The Weather
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Temperature:
Highest yesterday 78
Lowest this morning 51

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MILLIONAIRE OIL MAN KIDNAPED

Insull Is Refused Reduction of $200,000 Bond

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10.—The real plot to clip the wings of the Blue Eagle is not the one General Johnson has been spouting about, but the one within the most royal inner new deal circle.

Paul Mallon

A number of administration advisers, with entree to the White House, reached the conclusion some time ago that NRA policy should be sheared. Most of the liberals want to cut it down to simple co-operative control of hours and wages, and nothing else.

It would mean an end of Johnson's hastily designed code system restricting competition and boosting prices by agreement.

Whether the White House will go that far is doubtful. But it is clear that the NRA is being permitted quietly to coast along with the brakes firmly but gently on, until the master dealer in the White House decides what he is going to do about it.

The plot which Johnson says he has discovered was not one by business to "make the Blue Eagle walk the plank."

If the undercurrent in the convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce is an authentic reflection of the best business opinion, those boys would be the last in the world to want the Blue Eagle to do anything like that. What was not said at that convention, as well as by what was said, made it evident that business does not want to give up the NRA code system now. It likes the opportunity of eliminating chiselers and adjusting prices too well for that.

Johnson's discovery, however, was good publicity if nothing else. It should have moved every warm or even luke-warm blooded American to rush to the defense of the NRA.

The real plot has received no publicity yet and none of the plotters want any. They are sincerely convinced that the new deal experiment has proved the futility of going too far in the code system. No chiseler has gone to jail. Whenever the government gets right up to the question of prosecuting code violators, it shies off and seeks delay. The codes were rushed through so fast that

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BASEBALL

American

Detroit	3	4	0
Philadelphia	5	7	0

Rowe, Benton, and Cochrane; Mahaffey, and Berry.

Chicago	3	8	0
New York	13	13	0

Earnshaw, Stine and Ruel; Ruffing and Dickey.

	R.	H.	E.
Cleveland	11	12	2
Boston	10	13	4

Batteries: Hudlin, Winegardner, Lee, C. Brown and Spencer, Pytlak; Walberg, Welch, Weiland and Hinkle.

National

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	2		0
Cincinnati	5	9	1

Batteries: Zachary, Barrett and Spohrer, Hogan; St Johnson, Manion and Lombardi.

	R.	H.	E.
Brooklyn	8	16	1
Chicago	12	14	0

Carroll, and Lopez, Berres; Warneke, Munns, Lucas and Hartnett.

BAPTISTS URGE F. R. REVERSE RUM VIEWS

PORTLAND, May 10.—(AP)—Oregon Baptists today called upon President Roosevelt to "reverse" his views on the liquor question.

The action was taken in a resolution at the final session of the annual state convention of the Baptist church.

"We deplore the action of the president of the United States in using his personal and official influence to restore the legalized traffic in intoxicating liquor," the resolution said.

JAPANESE WARNING COMING, IS REPORT

TOKYO, May 10.—(AP)—Japan today gave advance notice of a probable warning to both China and the League of Nations as to "the advisability of suspension" of Dr. Ludwig Rajchman's plans for financial aid to China by the league.

GAY PARTY HOST SNATCHED FROM PASADENA HOME

William F. Gettle Victim of Plot Apparently Hatched Week Ago — Guest Sees Pair Flee With Friend

LOS ANGELES, May 10.—(AP)—William F. Gettle, 47, millionaire oil operator, was kidnaped early today from his newly acquired country estate at Arcadia, east of Pasadena, and at the base of the Sierra Madre mountains.

The kidnaping, effected by two masked men armed with pistols, interrupted a gay party Gettle was giving in celebration of the completion of a swimming pool and recreation hall in the estate.

Apparently the plot has been hatching for a week or more, police said, and they expressed belief that more than the two men who effected it were involved.

Step-Ladder Left.

The kidnapers scaled a seven-foot stone wall, topped with barbed wire. A step-ladder and automobile tire tracks were among clues left.

James P. Wolf, furniture dealer of Westwood, Calif., one of the guests, witnessed the kidnaping.

He told officers that he and Gettle were in the recreation hall, chatting and drinking, as Albert Hitchin, a guest from Beverly Hills had left. The recreation hall is a hundred feet from the residence where the women guests were at the time.

Footsteps were heard on the walk, and Gettle and Wolf thought Hitchin or one of the guests was returning.

"Put 'em up, gentlemen," a soft voice said.

Apparently Americans.

Gettle and Wolf turned and faced two young men, masked with handkerchiefs, and armed with pistols, and apparently Americans.

The gunmen motioned for the two to start walking. They were marched to the rear past the new swimming pool, towards the east wall, a hundred yards from the residence.

Wolf, thinking it a holdup, tossed his wallet into the bushes.

Nothing was said until the four neared the wall.

Then, said Wolf, one of the men announced:

"This is not a heist—it's a snatch."

Gettle began to plead with the men.

"I'll give you all the money I have on me, and go into the house for more if you won't take me away."

The gunmen laughed, replying:

"That won't be enough. This is a kidnaping, fellow."

Bound With Ties.

Near the wall, where the two victims saw a step-ladder resting, Gettle and Wolf were relieved of their necktles.

With these bits of silk the kidnapers bound the hands of their victims, and then strengthened the bonds with adhesive tape. Both were gagged and hobbles of adhesive tape made around their ankles.

Wolf then was tied to a tree.

Gettle, who weighs 200 pounds, was then carried up the step-ladder and shoved over the wall. He groaned as he fell on the outside.

One of the kidnapers jumped over and said:

"Don't be so soft."

The other turned to Wolf, saying:

"Stay where you are for an hour or we'll kill you. This is no stickup. This is a kidnaping."

Escape in Auto.

He then went over the wall, and Wolf heard an automobile start and move away. Desperately he tried to free himself, but it was nearly half an hour before he succeeded in getting to the house and sounding the alarm.

Arcadia, Los Angeles and Beverly Hills police immediately organized the hunt.

The four children of the Gettles were in the Bevely Hills home, and Mrs. Gettle, who is in delicate health, was returned there from the Arcadia summer place.

Investigation disclosed that the step-ladder had been seen on the estate a week ago, caretakers thinking it belonged there. Indications were that the kidnapers had concealed themselves on the estate several hours before the kidnaping.

Gettle was clad in grey flannel trousers, a buff shirt and tennis shoes. He wore no hat, and his necktie had been used to tie his hands. He was slightly bald and wore gold rimmed glasses.

For several years he had been manager of the J. C. Penney store at Bakersfield. An investment in oil built up a fortune for him. He then moved to Beverly Hills.

Editor Wins Prize

E. P. Chase, publisher of the Atlantic, Iowa, News-Telegraph, is the winner of the Pulitzer prize for the best editorial of 1933. (Associated Press Photo)

SALEM BURGLAR SHOT, KILLED BY POLICE OFFICER

SALEM, May 10.—(AP)—A second attempt within three months to break into the George E. Waters tobacco warehouse on State street here, cost the life early this morning of Albert Pullman, 29, of San Francisco. Robert Hall, also of San Francisco, was lodged in the city jail here.

Pullman died shortly after two o'clock this morning, 10 minutes after he had been taken to a hospital, the result of a bullet wound through the legs, shot from the gun of Officer Frank Winslow of the Salem city police.

Police were notified of the burglary attempt by Benjamin Teulouw, janitor at a printing office next door to the tobacco warehouse. Teulouw was asleep in his bed at the rear of the shop when he was awakened by sounds from next door.

Pullman was working on the roof when Officer Winslow came up and told him to stop. "I thought he reached for his pocket so I fired," the officer stated.

"'Don't shoot again, you've got me,' Pullman cried," Winslow said. "He then climbed down the roof and collapsed in the alley, bleeding."

Hall offered no resistance when taken by two other officers where he was standing guard in front of the store. He was armed with a .32-20 revolver. He was taken to the city jail, but steadfastly refused to answer any questions.

HEART ATTACK TAKES MORTON SALT CHIEF

CHICAGO, May 10. —(AP)— Joy Morton, 78, chairman of the Morton Salt company, is dead of a heart attack.

Death at his rural estate last night ended suddenly the career that had brought him fame as a manufacturer, farmer and horticultrist.

Million Dollar Check To Roosevelt, at Work

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—A million dollar check, written by the hundreds of Roosevelt birthday parties, was put to work today for a three-way attack on infantile paralysis.

Into the check—three feet long and for exactly $1,003,030.08—went the proceeds of the gay dances given throughout the nation in observance of the president's birthday last January.

President Roosevelt received the big check last night in the east room of the White House in the presence of persons who organized the parties. He remarked with a smile that he was nervous in handling a check so large, adding:

"I never saw one before."

Then he turned it over to trustees of the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation with an announcement it would be split into:

A $100,000 fund to be used nationally "to stimulate and further meritorious work * * * in the field of infantile paralysis."

A $650,000 fund to further "present work done by the foundation's institution at Warm Springs, Georgia."

A $253,030.08 fund "for building, maintenance and contingencies of the foundation."

On behalf of the national birthday party committee, Rear Admiral Cary T Grayson, retired, gave Mr. Roosevelt the check as "the outpouring of the heart of America."

U. S. WINTER WHEAT SHARPLY REDUCED BY LACK OF RAIN

Cut of 31,000,000 Bushels During Past Month by Department of Agriculture — Future Very Uncertain

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—A cut of 31,000,000 bushels in the winter wheat crop during the past month largely as the result of drought conditions, was reported today by the department of agriculture.

The crop reporting board estimated the 1934 crop at 461,471,000 bushels compared with its estimate of 492,000,000 bushels on April 1.

It gave the crop condition at 70.9 per cent compared with a ten-year average of 82 per cent.

The decline in the probable crop of winter wheat was not so great as some officials had expected, but they pointed out that the report did not take into account the extreme drought conditions of the past ten days.

The report declared "the crop situation continues highly abnormal and crop prospects are very uncertain" because of inadequate rainfall and a general lack of sub-soil moisture in the north central and western groups of states which ordinarily have two-thirds of the total crop acreage.

Conditions were declared to be most serious in the area from the Dakotas and Montana south to New Mexico and Texas, with farms in that area suffering severely from lack of moisture.

CRESCENT HARBOR HEARING SET FOR MEDFORD, MAY 23

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—The army board of engineers will hold a hearing at Medford on May 23 on the proposed Crescent City development, it was stated in a special dispatch today from Washington, D. C. A hearing will be held in Portland May 31 on the question of a sea-locks instead of barge-locks at the Bonneville dam.

Traveling by motor from Eureka, Cal., the board of engineers will enter Oregon at Chetco Cove on Tuesday, May 22. They will hold the hearing at Medford the next day, and make an overnight stop at Grants Pass.

On Thursday, May 24, the group will inspect Coquille river, the Bandon harbor, and will go to North Bend. The next day, Reedsport will be visited, and the Umpqua river will be inspected, after which the course will be through Florence, Mapleton and the Siuslaw, Newport and Yaquina bay.

The group will visit several Washington points including Seattle before returning to Portland for the Bonneville hearing.

M'ALEXANDER TO BLAST MAHONEY

PORTLAND, May 10.—(AP)—The current political campaign, which heretofore has developed few interesting departures from time-honored custom, had today reached the period where a strange and unclassified performance was pending.

A candidate of one party, temporarily losing sight of his opponents within the party, had unsheathed his broadsword to do battle with a candidate in another party ranks.

Political headquarters here of Major General Ulysses Grant McAlexander, revealed that tonight the retired general will launch a vigorous attack on Willis E. Mahoney, mayor of Klamath Falls.

McAlexander is a candidate for the Republican nomination as governor of Oregon. Mahoney is a candidate for the Democratic nomination as governor.

The McAlexander speech will be broadcast over KEX, Portland, at 7:15 p. m. tonight.

COURT ALLOWS SALE SALEM WATER BONDS

SALEM, May 10.—(AP)—Judge L. G. Lewelling in circuit court today denied an injunction against the sale of 20,000 in water bonds by the city of Salem, asked in a suit filed by members of the Salem Taxpayers league.

Comedy Situation Breaks Girl's Leg In Making Movie

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., May 10.—(AP)—A comedy situation at the Hal Roach studio failed to turn out today so humorously for Patsy Kelly, featured comedienne, playing with Thelma Todd in "I'll Be Suing You."

The plot called for Miss Kelly to go to bed, place her leg through a hole in the bed to "fool an insurance claim adjuster" when he arrived.

The cameras were cranking away on the scene, when the bed collapsed, pinning Miss Kelly's leg underneath, possibly breaking it. She was taken to a hospital for emergency treatment and to have the limb x-rayed.

FEAR ROBLES GIRL KILLED BY KIDNAP GANG IN ESCAPING

TUCSON, Ariz., May 10.—(AP) Fernando Robles, father of little June Robles, who is being held for $15,000 ransom, told her kidnapers, in a second formal appeal to them issued this afternoon that he has been unable to raise more than $10,000 to ransom his child.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 10.—(AP)—The possibility that June Robles, 6, kidnaped April 25, has been killed that her captors might escape appeared ominously today despite receipt by her family of a second ransom note they acknowledged as probably authentic.

An airplane carried two customs guards and Chief Criminal Deputy Oliver White from here to Ajo last night. They carried a shovel but refused to say why. At Ajo they dismissed the airplane pilot and he returned here.

Earlier last night they had made an equally secret automobile trip outside of Nogales, also carrying a shovel, said word from that city.

Authorities said they considered the new ransom note received by the Robles family, which is one of the oldest in the southwest, as indicating the presence of one of the abductors in or near Tucson.

48 CARS FRUIT STILL TO ROLL

Eight cars of Winter Nelis pears, and 40 cars of apples,—the last of the 1933-34 fruit crop of the Rogue River valley—remained in storage last night, according to figures supplied by the Southern Pacific railroad and the Rogue River Traffic association. The coming week is expected to see the last of the pears go to market and a substantial reduction in the apple supply.

Shipments for the week ending last night were 15 cars of apples, and 13 cars of pears. The season's shipments to date total 2072 cars of pears and 163 cars of apples.

All the apples are expected to be cleared away by June 1, and they now enjoy a fairly brisk demand, as other fruit supplies are low.

CALIFORNIA HEAT SETS NEW RECORD

SAN FRANCISCO, May 10.—(AP)—A heat record which has stood since 1895 was equalled here today when the thermometer regisered 84 degrees at 1 p. m.

This previous record for May 10, 1895, also was 84 degrees.

LOS ANGELES, May 10.—(AP)—May heat records of seven years' standing were shattered in Los Angeles today as the mercury soared to 95 degrees. It also was the hottest day of the year.

KIDNAPED FINANCIER A FRIEND OF BOLGER

William F. Gettle, kidnaped early this morning at Pasadena, Cal., is a close personal friend of W. S. Bolger, manager of the Medford J. C. Penney store. In 1916, says Mr. Bolger, Gettle and Bolger's brother Fred, now dead, tossed a coin to decide which should become manager of the Bakersfield Penney store. Gettle won and retired about six years ago after amassing a huge fortune through his connection with the Penney organization and shrewd oil investments.

TAX BILL SIGNED BY ROOSEVELT TO INCREASE INCOME

Estimated $417,000,000 in Anticipated Additional Revenue — Loopholes Against Evasion Closed

By William L. Beale, Jr.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—(AP)—President Roosevelt added an estimated $417,000,000 today to the nation's annual revenue by signing into law the 1934 tax bill.

The act increased tax levies already amounting to $3,250,000,000 by strengthening existing law against evasion and adding new sources of income.

Plugging loopholes disclosed by the senate banking committee to be available to the wealthy was congress' motive in writing the new law. But before the bill went to the White House some rates were boosted and the income tax levies revamped.

Boosts Income Tax

The new law provides:

Heavier taxes on higher incomes, gifts, estate transfers, corporations and personal holding companies.

Partial income tax publicity.

Elimination of consolidated corporation returns.

Repeal of the 8 per cent normal tax on individual net incomes above $4000 with surtaxes to start at $4000 instead of $6000.

A 3-cents a pound tax on Philippine coconut oil, the revenue to be returned to the island treasury.

Experts estimated the full effect of the law will not be felt until 1935. They counted on only $167,000,000 by the end of the next fiscal year on June 30, 1935.

Aid for PWA Program

A one-tenth of one per cent tax on the declared value of corporation capital stock and a five per cent levy on earnings above 12½ per cent of that capital were estimated to raise $95,000,000 annually for the largest single item in the act. These taxes

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BEER SIGN BAN BRINGS PROTEST

PORTLAND, May 10.—(AP)—Neon sign manufacturers today raised their voices in protest against an order of the state liquor control commission banning the use of "beer," "wine" and "ale" signs on the outside of buildings where the beverages are sold.

The commission yesterday ordered removal by May 15 of such signs that protrude more than eight inches from the outside walls of buildings.

Further, the largest neon sign the commission will approve is six inches high by thirty inches long.

Neon sign manufacturers have leased thousands of large signs to dealers all over the state.

BURKE SEEN IN CAFE IS CLAIM

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—State police officers here are today investigating a report that Clarence Burke, accused slayer of Roland Burr, recently slain near Grants Pass, was seen in a local restaurant Tuesday night. The report was given by a man whose name was not divulged by the police, but who claimed to be acquainted with Burke. The officers, however, report that they have been unable to obtain any corroboration of the statement of their informant.

Meets Father

Samuel Insull, jr., is shown above in New York as he waited to meet his father, the former utilities magnate, who was returned from Turkey and rushed to Chicago to face trial in connection with the collapse of his companies. Young Insull accompanied his father to Chicago from the Atlantic seaboard. (Associated Press Photo)

SHOW GIRL'S BODY FOUND IN OFFICE BROOKLYN MEDIC

NEW YORK, May 10.—(AP—The almost nude body of a former Broadway showgirl was found today upon an operating table in the office of a Brooklyn physician, who was placed under arrest on a charge of homicide.

The woman—Mrs. Virginia Allen Ball, 21, who once played in George White's "Scandals"—was found by a son of the physician.

Dr. Julius Phillips, 50 years old, was found, police said, unconscious in a bedroom adjoining the office, which is in his home. At Kings county hospital, where he was held, it was said he was suffering from an overdose of narcotics.

Police announced an autopsy would be held on the body of the slender, chestnut-haired woman to determine whether she died from an operation.

The woman's husband, nervous and near exhaustion from a search for her, entered the doctor's office while police were still there. He said she had left their New York home Tuesday.

Ball is a theatrical boking agent.

GIRL KILLED BY 9-STORY PLUNGE

The victim of an accidental fall, the body of Margaret Lawrie, 22, was found on the sidewalk adjoining an apartment house here today. She had fallen from her bedroom on the ninth floor. Police believe she slipped while opening a window.

The girl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harold N. Lawrie, are residents of Washington, D. C. She had been living here since her graduation from University of Oregon last spring.

RULING FORCES AGED PRISONER REMAIN IN JAIL

U. S. Judge Says Evidence Does Not Entitle Former Utility Magnate to Reduction of Heavy Bond

CHICAGO, May 10.—(AP)—Samuel Insull today was refused a reduction of the $200,000 bond under which he is held prisoner in the Cook county jail.

Judge Will M. Sparks of the U. S. circuit court of appeals said he felt the evidence did not entitle the 74-year old defendant to any lowering of the bond, which Insull's attorney, Floyd E. Thompson, asserted was the highest ever demanded of a defendant in any United States court.

Insull, lounging in a wheel chair at the Cook county jail, was not perturbed when Attorney Thompson and Insull's son, Samuel Junior, told him of the judge's decision.

"You decide what to do," he said to his son. Young Insull and the attorney then began a conference over raising the necessary $200,000.

Thompson had brought his plea before Judge Sparks in a petition for a habeas corpus writ. Insull remained in the county jail hospital, where he has rested since Judge John P. Barnes Tuesday fixed the bond on his charges of using the mails fraudulently and violating the bankruptcy act.

DANGER OF FROST VIRTUALLY ENDED

Earl Rogers, frost meteorologist assigned by the government to this section closes his work here for this year, May 31 at midnight, and the date will officially mark the end of the frost season.

Unofficially and in accordance with orchard tradition, the frost period ends between May 10 and May 15. Rogers states that during his coming to this section, a frost was recorded on May 28, and a number of orchards smudged. Tuesday a temperature of 31 degrees was recorded in some of the orchards. The pears have now reached a stage of development where they are able to resist a heavy frost. Each passing day lessens the danger.

During the current frost season, there has been but one general smudging.

CLUB WOMEN NAME NEW STATE OFFICERS

ROSEBURG, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—Announcement of the election of Mrs. W. B. Nicholson of Marshfield as president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, was made just prior to the closing of the biennial convention here at noon today. The contest for the office of first vice-president was won by Mrs. W. W. Gabriel of Portland. This was the only contested position. Other officers named were Mrs. Grace Chamberlain, Ashland, second vice-president; Mrs. P. S. Kaadt, Portland, recording secretary; Miss Birdine Merrill, Portland,

WILL ROGERS says:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—The big news in the papers this week is Insull and silver. Before he went away it would have been Insull and gold.

They say it would be "inflation" to make silver money. Well, maybe it would be, but it wouldn't be exactly like taking a perfect stranger into the family. You would be surprised at the things it will buy now.

This is a silver town. Everything under five dollars is all silver. That's how they can tell a "dude," is they ask for dollar bills. Arguing the money question sounds learned, but it's never made anybody any money yet.

Will Rogers

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Dodd Quits Governorship Race in Favor of Dunne

PORTLAND, Ore., May 10.—(AP)—An unexpected development in the fortunes of the Republican gubernatorial race had today left State Senator Joe E. Dunne of Portland as the designated legatee of a large block of votes in the eastern Oregon and Columbia river region.

To Senator Dunne, E. P. Dodd of Hermiston turned over his share of the May 18 legacy of ballots when the eastern Oregon man announced that he had decided to withdraw from the race for the Republican nomination as governor. He urged his followers to vote for Dunne.

Despite Dodd's announced withdrawal, his name will appear on the ballots.

Dodd had emphasized Columbia river development from a maritime and power standpoint as he launched his campaign several weeks ago.

"I am happy indeed," Dunne said, "to accept the assistance and help of such an estimable citizen and candidate as E. P. Dodd, with whom I see as one on this matter of river development."