

The Weather Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Not much change in temperature.

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RESCUE TWO KIDNAPING VICTIMS



News Behind The News By PAUL MALLON.

Even the administration insiders here never understood why Al Smith bowed himself so quietly out of the national political picture.

An example of the ridicule heaped upon him is told by one of his close friends. A pal called Smith's office on the telephone one morning after Smith had made a strongly critical attack on the administration money policy.

Politicians talk about that situation whenever they gather and they seem to agree that once again Al Smith was too far ahead of his time.

President Roosevelt had an idea for solving the war debt muddle a few days ago, but congress romped all over it in the cloakrooms and it now will probably never see the light of day.

The scheme called for new agreements. All interest, past and future, would be waived. The principal would be paid in full.

A trial balloon was sent up for the White House idea by Speaker Rainey. He pointed to our successful settlement with Finland on that basis.

Congressional riflemen figured that the scheme would lop \$100,000,000 off the debt. They are not willing to give up a single cent. At heart, most of them really want to force the administration into default. At any rate, they would rather force a default than give up.

After a few days the administration let it be known it was "highly unlikely" that the plan would officially be offered.

The administration also quietly sounded out the debtors on a plan whereby they would make substantial token payments on their June 15 installments. The debtors were led to believe that in case they paid enough, the administration might hold that they were not in default.

Then the Johnson act would have no application to them. That act bars only defaulting nations from borrowing money in this country.

The result is that one of the highest administration war debt men says privately the situation is "miserable." What he means is that we do not expect to get a thin dime on the June 15 installments.

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Rich Oil Man Arizona Girl Safely Home

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif., May 15.—(AP)—Pausing in their own rejoicing, William F. Gettle, retired million aire, and Mrs. Gettle, dispatched a telegram of congratulations to parents of young June Robles of Tucson, Ariz., who was recovered from kidnapers yesterday about the same time Gettle was here.

LOS ANGELES, May 15.—(AP)—With a speed that left an angry city gasping, William F. Gettle was returned to his home today, the asserted kidnapers of the oil millionaire were caught, not a cent of ransom was paid and confessions were claimed from three of the band within a few hours after their arrest.

This almost unbelievable climax to the most sensational kidnaping written into police records here since William Edward Hickman lured youthful Marion Parker into an automobile seven years ago, tore her body to pieces and collected a \$1500 ransom, came at eventide yesterday.

Quick Climax in Case. Where police had hoped only to return the 47-year-old retired business man possessor of a fortune estimated at \$3,500,000, to his wife and four children, before catching his abductors, they suddenly found themselves in command of an entire case, wrapped and ready for delivery to the district attorney for prosecution.

Brilliant success, growing out of the barest of clues, came after an impasse caused by a dramatic end to preliminary ransom negotiations in the early morning hours of Monday. A few hours after Blayne Matthews, chief of the district attorney's investigators, had been frightened out or what he thought to be a trap of hijackers attempting to steal \$50,000 ransom money which he carried, Capt. Harry Seeger, police officer, came upon the key that unlocked the case.

With the swiftness of lightning, a squad of officers raided a small house in suburban La Crescenta, found Gettle, his face masked by court plaster, his limbs helpless in tape, lying upon a bed, and captured one man in the house, another escaping out a rear door.

While these officers were delivering Gettle from his bonds, other police trapped a second man and two women and a short time later, on a telephonic tip, they caught the third man, who had escaped from the house.

As Gettle, with a police escort, was sped to his home and the arms of an anguished wife who could only say "Thank God!" for the safe return of her husband, light-tipped officers put the men, Larry Kerrigan, Roy A. Williams and James F. Kirk, under a life of examination that soon brought from them confessions to the crime.

Kerrigan described himself as Gettle's guard and named Williams and Kirk as the two who seized the million.

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MAHONEY AIDES QUIT JOBS WHEN FRIEND OUSTED

KILMATH FALLS, May 15.—(AP)—Three officers in Mayor Willis E. Mahoney's city administration resigned today and a fourth was discharged. It was the third time within the last few weeks strike had entered the city hall while the mayor was absent in the interests of his campaign for the Democratic governorship nomination.

Dr. J. W. Waters, city milk and meat inspector, was discharged by the council for alleged misconduct. Three citizen members of the health board who recommended Waters at the time of his appointment, immediately turned in their resignations when the council refused to permit a formal investigation.

Recently the chief of police and two officers were ousted and indicted by the grand jury for alleged conversion of charity funds to Mahoney's campaign. The indictments were later quashed and the two officers reinstated.

Last week Fred Ahrens, building inspector, was released on charges of misconduct.

SILVERTON PEDESTRIAN KILLED BY AUTOMOBILE

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Freed Without Ransom



June Robles, 6, (left) found last evening chained to a stake in the desert near her Tucson, Arizona, home after having been kidnaped 19 days ago.



Wm. F. Gettle, retired millionaire of Beverly Hills, Cal., rescued last night from the clutches of kidnapers, after five days. No ransom was paid in either case.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 15.—(AP)—Colby S. Farrar, Pima county undersheriff, said this afternoon fragmentary remarks made by June Robles in a brief conversation with investigators had directed definite suspicion toward two persons as members of the kidnap gang which entombed the little girl alive.

Farrar said he believed arrests would be only a matter of hours.

TUCSON, Ariz., May 15.—(AP)—Carlo G. Robles, assistant Pima county attorney and uncle of 6-year-old June, flatly denied today rumors that the child's kidnapers had received \$10,000 in ransom money before the little girl was released from her desert prison.

"We absolutely did not pay a cent of ransom money to anyone," declared Carlo.

"I have that money myself," he said as he stood in the doorway of the home of Bernabe Robles, June's grandfather, where all the family spent the night.

In an amazing climax to the kidnaping, which stirred this city for nearly three weeks, the 6-year-old girl was rescued late yesterday from

CHANGES MADE IN POLLING PLACES FRIDAY'S PRIMARY

Four changes in the list of polling places for the primary election Friday have been made by the county clerk's office.

- They are: Ashland—South precinct changed from Lincoln school to 324 Liberty street. Jacksonville, South changed from Bishop building to city hall. Medford Southeast, from Vancouver avenue to church, same street. Medford South, to Tenth and Hamilton streets from 304 Hamilton street.

The revised list of the Medford polling places is as follows: North Main—Hotel Holland. South Main—Public Library. North Central—City Hall. South Central—Jackson Hotel. South Riverside—Parker's Chip House. North Riverside—Lincoln school. Medford North—Camp Withus. Oakdale—Senior high school. Newtown—Ground floor, court-house. King—Fornbrook home, 611 West Seventh. Northeast—Woods Lumber Co. Cottage—Boy Scout headquarters. Southeast—Church. Queen Anne—Roosevelt school. Medford East—J. D. Rickert residence, Capitol Hill. Medford South—Tenth and Hamilton streets. Medford West—622 West Fourth street. Kenwood—7 Rose avenue. Northwest—Jackson school. Southwest—Washington school. Haven—Junior high school. Designates new precincts.

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CCC LISTS LARGE ACCOMPLISHMENT IN AREA FOR YEAR

Command Increased to 20 Camps—3800 Men Enrolled—\$227,794 Spent for Rations Since Start

Today marks the beginning of the second year of the Medford Civilian Conservation corps district, which, since its establishment a year ago, has increased its command to 20 camps and is now the only headquarters in the state of Oregon.

Major Armstrong, 6th C. A., arrived here last May 15 from Fort Winfield Scott, San Francisco, and immediately put into operation machinery for getting the Medford district established.

It was with great interest that Medford learned of the establishing of headquarters here, and the city, chamber of commerce and other organizations offered all possible assistance to the army officers in arranging for the "reforestation corps" or "tree army," as the CCC was then known.

The advance cadre of 25 men, out of Vancouver Barracks, with Capt. B. H. McMahon in command, arrived here May 15 to establish Applegate camp, the first in the district.

Major Armstrong arrived two days later and has since successfully commanded the district, bringing much credit to Medford and southern Oregon.

During the summer of 1933, Medford served as headquarters for 14 tent camps, established in the Rogue River, Siskiyou and Fremont national forests, state lands and Crater Lake national park.

Another arrest in the circulation of the circulars is scheduled for today if the district attorney's office completes the assembling of the evidence, already secured.

As near as the authorities can determine, circulation of the pamphlets was limited to this city, a portion of the Talent district, the Pools Creek and the Rogue River districts.

The circulars were printed in a Salem shop, and brought to this city by truck about 10 days ago. They

INDICT HICKMAN AS GIRL'S SLAYER

SAN FRANCISCO, May 15.—(AP)—Despite his alibi claim, Millard Hickman, 45-year-old marine engineer, today is under grand jury indictment here on a charge of murdering Louise Jeppesen, pretty Ogden, Utah, girl.

The indictment was returned less than 48 hours after the 23-year-old girl's ravished and broken body was discovered sprawled in a pedestrian tunnel in Golden Gate park.

Police charge that while the first rays of Sunday dawn were filtering through the heavy foliage of the large park, Hickman took Miss Jeppesen to the secluded spot and there strangled her with her own belt after criminally assaulting and beating her.

DEATH, VIOLENCE SEQUEL IN STEVEDORE'S STRIKE

SAN PEDRO, May 15.—(AP)—Storming a stockade in which 400 non-strikers had been housed, a mob of 800 or more striking longshoremen created a bloody riot at Los Angeles harbor about midnight in which one man was slain and 21 injured, two so seriously they may die.

The violence brought to an end a peaceful strike of the cargo handlers, some 1800 of whom had walked out with thousands of others in Pacific coast ports in protest against wages, working hours and demands for recognition of their union.

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\$1,322,000,000 RECOVERY FUND SOUGHT BY F. R.

President Hands Congress Appropriation Request Covering Activities Next Year in General Relief

WASHINGTON, May 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt pushed through congress today a \$1,322,000,000 appropriation request, designed to fund recovery activities for next year within the terms of his budget.

The principal items were for public works and general relief. As he polished up an accompanying message the president was represented as hopeful for wide discretionary authority in spending the money.

The \$1,322,000,000 would complete the \$3,168,000,000 recovery chest proposed by Mr. Roosevelt in his January budget for the fiscal years of 1934 and 1935.

In his last budget message he stated he expected the government to return to a pay-as-you-go basis during the fiscal year 1936.

Pointing to a pay-as-you-go basis for the 1936 fiscal year, the president warned in his message today: "In my judgment an appropriation in excess of the above amount would make more difficult, if not impossible, an actual balance of the budget in the fiscal year 1936, unless greatly increased taxes are provided."

The present estimates should be sufficient as a whole to take care of the emergencies of relief and of orderly re-employment at least until the early part of the calendar year 1935. If at that time conditions have not improved as much as we hope today, the next congress will be in session and will have full opportunity to act.

Simultaneously strong intimations came from high government sources today that the administration expects the banks to do a greater share of carrying the load and putting out credit to carry the recovery drive along.

BARTLAM DISCUSSES IMPORT OF JUBILEE AT KIWANIS MEETING

Rev. Ernest Bartlam, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church was guest speaker at the Kiwanis club luncheon Monday, and spoke on the subject of Jubilee, which he told the club members, was a Hebrew word meaning "the sound of trumpets."

After speaking of the Queen Victoria Jubilee in 1887 and the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1897 which brought about an era of improvement in business, as well as in mind and ideals, Rev. Bartlam spoke of Oregon's Jubilee, to be observed here the first week in June.

Rev. Bartlam said "The Oregon Jubilee is a re-dedication of love to the finest kind of American ideals. We are in the midst of all kinds of experimentation, and don't know what the future holds for us. The day is here for straight and sane thinking. Unrestrained greed has brought about the present condition."

WILL ROGERS SAYS: SANTA MONICA, Cal., May 14.—Mothers had their day Sunday, but they are back where they belong today. Don't want to spoil 'em. If you brag on 'em too much they will get as swell-headed as the fathers and children.

Senate passed the bill to regulate Wall Street. The government is going to put traffic lights on it.

It's always been a hit-and-run street. The red light tells you you better stop and wait before buying. The green light tells you that you are a sucker anyhow and you just as well go ahead. The yellow light means put up no more margins, let 'em sell you out.

ASHLAND UNDERPASS BUILDING APPROVED

ASHLAND, May 15.—(AP)—The public utilities commissioner today approved claims for the construction of an undergrade crossing beneath the Southern Pacific tracks on the Pacific highway north of Ashland.

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JOHN BILLINGS MILK OFFICIAL FOR OREGON

Oregon milk control board, through its chairman, E. G. Harlan, has announced the appointment of John S. Billings of Ashland as field representative for the southern Oregon district.

A meeting of milk distributors will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock, at the local Chamber of Commerce, and all distributors are requested to attend in order to meet Mr. Billings and secure full information on the board's rulings.

DITSWORTH BERRIES NOW AT RELIABLE

Frank Ditsworth of Prospect announces that his mountain-grown strawberries, which are being featured at the Reliable grocery this week, are now at their best. Mr. Ditsworth says that he will have 3,000 crates of berries this year and he is employing 42 people to harvest the crop.

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