

The Weather
Forecast: Medford, cloudy with occasional rain tonight and Thursday.
Highest yesterday 56
Lowest this morning 33

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PUBLISHER BEATS OFF KIDNAPERS



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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 five feet long and three 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!"

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.



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)

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

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.

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 newspaper gathered today at the president's semi-weekly press conference.

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

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—The opinion that such a flat week would limit to 36 hours cannot be applied to industry was expressed to the House labor committee today by Administrator Hugh S. Johnson of the NRA.

In his first public appearance as blue eagle chief, he said the NRA was "a much more flexible and intelligent way" to reach the end sought—more employment.



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 "pows" 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.

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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 horsehoe 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



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KNOX LAW VIOLATOR PAYS PORTLAND FINE

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—In one of the first cases under the Knox 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 officers will also be closed.



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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, much to the amusement of the judge and the balliff.

Today a bit of pantomime literally "rocked" Judge Jury and spectators. It followed a long argument on the word "visomy," which when 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 balliff 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 interlocking 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.



G. Pass will be the next 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-Brownville routes.

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

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Handling of aircraft 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-Brownville routes.

PORTLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Lieutenant Basil B. Smith, supervisor of airports for Oregon has announced the approval of five new airport projects in Oregon involving an expenditure of \$925,025 CWA funds giving employment to 541 men until May 1. Grants Pass will get the largest portion of the expenditure, a total of \$19,738 being set aside to surface two long runways on the present airport and for enlargement of the field.

A total of 179 men will be employed on this work until May 1. The airport will be located one mile north of the city on a main highway. The city will contribute \$1475 for the field.

Vernonia, with an allotment of \$12,000, ranks second on the list. At Madras, the CWA will spend \$7400 to clear, grade and level a runway 4700 feet long.

Prineville has been allotted \$57400 to grade and surface one runway 4400 feet long.

Ontario was given \$5400 for the improvement of their airport two miles west of the city for which the citizens donated \$3300 to purchase the site.

ASHLAND, Feb. 21.—(AP)—Re-arranging of Ashland's application for CWA funds for construction of an airport was underway today by the airport committee following receipt of a telegram from Senator Charles L. McNary in which he stated he had been advised that the application was disapproved on account of excessive cost and high materials cost. The application was for \$78,000 and would have provided a runway at the local airport 500 feet wide by 3500 feet in length.

The committee is attempting to arrive at a plan for making the runway 400 feet wide, which would reduce the cost of the project considerably. Actual status of the original plans was a matter of conjecture after receiving telegrams from Senators McNary and Steiwer and Congressman Mott and Martin.



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Guard Cartoonist From Kidnap Plot

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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 not 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, is being held in custody. (Continued on Page Two)



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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 whirling winds impeded 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 freight wave extended as far south as Florida.

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Through the night 30 sailors stuck to the collar Northern Guard, which jammed ashore off Winthrop 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 train was through.

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 snowbound 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 pilots flying out on this route till morning, for it was a tough night. 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 know 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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