

The Weather
Forecast: Unsettled, with rain tonight and Wednesday. Moderate temperature.
Highest yesterday: 64
Lowest this morning: 48

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F. R. ORDERS NEW AIR MAIL BIDS

Veto on Increased Veterans' Allowances Is Overridden by House



By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, March 27.—It takes the French to smoke up a thick international intrigue tale.

Their current spy yarn is a typical Parisian political smoke screen, interesting and melodramatic, but lacking in substance.

At least it is drawing no more than private chuckles from our officials. They are basing their conclusions on surreptitious reports from Paris. These reports suggest that the French are whetting up the spy story out of all reason, deliberately, for domestic political purposes.

It seems to be part of the general French government campaign to divert the attention of their citizens to troubles from without.

Salesmanship.
The American end of the story furnishes the key to the situation.

The Swiss couple (Mr. and Mrs. Robert Switz from East Orange) are supposed to have been supplying details of American military fortifications on the Atlantic seaboard. Also plans of airports, including Newark and Roosevelt fields.

We have no secret fortifications on the Atlantic seaboard, aside from the Canal Zone. You can get most of them on picture postcards. The plans of Newark and Roosevelt airports are about as secret as the plan of Times Square.

If anyone has been buying those things from the Switzes, they should be easy pretexts for buying the Brooklyn bridge.

Paths.
The truth is every respectable European war office already has everything the Switzes were supposed to be selling from here and far more. Even the Panama Canal gun emplacements probably are known.

The only things our army and navy try to keep within the family are technical inventions, war plans and civilian mobilization.

These cannot be held confidential for long. They find their way across the seas in untraceable paths, just as the French and Germans in the trenches learned every day the plans of the enemy.

For such work governments do not use such people as the Switzes from East Orange.

IMMEDIATE ACTION URGED TO RETURN PRIVATE SERVICE

Postal Department Told to Arrange Temporary Contracts Until Permanent Legislation Is Enacted

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP) President Roosevelt arranged in conference today for restoration of the airmail lines to private concerns. Postmaster General E. C. Rorer said after the White House conference that detailed plans for bidding and the routes to be opened to private concerns would be announced tomorrow morning.

NEW YORK, March 27.—(AP) Colonel Eddie Rickenbacker, vice-president of North American Aviation, parent company for Transcontinental & Western Air, Inc., and Eastern Air Transport, Inc., today termed the re-bidding phase of the President's airmail decision "a sham," but said his company were ready to carry the mail "on an hour's notice."

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP) President Roosevelt intends to permit immediate bidding by private lines for airmail service and to turn airmail transportation over to them as soon as possible.

He called in officials of the post-office department today to arrange for bids to serve during a temporary period before permanent legislation is enacted.

Methods of restoring the airmail service to private lines were withheld pending a conference called for later today.

Mr. Roosevelt arranged for this action on the eve of his departure from the capital for a 10-day vacation in southern waters.

Opposition to the Sheppard bill to subsidize civil aviation training and equipment development was expressed before the senate commerce committee by the war and navy departments, while the commerce department countered with endorsement of its purpose.

The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$1,500,000 annually to pay 25 per cent of the cost of instruction at private fields and a total of \$1,000,000 to be expended in encouraging new aircraft design.

NEW DEPUTY MARSHAL ASSIGNED TO MEDFORD

PORTLAND, March 27.—(AP)—Leo McLain of Marshfield, one of the new deputy United States marshals working with Marshal Summerville, has been assigned to the post at Medford, formerly held by Cal C. Wells.

McLain will take charge April 1. He has been stationed in Portland since February 1.

Ruth Chatterton And Husband at Parting of Ways

HOLLYWOOD, March 27.—(AP) Through an announcement made in New York and confirmed here by George Brent, Hollywood learned today of the separation of the actor and Ruth Chatterton, film player.

The actress said in New York that, after spending a week there "thinking things over," she had concluded that a separation would be the solution of their difficulties, although a divorce was not contemplated.

Brent, beyond confirming the announcement, had nothing more to say. She left here ten days ago. The couple married in 1932.

MEDFORD BANKS REPORT HEALTHY DEPOSIT GROWTH

A comparative statement of deposits in the three Medford banks as of March 1933, and March, 1934, show an increase of 21 per cent, and a net increase of \$493,480.48.

The figures are for last March, when President Roosevelt called the bank moratorium, and for this March, and indicate a return of confidence on the part of the people, and are a reliable index of the return of prosperity.

On the last federal bank report call, issued last week, the Farmers and Fruitgrowers Bank showed deposits of \$223,475, an increase of \$69,247.48 over March, 1933, when the deposit total was \$154,227.75.

The Medford National bank last March had \$525,448.53; this March \$523,691.70.

The First National bank on the last federal report call has on deposit \$2,092,592.93, and had \$1,569,093.56 last March, an increase of \$423,899.87.

Another prosperity item is reported by the sheriff's office. Collection of unsecured personal property taxes show a decided increase over last year, when they reached a low mark. The amount to date is between \$10,000 and \$11,000, a gain of between \$6000 and \$7500 over a year ago.

The county court and sheriff's office have made an effort to collect the personal property tax. Deputy Sheriff Stansbury, assigned partially to this work, had collected up to last Saturday, \$4,441.14 of personal property taxes. The balance of the total was remitted voluntarily to the sheriff.

Collection of other taxes of the county shows a 25 per cent gain over last year, the tax collection department reports.

BEER INTERESTS GOT HIM CLAIMS KLAMATH CHIEF

Deposed Officer Says He Was Sacrificed for Campaign Fund — Beer Hall Helper Named Successor

KLAMATH FALLS, March 27.—(AP)—James R. Shaw, deposed chief of the Klamath Falls police department, today declared that he had been sacrificed for a political campaign fund.

Shaw, indicted last Saturday on charges of diverting a charity fund to the Willis E. Mahoney gubernatorial campaign, said certain local interests had engineered the investigation and dismissal.

He refused to state specifically who the group was but indicated it was the beer garden and pool hall proprietors.

Frank Hamm, appointed chief last night, was a beer establishment employee before taking office.

"My dismissal was a trade," Shaw said.

"When the time comes I will reveal the parties who engineered it. While I was in office I was not a party to trades nor was I a member of any groups or cliques obtaining special privileges. My first and only duty was law enforcement impartially."

Shaw, along with two officers, was indicted for converting \$200 of police charity funds to Mayor Mahoney's primary campaign for the Democratic nomination. He said that this fund was entirely a private matter with the police department and that members were permitted to draw on it with the understanding the sum borrowed would be repaid.

He said members of the city council had been approached frequently by persons seeking his removal, but until the grand jury investigation the opportunity had not been presented.

Early the developments of the past few days it was understood that Shaw was one of Mahoney's closest friends and advisers.

RAIN NO HELP IN IRRIGATION LACK

Rain, in shower and mist form, that fell generally over the county last night and this morning, was welcomed by farmers and orchardists, with the hope it would continue. The womenfolk feared it would mean a wet Easter for their bonnets and gowns.

PRESIDENT PLANS FISHING TRIP OFF FLORIDA COAST



President Roosevelt hopes to get away from Washington late this month for a fishing trip off the Florida coast. He plans to go by train to Miami and then board Vincent Astor's yacht, Nourmahal, for a week's angling. More than a year ago the President took a similar trip on the Nourmahal, shown at right. At left is the President, looking healthy and tanned, as he waited for a strike on that trip. (Associated Press Photos)

FATE IN SENATE PROBLEMATIC LEADERS ASSERT

Roosevelt Action On Ground That Bill Exceeds Budget Estimates by \$228,000,000 — Draw Substitute

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—A veto by President Roosevelt of legislation granting increased allowances to war veterans and government employees was overridden today by the house.

The senate has yet to act. Leaders said the outcome there was problematical.

The house acted a few minutes after the President vetoed the independent offices appropriation bill on the ground it exceeded his budget estimates by \$228,000,000.

Already, a substitute bill was being prepared from which would be eliminated the controversial veterans' section.

Senate Democratic leaders decided to postpone action on the veto message until tomorrow or later.

Two hundred and nine Democrats voted to override the veto. They were joined by 97 Republicans and four Farmers-Laborites.

Two Republicans—Luce and Tinkham—both of Massachusetts—and 70 Democrats voted to sustain the President.

CANDY HAS KICK, WGTU COMPLAINS

PORTLAND, March 27.—(AP)—Hot on the trail of candy with a kick in it, ice cream with a boot, and cookies with an alcoholic content, Portland police today were searching for "spiked" confections which the W. G. T. U. says are flooding the city.

After the complaint by the W. G. T. U., Mayor Carson declared that if places selling these alcoholic variations can be discovered, prosecution will result.

The complaint said six pieces of spiked candy can put up an argument equal to that of a well-designed cocktail.

LAND BANK LOANS IN 3.25 PER CENT BONDS

SPOKANE, Wash., March 27.—(AP)—All new loans made by the Federal Land Bank of Spokane will be distributed in 3 1/4 per cent bonds of the newly created Federal Farm Mortgage corporation, E. Ehrhardt, president of the bank, said today.

The bonds will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the government, will be tax free, and will rank with Liberty bonds and other government securities, Ehrhardt said.

SAN FELIPE TOWNSHIP, Mex., March 27.—(UP)—Birth of a litter of pigs allegedly with human-like heads agitated residents here today. Besides the babyish faces the strange brood was said to have five human fingers.

JULIAN'S CONSORT CURSES DOCTORS FOR SAVING LIFE

By Morris J. Harris
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SHANGHAI, March 27.—(AP)—Miss Leonora Levy, weak and pale from an attempt to kill herself with C. C. Julian, unfolded today what she called the "inside story" of the former American oil millionaire's death early Sunday.

"He was broke," began Miss Levy, Julian's secretary and confidante.

"Saturday night was the last night he could have had a roof over his head. Hotels where he had registered had ordered him out."

"In addition, he had proposed marriage to me and I had turned him down. With all this, he said life wasn't worth living. He checked out (meaning, Julian committed suicide by swallowing the powerful poison from which Miss Levy later drank)."

"The voice of the girl who last saw Julian alive sank to a whisper as she told of the last days of the once-powerful California and Oklahoma promoter."

Miss Levy expressed regret that she had attempted to destroy herself when she went to Julian's room in the Astor House hotel after he had been removed from the hospital.

"I never will attempt suicide again, but damn the doctors. I wanted to die."

"I attempted suicide," she said, "because I felt I was indirectly instrumental in his death."

Sore Conscience Bore 35 Cents To Fair Treasury

SALEM, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—A conscience payment of 35 cents, which has been weighing upon the mind of the party who sent in the money, for six years, was received today by Max Gebelhar, director of agriculture, from a California party.

The letter accompanying the payment stated that six years ago he attended the state fair at Salem and took light globes and another small article. He paid for the globes and was returning the article which was of nominal value.

A few days earlier 25 cents was received from a Portland resident who stated that during 1923 he gained admission to the fair grounds without paying.

GROCERY BANDIT SUSPECTS TAKEN

PORTLAND, Ore., March 27.—(AP) Police here said today they believed a series of deceptions by two young men who have preyed on grocery stores for the past few weeks had been ended by the arrest early this morning of Kenneth Ooby, 18, and Lee E. Elliott, 20.

They were dragged from their stolen automobile at the end of a wild chase which was concluded when their car sidetracked two trees and crashed into a telephone pole after pursuing police had fired a bullet into a rear tire. Both were badly hurt when the wildly zig-zagging car crashed to a stop.

MUSICIAN'S SLAYER BELIEVED ARRESTED

BEND, Ore., March 27.—(AP)—Charged with the murder of Cecil Montgomery, young Portland and Bend musician, T. J. Baughn, described by police here as a paroled convict from McAlester prison, Oklahoma, was held in the Deschutes county jail today.

DAMAGES DENIED MRS. TURPIN FOR CROSSING SMASH

A circuit court jury, Jack E. Moran, foreman, returned a verdict yesterday in favor of the Southern Pacific railroad in the suit against it, for \$25,000 alleged damages, by Anne Turpin in Klamath Falls.

The jury deliberated 15 minutes before returning its verdict. The case took a week.

The jury was unable to reach an agreement on special verdict requested: "Did or did not, the Southern Pacific engineer, blow the whistle, and ring the bell when approaching the Mt. Hebron, Calif., crossing, where the auto crash occurred upon which the suit was based."

Mrs. Turpin claimed that as a result of injuries sustained she was forced to undergo an operation, that seriously impaired her health, and prevented an anticipated visit of the stork.

The defense contended that the accident was no fault of the railroad, that the track was clear for a distance of two miles in both directions; that the required precautions had been taken, and that Mrs. Turpin was guilty of contributory negligence. The evidence showed that Mrs. Turpin was hitch-hiking from Oakland, Calif. to Klamath Falls, and had accepted a ride from J. C. Cline and Jack McNery, truck operators, as she trudged along the highway near Woodland, Calif. The truckmen were originally named as co-defendants, but the court granted a non-suit, on the grounds that under California law a guest passenger cannot claim damages from the host driver.

The plaintiff claimed that the defendant passenger train was traveling at an "excessive rate of speed," that the warnings required were not sounded, and that the Southern Pacific was negligent.

The case attracted considerable attention in Klamath county.

Visitors in Ashland—C. N. Cully and Leon Boomer spent Monday in Ashland attending to business affairs.

Brain Trust Plot Probe Takes Capital Interest

WASHINGTON, March 27.—(AP)—An investigation—to be or not to be—was the question today as "the Wirt letter" remained a capitol topic. Although yesterday he talked of a justice department inquiry into allegations that presidential advisors are plotting to retard recovery and throw the country into communism, Speaker Rainey told reporters this afternoon "I'm not going to dignify those wild assertions by submitting them to the justice department."

If "the pressure is strong enough," he assumed the house would act on the Bulwinkle resolution for a house committee to investigate the letter of Dr. William A. Wirt, school superintendent of Gary, Ind., that was brought forth in public hearings this week.

LIQUOR CONTROL CUTS OVERHEAD

PORTLAND, March 27.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission today moved to reduce its overhead cost by eliminating some of the personnel, setting up a new system of selling in its stores to simplify sales, and lengthening the hours the stores will be open.

Three Portland stores hereafter will be operated by one clerk. They will open at 10 a. m., one hour earlier than now, and will close at 10 p. m., instead of at 8 p. m. An extra man will be employed in each on a "swing shift" basis because of extra hours.

ABRAMS FIRST OF G. O. P. CANDIDATES

SALEM, March 27.—(AP)—Carle Abrams, member of the state legislature, today filed with the secretary of state his candidacy for the Republican nomination for secretary of state. His slogan to appear on the ballot will be "Experienced in state business; will continue capable, and conscientious service."

Abrams had previously announced his intention to file and had stated his platform. He is the first Republican to file for the office, the only other candidate so far being Joe E. Shelton, Portland Democrat.

DECLARES DILLINGER SEEN IN CALIFORNIA

BRAWLEY, Cal., March 27.—(AP)—Dick Wilson, service station operator, positively identified a police photograph of John Dillinger, notorious fugitive outlaw, as that of one of two men driving a large, dust-colored sedan, who purchased gasoline and oil from him at 6:30 a. m. today.

One of the men displayed a large roll of currency when he paid for the 25 gallons of gasoline and oil they purchased.



SANTA MONICA, Cal., Mar. 26.—Been reading all the Sunday articles by world known writers, and they all talk war. Well, if there is any excuse for anybody fighting at this time, it's beyond me.

The consensus of opinion is that "so and so has to fight, so and so sooner or later." Well, I believe if I had to fight a man "sooner or later" I would fight him later, the later the better.

The only legitimate reason I can see why Germany and France must fight is, they haven't fought in 16 years, and the only reason I can see why U. S. and Japan has to fight is because we haven't fought before.

Will Rogers
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