

The Weather

Forecast: Unsettled with rain to-night and Wednesday; warmer to-morrow.

Highest yesterday 49
Lowest this morning 30

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KIDNAPER'S LADDER SHOWN JURY



News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—There is no optimism anywhere like a publicity man, especially a government publicity man. His micrograph grinds out numbers as big and round as Christmas themuses to measure the accomplishments of his side. But they do not always smell as good as they look.

A current example is an announcement by the Federal Housing Administration, estimating the home modernization drive accomplishments at \$205,000,000. That figure gets the headlines and people generally accept the fact that the FHA drive caused \$205,000,000 to be spent for home repairs and additions.

If you smell around a little you will find that the direct FHA accomplishment was less than one-sixth of that.

Only \$30,000,000 was advanced by banks to home owners under FHA insurance. A second \$30,000,000 of the total amount was probably advanced earlier by the Home Owners Loan Corporation, another new deal institution.

Nobody knows for sure about that, because the FHA merely asked its state directors to send in estimates of the total modernization in their areas. As the HOLC contributed \$30,000,000 for modernization loans, according to its own figures, there can be little question that the FHA estimate includes the results of HOLC loans. But that is only a sideline argument.

The main point is that \$175,000,000 of the \$205,000,000 FHA work was not done by FHA. And at least \$145,000,000 was not done by the government. It was merely privately financed work done during the government drive. Much of it, of course, is work that would have been done whether there was a government drive or not.

Yet in the last analysis, you cannot blame the publicity man for claiming all loose credit. It has been a custom among government officials and others outside the government, long before the press agent was invented.

The new deal lawyers who have been burning midnight electricity during the past two weeks are ready now for any decision from the supreme court. They would be willing to help the court to make the decision if the court needed any help.

One of the most interesting things they have dug up is a continuing historical excuse for new deal devaluation.

In the fourteenth, fifteenth, sixteenth, and right up to the nineteenth century, it was the legal custom for kings to call in outstanding gold coins whenever the treasury ran low, and clip them. That is, they would actually cut out of the gold a fractional part, as much as one-fifth in many cases. The coins were then returned to the people minus a fifth of their value. The king took the clippings.

There has been a long dispute among economists as to where Mr. Morgenthau's \$3,000,000,000 of book profit from gold came from.

PROSECUTOR WINS LONG BATTLE ON IMPORTANT POINT

More Witnesses Identify Hauptmann As Man Seen in Vicinity of Lindbergh Estate Before Murder

FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 22.—(AP)—The "kidnap ladder" which the state charges was used by Bruno Richard Hauptmann to take the Lindbergh baby from its nursery, was finally admitted as evidence today in the trial of the German ex-convict for murder.

"I feel constrained to admit this ladder in evidence," Justice Thomas W. Trencard said. "It will be admitted."

It was a major victory for the state, which sought to link Hauptmann with the ladder through wood used in making it and tools which they claim came from his tool chest.

For the three weeks of the trial the defense has fought bitterly to keep the ladder out of evidence. In its final argument today Frederick A. Pope carried the burden of argument.

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FLEMINGTON, N. J., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Two more residents of the Sourland country surrounding the home of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh today identified Bruno Hauptmann as a man lurking in that vicinity before the kidnaping and murder of the aviator's infant son. Millard Whited, a logger with a farm next to the Lindbergh estate, testified in Hauptmann's trial that he saw him on two occasions within a fortnight of the crime, and Charles Rosetter of Maplewood, N. J., testified he saw him on a road near the Princeton airport, about 14 miles from Hopewell, four days before the baby was stolen from its crib.

Rosetter said he saw Hauptmann on the Hopewell road standing at the rear of his auto.

Offered Help
"I got out of my car," he said, "and walked to the rear of his car. I offered help, but he said he didn't need any help."

Then, for from five to eight minutes, Rosetter testified, "I stood there looking him over."

Rosetter remembered the incident was on the Saturday before the kidnaping. Whited testified he saw Hauptmann on February 18, 1932, and on February 23 and 27, 1932. The baby was kidnaped on March 1, 1932, Tuesday.

Injured by Auto



SALEM, Jan. 22.—(AP)—George W. Dunn, state senator from Ashland, received minor head injuries here last night when he was struck by a car while crossing one of the downtown intersections. He was taken to a hospital for treatment, but stated later he was not seriously injured. He did not expect to attend the senate session today.

BODY OF KIDNAP VICTIM IS FOUND

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 22.—(AP)—The body of William Weiss, kidnaped and slain night life character, was recovered today from Neshaminy creek, just northeast of Philadelphia.

The body of the reputed victim of Robert Ma's notorious "tri-state gang" was found near the spot to which authorities were directed by a member of the band yesterday.

The discovery ends a three-month hunt for the reputed wealthy man who was "snatched" by three men as he drove up to his suburban home one evening last October.

Authorities had been directed to the spot by Martin Farrell, a member of the gang, shortly after he was brought to Philadelphia yesterday from New York where he was captured last week with several other members of the mob, including the reputed leader, Robert Ma, convicted killer, and Walter Legenza.

HERMIT HAS HOPE EVENTUAL LIBERTY

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Although sentenced to the confining walls of the state penitentiary for life, Hugo Mayer, hermit of the craggy, intends some day to return to his craggy.

Before being taken to Salem this morning to be dressed in, the hermit said that on his release which he expects eventually, he will return to his forsaken trappings, his cabin crossing over the Illinois river near where he murdered a mountain neighbor, his laurel bark tobacco, and his strange wilderness ways.

The hermit is 52.

NEW RUSSO-JAP TROUBLE POINT SEEN IN TOKYO

Economic and Political Penetration of Sinkiang by Soviet Menaces Peace of Asia, Says Spokesman

By Glenn Habb
(Associated Press Foreign Staff)
TOKYO, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Sinkiang, a huge northwestern territory nominally belonging to China, was indicated by statements in high official quarters today as the future scene of a contest between the expansionist ambitions of two great Asiatic powers, Japan and Soviet Russia.

A spokesman for the Japanese government said the Soviet's alleged economic and political penetration of Sinkiang "menaces the peace and stability of eastern Asia which it is Japan's mission to maintain."

This development was mentioned by Kori Hirota, foreign minister, in a formal address to the diet.

To View With Concern
Describing the recent retirement of Chinese communist armies from Kiangsi province into Szechuan and Kweichow provinces, Hirota stated "in view of this fact, coupled with the reported Sovietization of Sinkiang, the Japanese government will be obliged to watch with concern activities of the communist party and its armies in China."

With Manchoukuo's potentialities as a breeding ground for a possible Russo-Japanese conflict considerably lessened as a result of the virtual completion of negotiations for the sale of the Chinese Eastern railway from Russia to Japan, Japanese imperialists are finding new evidences of a "Red menace" against this country's interest in Sinkiang.

The area of 550,000 square miles is rapidly falling under the domination of the Soviet like outer Mongolia, the foreign office spokesman said in amplifying Hirota's statement.

See Moscow Control
"Our information, which emanates from high Chinese officials, shows that the present leaders of Sinkiang are under the control of Moscow," he continued.

"Further, we are informed that the retirement of Chinese communists into Szechuan is purely a strategic retreat on orders carried to communist leaders in Kiangsi by an Indian agent of the Moscow third international named Romanoff."

"Chinese communists are hoping to find in Szechuan richer pastures and plentiful rice and salt, which they lack in Kiangsi, and also close connections with Soviets dominating Sinkiang and outer Mongolia, across Kokonin and Mowmanland, where Chiang Kai Shek (generalissimo of the Nationalist government), has been unable to exert communications."

Lions of Jungle Grow Fat, Lazy Reports Johnson

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Jungle note:
The lion and Honess are getting fat and sleepy. In fact, they have become so lazy that stories of their ferocity are greatly exaggerated.

At least, this is what Martin Johnson, big game hunter and explorer, says he found on his latest trip to Africa.

"Also there's a mysterious increase in the birthrate of wild animals," said Johnson, who said he saw a herd of elephants numbering "at least 100,000" while on an airplane trip.

PRESIDENT'S BALL COMMITTEES BUSY ON FINAL DETAILS

Plans for the President's ball, to be held at the Oriental Gardens, January 30, are rapidly taking form, according to Mayor George Porter, with many committees busy this week on publicity, music, decorations and other details.

Tickets have been on sale at the Chamber of Commerce since Friday, with an unusual service being offered. Cole Holmes, chairman of the ticket committee, stated today that anyone who telephones the chamber for tickets will have them delivered to their door by local Boy Scouts who are cooperating in the move.

Last year over half the tickets sold from the chamber were delivered in this manner.

Admission is to be \$1.30 per cent of which is to go to the President for his work in infantile paralysis control and 70 per cent for local work.

Bob Strang, chairman of the orchestra committee, has announced the securing of the services of a splendid local orchestra for the occasion, and promises excellent music for the evening.

The hall committee, of which O. O. Alexander is chairman, has secured the Oriental Gardens and a committee under Captain Ostermyer will decorate the ballroom with appropriate colors, probably either red, white and blue, or bluebird blue and silver, which are the official colors for the affair, it was announced today, although nothing definite had been decided.

Mayor Porter stated this morning: "We earnestly solicit the aid and assistance of everyone residing in this county, and hope to make this party the outstanding success it so deserves, not only as a compliment to our President, but also for the welfare of those who are suffering from the after effects of infantile paralysis."

CHAIN STORE TAX PROPOSAL SLATED FOR LEGISLATURE

Martin's Major Measures Worked Over in Committees — Potency Cut — Many at Pension Hearing

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(AP)—While the administration's major measures were undergoing a general working over in committees, resulting in either drafts or amendments eliminating much of the potency originally presented, the house and senate today saw additional controversial measures introduced and heard of others now pending.

The first of the small loan bills, which always provoke much oratory, made its appearance in the senate, seeking to cut the rate of loans under \$500 from three to one per cent interest per month. The proposal carried the names of Senators Lessard, McKay and Dickson and Representative Dickson.

Chain Store Tax Looms
Introduction of the anticipated chain store bill was assured for the very near future. The proposal, it was learned, would tax all stores, but the first would be assessed but \$3 or \$10, while the next four would carry a larger tax, which would be increased in blocks of five until the amount reached \$1,000. After that scale had been reached, a certain percentage of gross income would be assessed.

The group of measures requested by Governor Charles H. Martin in his special message yesterday, relative to publicly owned idle and unreserved national state and county lands, appeared in the house today. A bill to make it more difficult for independent candidate nominations was also introduced.

Many at Pension Hearing
The first of a series of public hearings, that relative to consideration of the Townsend old age pension law, attracted more than 1,000 persons, who crammed the house chamber to listen to pleas for Oregon to memor-

The Washington delegation urged that a man be sent to the west "whose ideas are more in line with the present administration."

In a letter to F. A. Slick, chief forester, the delegation argued that Bick had refused to cooperate with the present national administration in carrying out forest work in the northwest; that he had refused to lead letters from some representatives and that he made no effort to cooperate with them in CCC work and other forest administrative affairs.

Los A. Suburbs Feel Temblor
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A slight earth tremor was felt at 1:30 a. m. today in the suburban southwest districts. Huntington Park, Inglewood, Compton and Lynwood all reported feeling the shock, but there were no reports of damage. Residents of Long Beach, center of the March 10, 1933, quake, did not report feeling the shock.

Universal Crop Control Looms Is Mott's Warning

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Representative Mott (R.-Ore.) said today the administration farm program was designed to lead to universal crop control.

Mott said he based his opinion on the fact that the house made it impossible for a farmer to obtain seed loans from the government unless he signed up to abide by AAA production control.

Public Enemy No. 1



Alvin Karpis, new Public Enemy No. 1, who shot his way out of a police trap at Atlantic City Sunday evening. He was termed "worse than Dillinger," by federal and Atlantic City officers.
(A. P. Photo)

SOCIAL SECURITY PLAN BOOSTED BY LABOR SECRETARY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Secretary Perkins today described as "safe and reasonable" the administration's program for bolstering social security through old-age pensions, unemployment insurance and health betterment.

She made this statement to the house ways and means committee as the first cabinet official to testify. The labor department head was on the president's committee on economic security which framed the plan.

Secretary Perkins said the program was "flexible and within pattern adopted to our form of government and reasonably economical so that we may hope to carry the structure financially without making too great inroads on the purses of those who have to pay."

The labor secretary added: "While it is recognized that it is not possible at this time to recommend a 100 per cent plan that would be a panacea for all social economic ills, we have thought it wise to bring in a basic plan that eventually can be built upon in the light of demand and experience."

"We believe it covers the major hazards and that it will provide security to the low income groups of families and give us experience."

BURSTING MAIN FLOODS STREETS IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A miniature torrent poured through Portland's downtown area this morning when a 12-inch water main burst, lifting six-foot chunks of asphalt out of the paving. Water ran over the curbing at several places. The pressure of the water was tremendous. About 60 square feet of paving was torn up by the boiling cascade and the force of the water excavated a huge hole in the street.

SHIPS OFF COAST BANGED ABOUT BY INCOMING STORM

Fear of Thaw Is Felt On Northern Portion of Coast — Silver Thaw Sets in at Hood River—Expect Rain

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 22.—(AP)—While landmen watched thermometers fearfully today at the threat of a thaw that would release snow and ice in flood waters, off-coast shipping took the brunt of a newly developing Pacific storm.

A gale of 62 miles an hour was whipped up at points off the mainland. One ship, the Japanese freighter Hokuman Maru, was abandoned by her crew after the deckload shifted in heavy water. The crew was taken aboard the Dollar liner President Jackson.

At Astoria, Ore., anxiety was felt for the pilot schooner Columbus, unreported since it passed beyond the Columbia bar yesterday. A south gale of 62 miles an hour suspended shipping and 10 vessels were bound at the bar.

Windows Shattered
The outbreak of wind shattered Astoria windows and the ferry service to Washington was suspended.

At Juneau, Alaska, a gale-lashed land and sea. One man, Everett Fleck, 23, was believed drowned and a large carrying several men was reported to have torn loose from a wrecked steamer where the men were engaged in salvaging operations.

The steamer Victoria of the Alaska line was grounded off the British Columbia coast during a snowstorm, but was refloated and headed back to Seattle in a leaking condition.

Several residences were unroofed in Douglas, Alaska.
Bellingham Deluged.
Bellingham, Wash., reported 3 1/2 inches of rain in 24 hours, a 73-year record.
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MOUNTAIN SNOWS REFUSE TO THAW

Slightly moderate weather on the floor of the valley yesterday was not felt in the higher levels, and brought no run-off of water to fill irrigation storage reservoirs.

Two feet of snow is reported at Government Camp in Crater Lake national park, 40 inches at Prospect, three feet in the Butte Falls district, five feet at Fish Lake, close to four feet on the Slakivi summit, and between two and three feet on the Hiatt Prairie watershed.

Olen Arnspiger, general manager of the Medford and Talent irrigation districts, said there was no change in the situation. He hopes for more snow in the mountains, and a gradual thaw, when it does come, instead of a chinook wind, and a rush of melting snow water.

The man who is behind Anthony Drexel Biddle, wealthy Philadelphia, for the post of minister to Ireland, is Postmaster-General Farley. Behind Farley in the matter is the new Democratic governor of Pennsylvania, Earle, who in turn is in front of Rose Joe Guiley. That makes as strong political backing as approval could get. It is a direct result of Mr. Biddle's proximity to the Earle campaign fund.

Baby "Dead" 20 Minutes Before Birth, Is Restored

MALONE, N. Y., Jan. 22.—(AP)—Although his heart ceased beating 20 minutes before birth, a Malone baby is alive today and is considered normal.

The child, born at Alice Hyde Memorial hospital January 20, was taken home yesterday by his mother, Mrs. James Koling. Hospital officials said that so far as they knew it was the first such case in medical annals.

NO FLOOD DANGER SOON SAYS WEATHER EXPERT

W. J. Hutchinson, meteorologist at the Medford weather bureau, stated today that although rising temperature is forecast for all southwestern Oregon tonight and Wednesday, there is no cause for immediate alarm from flood conditions.

The mercury is not expected to start an upward climb to an extent where the heavy mountain snows would melt rapidly, although rain is forecast for the lower levels. Little snow has fallen in the mountains since Sunday, and highway conditions remain generally unchanged.

Better a small house than a large mortgage.

RETAIL MERCHANTS MEETING THURSDAY

An important meeting of the Retail Merchants association has been called for Thursday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by W. F. Isaacs, chairman of the association. The meeting has been called to discuss "Closing Hours for Medford Stores." A new arrangement has been suggested for this important matter, and all Medford merchants are asked to be present to take part in the discussion.

The meeting will take place in the Chamber of Commerce building.

ROBERT DIECK NAMED ON ENGINEER BOARD

SALEM, Jan. 22.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin today appointed Robert Dieck, of Portland, a member of the state board of engineering examiners, for a term ending July 1, 1938. Dieck succeeds O. Laugaard, resigned.

Publishers Code Row Is Settled

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today asked the labor relations board to refrain from considering labor disputes arising in industries whose codes provided for industrial boards to consider them.

Earlier, Howard Davis, chairman of the publishers' code committee, revoked the call for a convention of daily newspaper publishers due to a "satisfactory adjustment of the differences which necessitated the call."

Confine Fire On British Tanker

GLASGOW, Scotland, Jan. 22.—(AP)—A message to owners of the British tanker Valverde reported today the vessel is in "no immediate danger," but one member of the crew is dead.

Will Rogers says:

NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 21.—Left Washington this afternoon. There is two Texans down there that have certainly made good. One is Jack Garner, who is vice president, and don't care whether you know it or not. After over 30 years of common sense, he knows more about the running of this government than any man outside of President Roosevelt. Ask any oldtime congressman or senator what they think of Garner.

And this fellow Jesse Jones, head of the reconstruction finance. I like to hear the big bankers fuss him, for he can lend more money and collect more of it back than they can. You don't leave all your assets with Jones. Outside the income tax (brother, they are efficient) the RFC is the most business-like run thing in Washington.

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