

The Weather
Forecast: Unsettled with snow to night and Saturday; continued cold.
Temperature:
Highest yesterday 43
Lowest this morning 20

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BRUNO'S WIFE TELLS 'IT'S A LIE'



News Behind The News
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Too many negatives eventually make you positive. For instance, there is the present predicament of the abused Mr. Ickes, secretary of interior.

You can ascertain rather definitely that Mr. Ickes did not have his underwear man, Mr. Glavis, tap the telephone wire of a fellow cabinet officer, Postmaster General Farley. Nor did Mrs. Roosevelt become aroused at any snooping by the same Ickes agent around the Redville homesteading project.

The first lady did not inspire the presidential secretary, Louis Howe, to tell Mr. Ickes that he would have to get rid of his right-hand man, Mr. Burlew, as well as Mr. Glavis. Nor does the president himself know anything about that.

These denials have been widely circulated, except, perhaps the one about tapping Mr. Farley's wire. What happened was that Mr. Ickes denied at a press conference recently that there had been any wire-tapping. The name of Postmaster General Farley was not mentioned. There really was no need to mention it. The erroneous story was all over town.

If two negatives make an affirmative, as most grammarians insist, these numerous denials, with which Mr. Ickes now is virtually surrounded, certainly indicate that he and Mr. Glavis have been very busy in very high places.

That deduction is partially suggested also by what is behind the wire-tapping rumor.

NEIGHBOR'S STORY CAUSES BREAK IN WOMAN'S CONTROL

Hauptmann Suffering From Injury Shortly After Kidnaping Is Claim of Bronx Neighbor in Testimony

Colonel to Fly Pacific
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NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Intimate associates of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh said today that after the Hauptmann trial ends he is expected to fly across the Pacific ocean preliminary to the establishment of an American Air Transport service between California and China.

The colonel heads the technical committee of Pan-American Airways system and in that post probably would pilot one of the big flying boats over the 9000-mile projected route preliminary to the actual establishment of a service that would cut passenger and mail time over the Pacific between the United States and the Orient to 60 hours, flying instead of the four weeks required by steamship.

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Anna Hauptmann's nurse broke today at the trial of her husband for his life.

"It's a lie!" she shouted at a witness.

Mrs. Ella Achenbach, a Hauptmann neighbor in the Bronx, was the witness. She testified Mrs. Hauptmann said:

"You lie Mrs. Achenbach, you lie!" Mrs. Hauptmann flared.

Farmer Crushed When Shed Roof Falls With Snow

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Edward Everitt, 44, farmer, residing 16 miles east of Roseburg, was killed yesterday evening when crushed under the roof of a shed which collapsed with its weight of snow.

He was preparing turkeys for market and had corralled live birds in a log pole shed, walled in with wire netting. He was apparently engaged in catching birds inside the shed when supports collapsed.

Everitt was former master of the Glide Grange.

Surviving are the widow, two small daughters, and three brothers.

EMBROILED HOUSE CONTINUES ON JOB; SENATE ADJOURNS

First Major Administration Measure Hits Snags—House Hires More Help Than Any Session Before

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A roll call vote in an attempt to adjourn the house of representatives until Monday, lost by a vote of 32 to 27 here today, and the house adjourned to meet again at 10 a. m. Saturday.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The governor's budget control bill which would give him power to effect consolidations of departments other than those established by the constitution, will be reported out by the house administration committee later today with recommendation that it pass.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(AP)—With the first major administration measure running into snags, and the possibility of a definite fight against it, the senate branch of the state legislature adjourned before noon today for the week end, but the house continued in session and indicated it would convene again Saturday.

In the meantime another of the executive "conferences" of the state board of control was held in the governor's office with three state officials present. The only report obtainable from this conference was that "maybe there will be a board meeting next week and the press may then be admitted."

Job Relief Worries
Unemployment relief, resulting from the demand by the federal government the state must raise \$4,000,000 for relief, was causing the chief executive, but no measures along that line have yet been drafted. The proposed state NRA code, sponsored by the national administration, was likewise in the offing following a conference on the proposal held here yesterday with legislative leaders by D. L. Boland, federal representative of the NRA in the west.

While routine messages were being handled in both houses, observers commented upon the patronage dispensed in the house, with reports definitely supported that there were

HERMIT IS GUILTY IN FIRST DEGREE; RECOMMEND LIFE

Hugo Max Mayer, Lower Rogue Eccentric, Receives Jury Clemency—Sentence to Be Pronounced Soon

Ready for Hair Cut.
GRANTS PASS, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Hugo Mayer, whose shaggy hair was left unshorn at his trial for murder for which he was convicted yesterday, is ready for the barber.

He told a reporter in his cell today that he's ready anytime for the haircut.

Defense attorney objected previously to having his locks clipped in order to present the hermit "as he was in the wilderness."

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Hugo Mayer, eccentric hermit, who for 20 years roamed at will through the rugged Curry county hill country, today had nothing to look forward to in life but confining prison walls.

A circuit court jury late yesterday convicted him of murdering Robert Fantz, backwoods rancher whose cow paths crossed the wild animal trails in Mayer's wild trapping domain. The jury recommended leniency, so the death penalty will not be imposed when Mayer is sentenced tomorrow.

Mayer readily admitted he shot and killed Fantz, but declared the rancher was attempting to drive him from his chosen terrain. Defense attorneys contended Mayer was innocent from a blow on the head years ago.

Bars to Cage Curry Wildman



Hugo Max Mayer, after 20 years of freedom in the wilderness of the lower Rogue river country, faces life imprisonment as a result of a jury's verdict of first degree murder, with recommendation of leniency, yesterday in Grants Pass, where Mayer was tried for the slaying of Robert Fantz, a neighbor.—(A. P. Photo.)

CONTINUED SNOW THREATENS BLOCK MOUNTAIN ROADS

Klamath and Dunsuir Districts Heavily Blanketed—S. P. Routes Cascade Trains Over Shasta Rails

One of the longest uninterrupted snow storms in several years reached serious proportions today causing general concern through southern Oregon and northern California, laying the mountains deep in snow, covering the valleys with a blanket and placing a hazard on travel. In the Klamath Falls and Dunsuir districts blizzards threaten to completely paralyze traffic, while effects of the increasing drifts are being felt in the entire area.

While the last week's total of 1.02 inches of precipitation for Medford was being steadily increased today with a fine, peeling snowfall, the highways over the Greensprings and Siskiyou were becoming increasingly hazardous. Buoy snow plows had kept roads passable over both ranges this afternoon, but chains were pronounced absolutely necessary by motorists who made the crossings. More than four feet of snow lies on the level at the summits of both mountain ranges.

Reroute Trains
For the first time in several years Southern Pacific lines rerouted three of the four daily Cascade trains this morning, bringing them through Medford as a precautionary measure. Snow depths along the Cascade route were considered too dangerous this morning, although the afternoon northbound train was to have made its scheduled run over that route. The appearance here of the crack Cascade and West Coast trains, running behind schedule but making fast time, considering the snow, brought back the days when they made regular runs through Medford, and added to the general interest that is being taken here in the snowstorm.

The Medford postoffice reported today that all rural mail routes were being handled without interruption, and there were no reports of valley roads being closed to travel. Snow has reached depths of more than a foot in the higher parts of the valley, however, and chains are necessary on some of the softer foothill roads.

Precipitation, Half Snow
The weather bureau reported that

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TOWNSEND'S BILL WOULD BANKRUPT NATION, IS VIEW

PALM SPRINGS, Cal., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Samuel Untermyer, New York attorney, said today he believed the "so-called Townsend bill, introduced in congress, would bankrupt the nation."

Untermyer said he was opposed to the retention legislation that would give every man and woman over 60 years of age \$200 monthly because it was economically unsound, "fantastic and destructive."

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Proponents of the Townsend old age pension plan today failed to obtain assembly approval of their \$200-per-month proposal in the California legislature.

A resolution asking President Roosevelt and congress to give "careful consideration" to the Townsend plan and urging California's congressional delegation to back it was objected to by Assemblymen Williamson and Maloney, both Republicans of San Francisco. It was withdrawn.

An amended resolution, which simply asked the president and congress to enact adequate old age pension legislation and to include the Townsend plan among those to be considered, was passed by a vote of 73 to 1.

FREIGHT LOADING SHOWS INCREASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The association of American railroads announced today that loadings of revenue freight for the week ended January 12 were 533,875 cars, an increase of 55,602 over the preceding week but 5,591 below 1934 and 43,782 below 1935.

It was pointed out by the association that the previous week contained the New Year holiday which resulted in a decrease of loadings at that time.

Grain and grain products totalled 26,274 cars, 4,277 above the preceding week but 1,934 and 4,282 below 1934. In the western districts loadings totalled 16,588, a decrease of 2,598 from 1934.

AIRMAN MENDELL AND GIRL KILLED IN PLANE CRASH

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Blinded by fog, Loren W. Mendell, once holder of the endurance flying record, crashed his airplane into a mountainside 25 miles north of here late yesterday, fatally injuring himself and Miss Polly Louise Courmerrith, 24, dancer.

Both died before medical aid could be summoned.

Deputy Coroner E. P. Doyle identified the pair.

QUICK ACTION ON SOCIAL SECURITY PLANS PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Despite signs that strenuous efforts will be made to change major features of President Roosevelt's social security program, Democratic leaders predicted today that it would go through "promptly" and essentially unaltered.

Driving for quick action so states can act while 44 legislatures are in session, house leaders were said to be prepared to curb any revolting bloc by drastic rules if such a step is deemed necessary.

Praise and complaints mingled in the reaction to what the president told congress was a measure to prevent and alleviate "the dreadful consequences of economic insecurity."

JOE COLLINS HOME NEAR TOLO BURNS IN EARLY MORNING

In a fire strikingly alike in detail to the one which Wednesday evening destroyed the Ed Hanley home on Ross Lane, the 13-room farm home of Joe Collins, located near the Tolo overhead bridge, was totally destroyed by flames at 4 o'clock this morning. The house was covered by insurance, although the furniture is reported as a total loss.

Mr. Collins, his wife and daughter, were in the dwelling at the time of the conflagration. Due to the snow on the ground and the vigilance of neighbors who flocked to the scene in numbers to lend assistance, nearby dairy buildings were not damaged.

Collins is reported as having built a fire in a stove in the house early this morning, preparatory to doing his early chores. He returned to bed and the fire is believed to have started from the over-heated stove, the same cause as given for the Hanley fire.

BONUS SPONSORS PRESS FOR VOTE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Backers of the Patman bill to pay the \$2,100,000 soldiers' bonus with new treasury notes urged forward today with a threat to force a vote in the house if administration leaders seek delay.

In an informal caucus that threw into sharp relief a division of opinion among bonus advocates as to just what bill should be pressed, 125 house Democrats went on record last night for quick passage of the measure introduced by Rep. Patman (D., Tex.).

WILL ROGERS says:
I'll get in here and what do you think I find this senate arguing over? The world court. Now I don't want to split the party, but the world court is the dearest thing in this country outside of prohibition. It's all right to fix the world, but you better get your own smokehouse full of meat first.

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