

The Weather
Forecast: Fair tonight and Tuesday,
but with some low clouds or fog;
little change in temperature.
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KIDNAPERS WIFE PLEADS GUILTY



News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Senator Borah's campaign to beautify the G. O. P. elephant is working out splendidly, but not so well underneath. The Idaho beautician is getting full of pats on the back from out in the country. Editorial press clippings on his desk are generally favorable. But the inside fact is he has been able to make no headway at all with the general run of Republican authorities who hang around Washington. In and out of congress.

One reason is that they do not like Dr. Borah. As one wise and practical Republican authority expressed it, in a different metaphor, the other day: "When a man wants to put his house in order, he does not call on the next door neighbors of the Republican party."

There is another more important reason. The Washington Republican authorities know that a reorganization of the party must come, but they do not believe a firm base exists for it now. To them it is a simple question of practical politics.

Reorganization now would center largely in throwing out Chairman Fletcher and replacing him with someone who has a more innocent facial expression. If some barefoot boy with cheek of tan would leave off splitting rails, or whatever they split on the farms nowadays, and take over the chairmanship, the public front of the party would have less of the best-dressed-gentleman appearance. The Republican thinkers concede it would be better to have someone with more freckles than Fletcher has.

But they considered that important only if they adopted the adoption of new party doctrine. They do not see how that could be accomplished from a practical standpoint.

They consider Borah's anti-monopoly, constitutional liberty and wealth redistribution ideas as good stretch them or contract any one can will to fit his own transient conservative or liberal principles. In fact, they can be stretched all the way from Huey Long to Carter Glass, which is quite a distance. But to adopt them as a party platform now is another matter.

This may be said to represent in varying degrees the private view of Republicans, from the Senator Couzens type up. You will not find them coming out and saying anything like that, but you will be able to read it in their actions from now on.

In view of their eminence and influence, it would appear that there isn't going to be any party reorganization right now.

Your breath will be knocked out in a few weeks when you find the extent to which Republican congressmen already have recanted their stances. Nobody knows the tortuous personal transformation they have gone through since the last election. No one will know until they start voting in congress shortly on the soldier bonus, old-age pensions, social insurance and such things.

They are going to go much further than the new deal. Most of them have to. They are up for re-election in '36. They observed that a candidate must do to be popular. It will be necessary for them to avail life-long economic benefits, in some instances. Their business and banking pals will not welcome them when they return home from the coming session. However, self-preservation is the first law in congress, as elsewhere.

This transformation means that President Roosevelt will have virtually no conservative opposition from the republican side at the coming session. His recommendations will be rejected. But by few and large, the republican boys will propose to go even further than he proposes to go. The old business type of conservative big action is a thing of the past.

Senator Fletcher's idea for a central congressional banking committee, with three members from each house, is not really designed to encourage further banking legislation, but to discourage it. Senator Glass is supposed to be behind the move, helping (as do some new dealers) to keep a small group in control, so that banking legislation will not get out of hand.

CLARA FELDMAN WAITS SENTENCE IN URSCHEL CASE

Mate of Albert Bates Admits Having Hand in Conspiracy to Abduct Rich Oklahoma Oil Magnate

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Mrs. Clara Feldman, wife of Albert Bates, convicted kidnaper, pleaded guilty in federal court this afternoon to an indictment charging conspiracy in the Urschel kidnaping case.

Alvin Scott, indicted with Mrs. Feldman, pleaded not guilty after he told the court he would "plead guilty in part," and was told that he could not do that.

Don of James C. Mathers, Oklahoma City attorney, whose indictment was announced today in the case, was reduced by order of Federal Judge Edgar S. Vought from \$25,000 to \$10,000.

No date of sentence for Mrs. Feldman was set.

DENVER, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The arrest of Ben Laska, Denver attorney, on a charge of complicity in the Urschel kidnaping, was announced today by Harold Nathan, assistant chief of the division of investigation of the department of justice.

Laska was indicted, said Nathan, with James C. Mathers, Oklahoma City attorney, for "illegal participation in the division of the Urschel ransom money apportioned to Albert Bates."

Bates now is confined with Harvey Bauer, notorious southwestern desperado, and George (Machine Gun) Kelly in Alcatraz prison, San Francisco, for the \$300,000 abduction in 1933 of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire.

"More than Laska," said Nathan, "has suspected for considerable period that his (Laska's) relations to various members of the underworld with whom he has been associated have been of an intensive and extended nature those based upon the legitimate duties and responsibilities of an attorney to his clients."

Laska, who appeared as counsel (Continued on Page Three)

NEW EVIDENCE IN MURDER OF MISH INVOLVES COPPER

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—While the accused man argued with dogged persistence that he knew nothing of the slaying, police announced today they had uncovered new and vital evidence linking Joseph J. Coburn, 24, a special policeman, with the brutal killing last week of Simon Mish, 70, retired merchant.

Jack Keegan, chief of detectives, said a broken link from a wristband of a watch had been found in the pocket of Coburn's coat. The discovery was made by Dr. Warren C. Hunter of the University of Oregon medical school. Captain Keegan said G. W. Smith, business associate of Mish, had identified the link as part of a band worn by Mish.

The elderly merchant was hounded to death last Tuesday night. He had been robbed and his house and the body of his pet dog were found in a fish pond in the Mish garden. Physicians said Mish was still breathing when he was thrown in the water.

HEALTH CHAMPS OF 4-H CLUBS



Because Doris Louise Paul, 15-year-old girl of Muscatine county, Iowa, and Leland Monasmith, 18-year-old lad from Jerard county, S. D., were so outstanding among entrants in the annual 4-H club health contest in Chicago, officials reversed the pair to have no individual champions this year and crowned the pair health king and queen of the United States. (Associated Press Photo)

WRIGHT BROTHERS PAID TRIBUTE ON PLANE BIRTHDAY

DAYTON, O., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Chiefs of the nation's three aviation branches joined with fliers and civic leaders today to pay tribute to the Wright Brothers on the 51st anniversary of the first flight of a heavier-than-air machine.

Major General Benjamin D. Foulois, chief of the army air corps; Rear Admiral Ernest L. King, chief of the navy bureau of aeronautics; and Ernest L. King, chief of the bureau of air commerce, flew here early today from Washington.

As representatives of a grateful nation, and at the personal request of President Roosevelt, they paid tribute to Orville Wright at his home, and visited the grave of Wilbur Wright in Woodland cemetery.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The 51st birthday today of the airplane finds the Pacific ocean looming for the commercial aviation supremacy.

Indications are the trans-Pacific link, the last to be forged in the round-the-world chain of airplane and dirigible services, will be a reality by the time another December 17 rolls around.

A 26-passenger, 20-ton flying boat similar to those used in the West Indies service is being tested for potential use on the Pacific. Three amphibian planes which would be adapted for trans-Pacific flying are being built ostensibly for inter-island routes in Hawaii. A Japanese corporation is dickering for German dirigibles.

HOLD JUDGE'S SON FOR MURDER TRIAL

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Phil Kennamer, 19-year-old son of Federal Judge Franklin E. Kennamer, was bound over today for district court trial in January on a charge of murdering John F. Gorrell, 33-year-old dentistry student, here Thanksgiving night.

Young Kennamer, who previously had declared he killed Gorrell in self-defense, appeared pale and tense as he stared at Floyd J. Huff, Kansas City aviator, who was the state's chief witness.

LEAGUE MOVES TO PREVENT FURTHER CLASHES IN SAAR

Wounding of Citizen by British Police Officer Rouses Bitter Resentment — Nazis Call Protest Meet

SAARBRECKEN, Saar Territory, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Rigid precautions to prevent clashes between international troops and Saarlanders were adopted today after bitter resentment was aroused by an Anglo-native street fight.

A resident of the Saar was wounded by a British police officer's pistol yesterday, and in the resulting scuffle, the officer and an English nobleman were beaten.

The incident tensed over the January 13 plebiscite which will decide its future. It came as the League of Nations moved an international army into the territory to preserve order during the vote.

Nazis Call Protest Meet When news of the shooting and subsequent beatings filtered through the Saar, the German front, a Nazi organization, called special meetings of protest.

A quick investigation was ordered by the league governing commission, which announced the suspension of Captain James Justice, the officer involved, until completion of the inquiry.

The trouble began early Sunday when Justice's car bearing also the earl of Aylesford and Fraulein Kathie Braun, a German girl, swerved upon the sidewalk of a narrow street and injured a woman.

Justice, member of an international police force in the Saar, apologized to (Continued on Page Three)

PWA PLAN DRAWS MIXTURE PRAISE, DOUBTS

Plan for Natural Resources Would Distribute Human Welfare Through Land—Some Doubt Wisdom

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A significant plan for America's natural resources, proposed to President Roosevelt as a means of distributing "human welfare" through the land, stirred a mixture of praise and doubt on Capitol Hill today.

While some described the report of the president's national resources board as "very progressive" and "excellent," others expressed doubt about the wisdom of a permanent public works administration, which the board suggested.

Many, including regular publishing more study of the 100,000-word report on a long-range plan for the nation's land, water and mineral wealth, which includes these salient points:

1. A six-year public works budget with a ten billion dollar reserve fund and elimination of "extraneous" public works — federal, state and local.

2. A program to retire 75,000,000 acres of submarginal or hardscrabble (Continued on Page Eight)

NAME SUCCESSOR TO JUDGE EKWALL

PORTLAND, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Governor Meier today appointed John P. Winter, Portland attorney, to the Multnomah county circuit bench to succeed William A. Ekwall, congressman-elect from the third Oregon district.

Ekwall's resignation and Winter's appointment are effective January 1. Judge Ekwall will leave for Washington, D. C., on Christmas night to assume his congressional duties.

Judge Winter, 64, came to Portland from Pendleton 20 years ago. He taught in the Portland law school five years, and for the past 14 years has been associated with Norma Kuykendall in the practice of law. He received his law degree in 1908 from University of Missouri.

Miss Alice Newland of Portland will be secretary to Congressman Ekwall.

PRINCESS BARBARA TO SPREAD CHEER

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A real-life princess, Barbara Hutton Melvill, stepped out of her story-book existence today to assure a merry Christmas for 10,000 needy.

COUNTESS DENIES RIFT

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When Countess Cavadonga arrived in New York from Paris to visit her parents in Cuba, she vigorously denied reports that she was to separate from her husband, the eldest son of former King Alfonso of Spain. "It's all a terrible misunderstanding," said the daughter of a wealthy Cuban merchant. (Associated Press Photo)

POST WILL PLAY CHRISTMAS HOST FOR COMMUNITY

Medford post of the American Legion will have a community Christmas tree at the high school auditorium, starting at 2 p. m., Sunday, December 23. Every one is invited to enjoy the entertainment program and watch Santa Claus distribute presents for all the children who are under 10 years of age.

Members of the Auxiliary will attend to the securing and distribution of presents. Those on the Auxiliary committee are Edna Overmyer, Madeline Godding, G. Humphreys, Helen Semon and Lucille Wynmore.

Legionnaires who have been given the task of arranging the stage, tree and presents and other work at the affair are Fred Scheffel, Bill Holloway, Dr. Sherswood, Dr. Elliott and Horace Bromberg.

'IT' GIRL MOTHER OF BOUNCING BOY

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A bouncing blue eyed baby boy today was Clara Bow's answer to critics of America's "flaming youth."

The "famous" seven and a half pounds worth, arrived just before dawn yesterday to take immediate charge of the affairs of his film-notable parents, Clara and her tall, cowboy-actor, Rex Bell.

HAUPTMANN IS DENIED GLIMPSE OF LADDER

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Attorney General David T. Wilentz today denied the request of Wilentz Richard Hauptmann's lawyers for permission to inspect the Lindbergh kidnap lodges, the premises of Hauptmann's Bronx home and the Lindbergh estate at Hopewell.

Major Robert P. Dark acted as train commander, with Captain Glen J. Key as mess officer, and Dr. Leonard L. Lamb as train surgeon. Tomorrow another special train of CCC men from this district will leave Coquille, with First Lieutenant Philo D. Smith as train commander and mess officer, and First Lieutenant Frank W. Rafferty as train surgeon.

CARGILL COURT SCENE OF FIRE EARLY SUNDAY

Blaze Starting Near Roof Damages Four Apartments — Bateman Home On Ninth Street Damaged

In two week end fires, both quickly controlled by the Medford fire department, approximately \$500 damage was caused at Cargill court early Sunday morning when a blaze started near the roof and worked down thru four apartments, and approximately \$800 at the residence of Peril C. Bateman, 1123 West Ninth street early this morning, when a blaze started from a faulty fireplace, swept up a stairway and burned out a portion of the roof.

At Cargill court the damage on four floors were badly damaged but the fire was confined to one section of the building, as firemen held it within the partitions on each floor. It started before 7:30 a. m., according to Fire Chief Roy Elliott. No evidence of a cause has been found, but due to the fact that there were no heating appliances where the fire started, faulty wiring is blamed.

Past work on the part of firemen prevented further damage except to the kitchens of some of the apartments, the walls of which were burned. The inhabitants of the four apartments were Chief of Police Clatus McCredie, A. E. Peasley, Emma Jenkins and Mrs. Viola Corby, Richard Kooyig.

As the fire department reached the apartment soon after the blaze broke out, there was no confusion in the building, and the residents had ample time to leave safely. The fire was completely under control within an hour and a half after the alarm was turned in.

In the Ninth street residence, smoldering logs in the fireplace was given as the cause of the blaze, which broke out about 3:30 a. m. and was under control by 4 o'clock.

Firemen saved practically all the furniture by covering it, and had the fire extinguished after it destroyed a stairway, section of the attic, and part of the roof.

RECKLESS DRIVERS ASSESSED FINES

John Christen, 41, of Kenwood avenue, was fined \$50 today in city court on charges of reckless driving, having been arrested early Sunday morning on West Main street by city police. Judge Allen D. Curry prohibited Christen from using his car for 90 days, as the driver had no driver's license.

Blanche Ritchie, 35, employe of the Pantorium, was fined \$25 and costs in Justice court today also on charges of reckless driving, having been arrested on the Jacksonville highway near Medford last night by state police. Authorities said her car had run into a group of mailboxes on the side of the highway, one of the posts being knocked through the windshield of her car.

DR. DAFOE PLAYS SANTA TO DIONNES

CALLANDER, Ont., Dec. 17.—(AP)—A real Santa Claus without whiskers but a real Santa Claus just the same came today, through the snow-dressed northland, to the Dionne quintuplets.

Dr. Allan Roy Dafoe has never had as happy a Yule-season chore as that upon which he entered today. Just back from New York and its gift-grammed shops, Dr. Dafoe piled his motorcar high with bundles for the two and one-half mile drive to the hospital down whose chimney Santa must slide a week from tonight for his first visit to the five famous daughters of Olivia and Klara Dionne.

Everything a Christmas pack should hold was in the doctor's car at, ending a two week's vacation in the United States—where he saw the second talking movie of his life and his first night club—he drove to the hospital.

Tickets On Sale
Reservation of tables for the American Legion's Ten Nights in a Barroom may now be made at the Oregon State Motor Registration Office at 85 South Riverside. Tickets may also be purchased at the A.A.A. headquarters or from Legionnaires, many of whom have a supply. The tickets are 65 cents.