New England, hardest hit by the slashing 60-mile gale, was still buried in many places under snowdrifts six to 12 feet deep. There were at least nine dead there, 10 in New York city, and six in Pennsylvania.  
New York will spend \$2,000,000 to dig out the snow that marooned 300,000 workers in their homes and forced the state exchange to open an hour late yesterday.  
Highways Blocked  
Highway traffic is still tied up in a knot in many places, but most trains were moving, although regular schedules were largely disregarded. Schools, courts and businesses were reopening after suspending because of the storm.  
Through the night 30 sailors stuck to the collier Northern Star, which jammed ashore off Warrthrop Head, near Boston. Coast guardmen with breeches buoy stood ready to take them off if smashing seas started to break up the vessel.  
Here are some of the high spots of the storm's havoc:  
A Boston train due in New York at 6:35 a. m. yesterday arrived at 5:45 p. m. the first to get through.  
St. Moritz, Stock Handicapped  
An expectant mother, Mrs. E. D. Mellier of Westbury, Long Island, started for the hospital in a doctor's car. It got stuck in a drift. A policeman got another car. It also became stuck. The first tractor looked on to the car and Mrs. Mellier reached the hospital in time to give birth to twins.  
Fifteen trains, carrying 3,000 or 4,000 persons, were snarled in Connecticut and Rhode Island yesterday.  
National guardmen delivered newspapers to snow-impoverished families in Danbury, Conn. School children of Augusta, Me., unable to get into the suburbs, spent last night in  
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## WILL ROGERS SAYS: GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Feb. 20.—Glad they didn't start the pilot. Been talking to army pilots. All the way across, and, gee, they are just kids. I preached and pled with 'em if it got tough, to turn round and go back or set her down in an emergency field. Don't try to show how brave you are; show how sensible you are. There is not a letter being written that is one-tenth as valuable as one of your kid's lives. But they are so keen to make good, well, it kinder scares you. Mr. Roosevelt, I believe it would do great good if you don't expect the service the level-headed old experienced regulars delivered. Colonel Arnold, an old friend of mine, in charge of all of 'em in the west, told me in Salt Lake today that he had been preaching that to 'em. I regular you will like the way the regular mail pilots take it. (And most of them are ex-sore heads.) They are fine men of fine judgment.



Will Rogers  
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