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FEBL DENIED COST BILL APPEAL



News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon Copyright, 1935, by Paul Mallon. WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—There are actually more than a few persons at and near the republican national committee gathering who are saying off the record that the party should screw up an elephantine smile for the Townsend movement.

What has encouraged this kind of talk is the word that the Michigan election Monday will record an easy victory for the republican congressional candidate who has gone Townsend. They stress the fact that the candidate will get the conservative votes of his normally republican district, as well as the Townsend votes.

Despite this, it is virtually certain that nothing important will be done. Every really influential leader at this gathering is personally convinced the existing situation calls for courage rather than pussyfooting.

Dr. Townsend was merely talking for effect when he indicated last week that he would start a third party. No political authority expects him to do it. His opponents hope he will.

The secret of that is: The minute Dr. Townsend steps out as a third party, he becomes a minority party. He will cut from the vote of both major parties, but the slices available to him now will not enable him to accomplish much, except a lot of publicity.

As now constituted, he is a lobbying street which can exert influence on both parties. This affords a more practical way to attain his ends.

The truth is the earnest of the top politicians suspect the peak of the Townsend movement will be reached at the coming session of congress, that it will not thereafter be as formidable, either as a third party or a lobbying threat. They expect greatly improved business conditions to cause waning interest.

That is the explanation of what has happened to Father Coughlin. A year ago he was almost as big a threat as the Townsends today. Since then, many of his former listeners have become able to afford gasoline for Sunday afternoon rides. They no longer strain at home listening to the radio.

A returning Massachusetts congressman tells in an axed voice of the remarkable organization ability displayed by Townsends in New England. He says they first got the remnants of the old dry groups, a crowd which was politically unimportant and liked the charitable emulations of the clubs were organized under a central manager for each congressional district. Healers were appointed to invade the meetings of political speakers, mostly congressmen, with demands they pledge allegiance.

Pale of Postmaster General Farley made no effort to cover up his idea that Prof. Tugwell's speech-making activities should be curtailed. They (Continued on Page Four)

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\$3962 JUDGMENT STANDS BY ACTION SUPREME COURT

Amount Represents Costs Of Separate Trial And Change Of Venue For Former Jackson Co. Judge

SALEM, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Earl H. Febl, serving a term in the state penitentiary for complicity in the Jackson county ballot thefts in 1933, was refused an appeal to the state supreme court on a cost bill of \$3,962 assessed against him.

Febl, former county judge of Jackson county, was indicted by the grand jury for larceny. He was granted a separate trial and change of venue to Klamath county. Following conviction the state filed a cost bill against him of \$5,014.80, which was later reduced by the lower court.

In the supreme court opinion, written by Chief Justice Campbell, the attempted appeal from the cost bill was dismissed since "this court has no jurisdiction to review the order settling the cost bill. In this case there is no attempt to review the judgment of conviction." Campbell held.

The above decision means that Jackson county will have judgment against Febl for some of the costs due to removal of the ballot theft trial of Febl to Klamath county on a change of venue.

Jackson county filed the trial cost claim in the interpleader suit of Niedermeyer, Inc.

Attorneys for Febl, in their appeal, contended that the trial cost payments involved money belonging to Febl's wife, Elsie A. Febl, and his mother-in-law, Corithia E. Staley.

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TURKEY SHIPPING NOW AT MAXIMUM

Holiday turkey shipments from the Rogue River valley will reach the peak today and tomorrow, with all buyers in the market, according to County Agent Robert G. Fowler. He estimated that turkey shipments for both the Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons will total between 600,000 and 800,000 pounds. The express company reports shipments totaling 350,000 pounds for the Thanksgiving period. The present price runs from 22 to 25 cents per pound.

The Yule shipments are expected to practically clean up the turkey crop of the valley, with a few birds left for late winter selling, according to County Agent Fowler.

Filmland Beauty's Body Found in Car



Captain Bert Wallis of the Los Angeles' police homicide squad looks at the body of Thelma Todd, blonde screen actress who played comedienne and vampire roles, as she was found dead in her automobile near her Santa Monica, Calif., home. A late picture of Miss Todd is shown at left. (A. P. Photos.)

RECORDER AIRING ATTRACTS CROWD, CONTINUE ACTION

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U. S. DELEGATION AGREES TO SCAN NEW NAVAL PLAN

LONDON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—The United States delegates to the international naval conference promised today they would study British proposals for a new naval agreement "in a friendly spirit," on the definite understanding, however, that the proposals would not contain a major variation from the principles of existing treaties.

The British plan is that each naval power—Great Britain, the United States, Japan, France, and Italy—should make a "unilateral," or individual, public declaration of its naval building program for a period which the British suggest should be about six years.

The British, in enunciating their plan, suggested the present conference sidetrack all the ultimate questions of the equality of fleets.

The Japanese officially reserved their opinion of the proposal, but well-informed Japanese quarters indicated the delegation was likely to oppose the British plan.

RAIN IS PREDICTED FOR ROGUE VALLEY

After a day of promising sunshine the weather bureau predicted increasing cloudiness and rain for tonight and tomorrow with slightly warmer temperatures this evening.

The low pressure area that had been stagnant over the Alaskan gulf was moving eastward today and its movement was due to bring rain to the valley.

Temperature this afternoon was 44, four degrees warmer than at the same hour yesterday. Low this morning was 27 an against 24 yesterday.

PHOENIX RESIDENCE DESTROYED BY FIRE

In spite of prompt action by the Phoenix fire department, the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Roland, in West Phoenix, was completely destroyed by fire at noon today. Wind was said to be the cause of the failure of fire fighters to save the building. Origin of the fire was attributed to a defective fuse.

ACTRESS' DEATH PUZZLES POLICE OF FILM CAPITAL

Autopsy Surgeon Says Life Ended About 4 A. M., Sunday—Friend Tells Of Phone Call In Afternoon.

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"I am certain it was her voice," Mrs. Ford said. "She told me 'I'll be with you in a half-hour. When you see who I am bringing with me to your party, you'll drop dead.'"

Mr. Ford said the voice added: "Oh, and another thing—I went to a party last night, and I'm still in evening clothes. Do you mind?"

Clad in a gorgeous sequin-spangled evening gown and mink coat, which she had worn to the Saturday night affair at a Hollywood cafe, the actress was found dead at 10:30 Monday morning by her maid, May Whitehead. The body was slumped behind the wheel of her automobile in the garage.

Miss Whitehead said she came back after a Sunday holiday, missed her

Ministers Urged Include Editors In Pulpit Prayers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Dr. W. B. Norton, former religious editor of the Chicago Tribune, urged today that ministers include newspaper publishers in their prayers.

A survey of 20 Methodist preachers of Portland showed that only one—a former editor—ever remembered the news commentators in his pulpit prayers.

"It is the usual thing to pray for presidents and other men in public office, even when they hold contrary economic or political views," Dr. Norton said.

"But we forget to pray for the editors of newspapers—a body of men who doubtless wield more public influence than any other class in the country."

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ITALY CONFESSES FIRST DEFEAT IN ETHIOPIAN MARCH

ROME admitted today a section of the army in northern Ethiopia had been out-manuevered by an Ethiopian force—the first official Italian admission that the fascist troops had suffered a reverse in the Italo-Ethiopian war.

Moving in the valley of the Takkaze river, 3,000 Ethiopians were said to have forced back Italian outposts, with considerable losses on both sides.

Italian officers at Asmara, Eritrea, predicted that skirmishes between Italians and Ethiopians on the northern front were a prelude to mass assaults by Emperor Haile Selassie's men.

The Franco-British program to settle the war moved one step nearer discussion by the League of Nations when the French Chamber of deputies expressed its confidence in Premier Laval's handling of the situation.

George E. Griffith, chief of educational information, United States forest service, arrived here today for a conference with H. C. Obye, supervisor of the Rogue River national forest, regarding educational work in CCC camps.

Mr. Griffith arrived with the forest service "Show Boat," a lecture truck equipped to show motion pictures and slides of forest work at camps of the CCC. The show boat is in charge of H. A. Thomas of the United States forest service and W. V. Fuller of the state forest service.

Mr. Griffith conferred yesterday with forest officials in Grants Pass and was to leave this afternoon for Camp Wimer.

The show boat was booked for Camp Wimer tonight and Camp Applegate tomorrow.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Sentence of death passed upon Mrs. Elizabeth Tilford of Woodstock, Ont., October 3 for the murder of her husband, Tyrrell, will not be interfered with by the governor-general-in-council.

Hoover Aims Blast at New Deal Relief Plan

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover's lashing attack here on new deal relief threw before the nation today a Hoover plan of decentralized relief based on "the voluntary services of American men and women."

The former Republican president, answering President Roosevelt's recent speeches, offered his proposal last night as an alternative to the new deal relief set up which he branded as "typical of the whole gamut of waste, folly, ineffectiveness, politics and destruction of self government."

His caustic indictment of the Democratic administration generally, and its relief system in particular, drew cheers and laughter from the more than 1,000 persons who heard him address the John Marshall Republican club of St. Louis and its guests.

He asserted the administration of relief needs reform "right now" and demanded a set-up devoid of politics.

He advanced a plan to "confine public works projects to the projects which meet the needs of the nation; decentralize and turn back to the states and local communities" all other forms of relief; cut

DEMOCRATIC SPLIT HOPE OF G. O. P. TO OUT NEW DEALERS

Party Convention Set For June 9 In Cleveland—Appeal Is Made For Aid Jeffersonian Democrats.

By Richard Rendell Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Unfolding part of their campaign plans for 1936, Republican leaders were engaged today in a definite effort to win support of anti-New Deal Democrats in the drive to oust the Roosevelt administration.

This plan to topple the New Deal by splitting away sizeable segments of the Democratic party became plain in an unexpected resolution announced by the Republican national committee last night after it had decided to hold the party's 1936 convention on June 9 at Cleveland.

Specifically, the announcement appealed to the "millions of constitutional Jeffersonian Democrats" to join hands with Republicans to prevent the establishment of what was termed "socialistic state."

Introduced by R. B. Creager, Texas congressman and seconded by Mark Requa, Californian who is a close friend of Herbert Hoover, the resolution said:

"The coming election will determine whether we hold to the American system of government or whether we shall at last allow it to be replaced by a socialistic state, honeycombed with waste and extravagance."

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FEDERAL AGENTS PRESS HUNT FOR KIDNAPED ACTOR

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Caleb Milne, Jr., grandfather of the missing young actor, Caleb Milne, 4th, left his home today on an unexplained mission.

He and another man, said to be an uncle of the missing Milne, started by automobile toward the center of the city. There were reports they were enroute to a downtown bank, but these could not be confirmed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Federal agents, spurning the assistance of New York police, pressed a fruitless search today for the missing Caleb Milne, 4th, son of a wealthy Philadelphia family.

"The New York detectives are on the outside looking in," said Rhea Whitley, head of the federal agents here.

He declared police failure to cooperate was the reason for the split. Every clue to the supposed abductors of the 24-year-old actor, however, ended in a cold trail. New York police continued to record him merely as a missing person.

PIN-BALL SLOTS BEFORE COUNCIL

An ordinance affecting pin-ball machines was scheduled to come before the regular semi-monthly meeting of the Medford council in city hall tonight.

While no detailed information was available in official quarters, it was understood that the ordinance is designed to tighten somewhat the regulations regarding operation of the machines.

Hearing also will be held on the proposed Berkeley Way sewer, persons having objections being given an opportunity to voice their opinions.

PORTLAND DOGS FOUND SUFFERING FROM RABIES

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Fifteen biting dogs were quarantined last month to determine whether they had rabies, and several did, the city nuisance bureau said today.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

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