

The Weather
 Forecast: Cloudy with rain tonight and Saturday; warmer tonight.
 Temperature
 Highest yesterday 67
 Lowest this morning 38

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FIRE MENACES PORTLAND DOCKS



News Behind The News
 By PAUL MALLON.
 WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 19.—The inside story of what really happened in the White House and the all-powerful United States Chamber of Commerce in the recent question-mark dispute is the best tale yet to illustrate how things are done backstage in Washington.

The White House refuses to confirm or deny it, and the chamber naturally cannot be expected to talk, but an authentic account of the affair can be had. It shows that the misunderstanding was not patched up in that recent conference between Mr. Roosevelt and the chamber president, Harriman, but exists worse than ever. Reverberations may be heard from now on.

The trouble began when the chamber some weeks ago issued that list of questions for the president to answer, implying that he must do so to clear up business uncertainty. The press rather generally interpreted the questionnaire as a noble effort to put the president on the spot. Mr. Roosevelt said the questions sounded like that old one: "When did you stop beating your wife?"

The White House was upset and began an investigation to determine whether the chamber had ever before issued a questionnaire to a president. No precedent could be found.

The chamber of commerce is understood to have informed new dealers privately that the questions were not intended to be questions at all. They were simply a list of "subjects" like those which the chamber had occasionally in the past submitted to previous presidents.

That took the sting out of them a little, but not much, because all the so-called "subjects" still had question marks behind them. Also, the president was still publicly left on the spot.

After that phase quieted down the chamber is understood to have dispatched an emissary to the White House in an effort to make peace. This emissary explained the chamber was not gunning for the new dealers and that Mr. Harriman would like to see Mr. Roosevelt.

No definite answer was given then, but before the emissary got back to chamber headquarters the White House called up Mr. Harriman and told him to come over.

The conference was highly successful. The gentlemen shook hands and peace was again established. But Mr. Harriman walked out of the conference and informed news men that he had been called to the White House by the president.

You can imagine what effect that had on the Hyde Park square, when he saw it in the papers. He had decided to forget about the question marks, but here was Mr. Harriman making it appear that the White House had meekly initiated the peace arrangements.

It was obviously only an unfortunate circumstance that when two emissaries like that occur in succession, they become something more than circumstances. Unquestionably the affair will be straightened out eventually, but just now it is dangerous to mention the chamber of commerce around the White House.

ALL EQUIPMENT CALLED OUT BY 4-ALARM BLAZE

Masterly Work Of Firemen Saves Huge Terminal—Steamers Moved To Mid-Stream—Wind Fans Fire.

Pears Are Safe
 The Mail Tribune received a telegram from Guy Conner this afternoon which stated that the destructive dock fire along the Portland waterfront while still raging at 2 p. m. had not injured the Medford pears in cold storage, and he believed the conflagration would soon be under control. Conner is in Portland looking after the local storage and shipment of cold pears by steamer through the Panama canal. He plans to take the trip on the ship to New York, inspecting the pears en route.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 19.—(AP)—In a spectacular, crushing "stop" against one of the most serious fire threats Portland has had in years, massed equipment joined today in smothering a seething fire on the northshore waterfront. Damage to the oceanic terminal, to which the flames were confined, was estimated by firemen at from \$75,000 to \$100,000.

The fire, which for a time threatened to become a conflagration, was said by firemen to have started from ashes left by a workman who had burned a pile of waste paper on the dock property.

Fine Work by Firemen
 Seventeen engine companies and three fireboats converged on the blazing dock property. In response to a fourth alarm, observers declared it was the finest feat of fire fighting ever seen.

Most of the damage was on the pier No. 2 on the north side of the \$800,000 terminal building. Alert action

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GEN. VON KLUCK DIES IN BERLIN

BERLIN, Oct. 19.—(AP)—General Alexander von Kluck, the German who nearly captured Paris, died at his home today aged 88 years.

The aged field marshal long had been succeeded by the death of his only grandson, Alexander, who suffered fatal injuries in a motor accident near Bordeaux last March.

Von Kluck's name stood out among those of German military leaders as the man whose forces nearly took Paris in 1914.

The 85th birthday of the old fighter on May 20, 1931, was the signal for a great demonstration by the former comrades of Field Marshal von Kluck.

ON TO CALIFORNIA IS CRY OF JOBLESS

PHOENIX, Ariz., Oct. 19.—(AP)—More than 36,000 unemployed passed through Arizona en route to California during the past month, Florence Warner, federal relief administrator for this state said today.

She declared the situation has become serious for Arizona necessitating the feeding of 1000 persons a day at the federal transient camp in addition to 1000 taken care of there.

Miss Warner said she attributes the westward movement to the "end poverty in California" plan of Upton Sinclair, democratic candidate for governor there.

Boy King Renounces Toys To Assume Serious Reign

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Oct. 19.—(AP)—King Peter gave his toys to his brothers today.

The 11 year old monarch having recovered from the first shock of his father's assassination, begins his reign by turning his playthings over to Tomislav and Andrea, who dined with joy.

Peter the second now is free to enter seriously his royal task under the king's tutelage.

The king took an early morning ride with his brothers through neighboring woods. He was mounted on a spirited brown horse which Alexander gave him on his tenth birthday to rejoice the fat old pony on which he was accustomed to ride.

Southern Oregon's Hermit



William T. Jowett, 70, "Hermit of Jackass Mountain" in the Antelope section of Oregon, may be one of the oldest veterans at the American Legion convention in Miami, but he knows his place when there are beach beauties around. At home in Southern Oregon, Jowett lives 80 miles from his nearest neighbor, but each year the veteran packs his bar-bucks bag and heads for the national convention of the Legion.

STRIKES BLAMED FOR HUGE SLUMP IN EMPLOYMENT

WASHINGTON, Oct. 19.—(AP)—A decline in employment last month, bringing it to the level of October, 1931, was reported today by the labor department.

Had the textile strike not occurred, however, Secretary Perkins said employment would have increased by 116,000.

"The most pronounced employment gains occurred in wholesale and retail trade and in the coal mining, building construction, dyeing and cleaning, and power and light industries," she added.

Important declines took place in iron and steel, hardware, automobile and boot and shoe industries.

"Decreases in the last three of these industries usually occur at this time of the year."

Recent reports, Miss Perkins continued, have indicated that retail clothing sales just now are much greater than a year ago. This may result, she said, in an increase in clothing manufacture—a month contrary to a usual seasonal decline.

HAUPTMANN ASKS NEW ALIBI CHANGE

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Bruno Richard Hauptmann, through his attorney, appealed today to the appellate division of the supreme court for permission to introduce new evidence to support his alibi in his efforts to escape extradition to New Jersey on a murder indictment in the Lindbergh baby kidnapping.

James M. Fawcett, defense counsel, asked the court that he be allowed to introduce a witness, Joseph M. Purcht, superintendent of construction at the Majestic hotel.

The attorney told the court Purcht would testify that he employed Hauptmann March 1, 1932, the day of the kidnapping, from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m. and on March 2, 3 and 4 of the same year.

He then returned to the Yugoslav where he received a number of Yugoslav delegations who came here for his father's funeral. A patriarchal, bearded man and a wrinkled old woman bowed before the new king, kissing the hem of his garment and wishing him long life.

After receiving other visitors Peter started his lessons under his tutor, C. C. Parrott, who returned with him from London. Peter's favorite subjects are spelling, botany and geography.

After finishing his lessons Peter spent some time with his grief-stricken mother, whom he tried to solace.

"There has some mama, but I'll always be good and true to you," the court chamberlains heard him say.

YUGOSLAV TROOPS REPORTED MOVING TO HUNGARY

BELGRADE, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Nicholas Titulescu, foreign minister of Rumania, declared today that if international measures are not taken immediately against European terrorism, grave conflicts may result in Europe.

The veteran Rumanian statesman made this declaration before a conference of the foreign ministers of the Little Entente—Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania—and signatories of the Balkan pact.

His reference was regarded as being to the recent assassination of King Alexander of Yugoslavia.

MARIBOR, Yugoslavia, Oct. 19.—(AP)—An unconfirmed report from a usually reliable source said today that Yugoslavia was concentrating troops along the Hungarian border.

Neutral observers here regarded the situation along the Hungarian-Yugoslav frontier as "dangerous."

Four former opponents of the regime of King Alexander were freed today from the government ban against them. They are Dr. Korosevic, former premier of Yugoslavia, Dr. Kulover, Dr. Balacevic, and Dr. Obrivic.

It was generally believed that a general amnesty soon would be granted all Croatian leaders who are in prison.

The release of the Slovenian clerical party was viewed here as inauspicious.

MOTT SPEAKS IN ASHLAND MONDAY

ASHLAND, Oct. 19.—(Sp.)—James W. Mott, Marion county, candidate for representative in congress from the first district, will be the guest speaker at a meeting of the Ashland Republican club next Monday night at 7:30 in the city hall.

Other Republican candidates for state and county offices have been invited to appear for brief statements. It was announced by Frank VanDyke, president of the local club.

George Roberts, Medford attorney, has been invited to address the meeting on the subject of the 20 mill tax limitation bill.

An open invitation has been extended in an effort to find a speaker to defend the proposed hearing area Amendment. Dr. E. A. Woods has consented to take the opposite side in open debate.

K. F. FIRM LOW ON CRATER ROAD JOB

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 19.—(AP)—A bid of \$112,215, submitted by Dun & Baker of Klamath Falls, was low when proposals were opened by the federal bureau of public roads here today for work in Crater Lake national park.

The work will consist of grading a 1.5-mile section of the east rim road from Sentinel Rock to Mount Scott saddle, and widening about 10 miles of previous construction from Cloud Cap to a point two miles east of the Diamond Lake highway junction.

A Del. Guzzo of Seattle bid \$122,915; Earl L. McNutt of Eugene, \$133,015; Von Der Hellen & Pierson of Medford, \$151,256; F. C. Dillard of Medford, \$155,998; and E. C. Hall of Eugene, \$164,151.

Dead Whales On California Coast Menace Shipping

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Oct. 19.—(AP)—Dead whales are the latest menace to shipping in southern California waters. Four of the monstrous mammals have been reported drifting aimlessly between Los Angeles harbor and Acapulco, Mex., since Sunday.

One was washed up on the shore at Long Beach Sunday and had to be removed by the coast guard. Another was struck by the U. S. submarine Cachol. Another was sighted off Ensenada by the freighter Alaskan, and the fourth was reported by the commander of submarine division twelve.

Scientists are at a loss to explain the strange epidemic among the whales.

KIDNAPERS TRAIL LOST WHEN AUTO OUTSPEEDS COPS

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Police of Philadelphia and towns adjoining on the west and south joined today in a lookout for a sedan which may contain Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., named as the kidnaper of Mrs. Alice Speed Stoll.

The car, pursued north from Wilmington, Del., carried three men. One of the two Delaware state policemen who chased it said one of the trio strongly resembled Robinson, whose photographs he has studied.

The troopers reported the sedan roared away and outdistanced them after they attempted to question the driver for operating on one headlight.

A Marcus Hook policeman, warned of the cars approach to that town, tried to stop it and was nearly run down. The pursuit was continued through Delaware river towns north to Darby, a Philadelphia suburb, where the trail was lost.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Oct. 19.—(AP)—Dr. E. W. Cooke, Tennessee commissioner of institutions, said today he was "confident" Thomas H. Robinson, Jr., accused of the kidnaping of Mrs. Berry V. Stoll, "was not insane when he was discharged from the Western State hospital," and that "most assuredly he knows right from wrong."

In a statement detailing Robinson's record at the Central and Western State hospitals from August 24, 1930, Dr. Cooke, who was superintendent of the latter institution when Robinson was an inmate there, said he had "realized" that the youth "was a born criminal that would perhaps be in more trouble sooner or later."

Although saying he was reluctant to release Robinson from the Western State hospital August 24, 1930, Dr. Cooke added that "in view of the fact that our diagnosis was psychopathic personality and not insanity, it was our duty to discharge him regardless of whether or not he would continue to be a law violator."

JUNK MAN'S SON MUM ON KIDNAP

NEWPORT, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Lewna Esposto returned home late last night, more than three days after he had been reported kidnaped for \$20,000 ransom, but he refused to say police.

"Our work is just beginning," a federal agent said today.

He made this comment after a score of detectives had gone home to bed, thwarted in their desire to question the 23-year old son of Antonio Esposto, junk yard owner. They rushed to the Esposto home after a friend had delivered Lewis there.

"I'm too tired to talk now; I may talk tomorrow." That was the word the young man gave police through his father.

"We haven't paid a cent," the older Esposto said.

AIMEE'S INCOME TAX UNPAID IS CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Evangelist Aimee Semple McPherson was accused today of not paying her 1928 income tax, in a lien for \$635.52 filed today by John P. Carter, collector of internal revenue.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Oct. 19.—(AP)—Word was received by college officials today that George O. Gatlin, 46, who recently resigned after more than six years service as extension cooperative marketing specialist at Oregon State college, died suddenly last night at his former home in Murray, Ky.

PIECE OF APPLE CLOGS WINDPIPE

TOKYO, Japan, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Two hundred and fifty-two delegates from 37 nations gathered in Tokyo today for the commencement of the fifteenth quadrennial International Red Cross congress which opens tomorrow.

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The court announced that the criminal cases would be heard whenever opportunity offered, during the term of court scheduled to start next Monday. Civil cases will occupy the court until mid-November, according to the docket, as now arranged.

Closing of Rogue To Cannerymen is Urged By Cowgill

MARSHFIELD, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Closing of the Rogue river to commercial fishing to prevent its becoming "fished out" was urged here Thursday by Ralph P. Cowgill, engineer for the state game commission.

The lower Rogue, Cowgill said, should be preserved as a purely sports fishing stream. Continued commercial operations, he said, will eventually exterminate game fish in the river.

Sportmen of Coos county are making a drive to direct permanent closing of the Rogue to commercial fishing.

HUNTER FIRES AT 'HORNS', FRIEND IS FATALLY WOUNDED

BAKER, Oct. 19.—(AP)—Russell Fleetwood of Unity was fatally injured by a bullet fired from the rifle of "Mike" Palmer of Unity at the head of West Camp creek in Baker county Thursday in the first deer-hunting fatality in this vicinity this year.

Fleetwood and Wilson Whitted, who were in the same hunting party as Palmer, became tired and sat down near some chaparral. Palmer walked over a ridge a distance of 300 yards away and immediately saw the white hair worn by the two men. After watching his companions for a few minutes Palmer saw one of the guns held by the men moved and believed it was a deer horn. He fired and although the bullet passed over Fleetwood and Whitted they turned to look in the direction of the sound. As the two hunters turned they moved their guns, which appeared to Palmer to be a pair of horns. He fired and the second bullet struck Fleetwood in the groin after passing through his watch.

Fleetwood was placed on a horse for a five-mile trip to the road, but died before he reached the point where the men were met by an ambulance driver and doctor, who were called from Baker by Palmer telephoning from a lookout station.

Fleetwood, who was about 32 years old, is survived by a wife and four children.

RED CROSS OPENS TOKYO CONCLAVE

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Oct. 18.—In most places it's awful hard to get folk to go and register to vote, but out here in Los Angeles where we do everything "big," why each qualified voter is allowed to register himself and 10 dead friends. Why he hasn't got 10 dead friends, why he is, is just so they don't live in this state.

The Republicans are kicking on the arrangement, as they claim that system of registration gives the Democrats the best of it, as very few Republicans have 10 friends.

You ought to come out here some time. We do have the most fun.

Will Rogers.
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ROOSEVELT WARNS VETS BONUS CASH IS NOT AVAILABLE

Nation's Ex-Soldiers Told They're Better Off Than Any Other Group Of Citizens—Dedicates Hospital

VETERANS HOSPITAL, Roanoke, Va., Oct. 19.—(AP)—Granting before massed thousands in a natural amphitheater, President Roosevelt today dedicated the new veterans' hospital here with a reminder to World War veterans that they were "better off" than other large groups of citizens. While they would be amply provided for they should remember, he said, that thousands of "forgotten" under-privileged persons demand immediate aid.

ROANOKE, Va., Oct. 19.—(AP)—Without mentioning the bonus, President Roosevelt told the nation's veterans today they were "better off" than any other great group of citizens and called to their attention the needs of the under-privileged "forgotten" in every locality.

Dedicating the new \$1,700,000 veterans' hospital near here, the chief executive pledged anew the administration policy that "disabled and sick veterans shall be accorded the best treatment which medical and surgical science can supply."

Appeal For Under-Privileged
 But he appealed to the under-privileged groups, the existence of which he said were "a definite drag against the return to prosperity."

With the American Legion convention at Miami only a few days off, the president's remarks were plainly a warning that the government was in no position to cash the bonus at this time.

"It must remain our constant objective to eliminate the causes of depression and the drag on prosperity," Mr. Roosevelt said.

"It will cost money to do this," he asserted, and at the same time gave an assurance to business and

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NOT GUILTY PLEA MADE BY PIERCE

Drury F. Pierce, Central Point farm hand indicted for grand larceny for alleged theft a month ago of approximately \$4000 from his employers, was arraigned in circuit court this morning and entered a plea of not guilty. Pierce is alleged to have stolen the sum from his hiding place and to have stock-in, and made plans to leave.

James E. Rockman and Kyle Pugh, indicted for criminal syndicates, were granted until next Tuesday to enter pleas. Both are represented by Attorney Irwin Goodman of Portland, who has been delayed in getting in touch with his clients. Both are charged with possession of communistic literature advocating overthrow of the American form of government.

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RETAIL TRADE SWINGS UP SHARPLY IN CURRENT WEEK

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—(AP)—The Dun & Bradstreet weekly trade report said today that "the most vigorous forward step of the fall season was recorded this week" in general trade movements.

Reports from all parts of the country, asserted the sharp increase in retail distribution, "particularly pronounced in the farm areas, where government funds are being distributed at a constantly enlarging rate."

While one of the fundamental uncertainties are yet to be removed, confidence is more definitely in evidence.

"The average of industrial opera-