

The Weather
 Forecast: Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday with light showers and slightly colder tonight.
 Temperature
 Highest yesterday 59
 Lowest this morning 45

Losing Money
 Every day that house or apartment stands vacant you are losing money, but the taxes must be paid. The quickest and most satisfactory way to find a tenant is by advertising in the Tribune.

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LEHMAN EXPECTS POLETTI TO BE HIS SUCCESSOR

RUNNING-MATE VIEWED AS LEFT-WING DEMOCRAT

IRONY SEEN IN CHOICE OF A CONSERVATIVE

DRAFTED TO AID NEW DEAL AFTER ASSAILED AS FOE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—In the excitement of the New York campaign, the meaning of Herbert Lehman's price for running again has escaped general attention. His public contract with the worried New York Democrats called only for Charles Poletti's nomination as lieutenant governor. But his private expectation is that Poletti will also be his successor when the time comes.

Tom Dewey may steal the great inheritance, but, for the present, young Poletti is the acknowledged heir apparent of the governor of New York. And that fact presents a puzzle of considerable national significance.

Lehman's dislike and distrust of the president and his New Dealers, and the hearty way in which the White House returns these emotions are open secrets. Yet, by anointing Poletti, Lehman, the acclaimed Democratic conservative, has not only weakened the local power of the New Dealers' great enemy, Jim Farley, he has also advanced one of the few men in New York politics with whom the New Dealers feel themselves in complete sympathy.

Poletti is a shrewd, energetic young fellow, son of a New England stone-cutter, largely self-educated, and an able lawyer. Some time ago, politics tempted him from the Wall Street office of Davis, Polk, Wardwell, Gardner and Reed. He attracted Lehman's attention, became counsel to the governor, and was subsequently appointed to the bench. He still remains Lehman's right-hand man, but his relations are very close with the New Deal element in Washington and the labor party leaders in New York.

He served the labor party as its floor leader in the state constitutional convention, and, unless all appearances deceive, he is a distinctly left-wing Democrat.

Fortunately for him, he inspires confidence in men of different opinions. Besides the fatherly affection of Herbert Lehman, he retains the trust of his deeply conservative former boss, John W. Davis, who recently announced for the Democrats on his account.

The story of Charles Poletti brings out the full irony of the New York situation. Not so very many months ago, whispers were coming from the White House that Lehman would be quietly settled from politics. The whispers hinted that he was a sad backslider, and one who had outlived his usefulness.

And now the man whom "the New Deal didn't need" has not only been drafted as the one candidate who may keep New York Democratic, he has also won advancement for the young liberal, Poletti, where the New Dealers failed so miserably to do the same thing for their favorite, Solicitor General Clegg.

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RETURN ASHLAND BOY ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Robert Ray Riley, 17, alleged by the state police and sheriff, to have engaged in a series of auto thefts in the Ashland district, and the robbery of a number of summer cabins in the Hyatt Lake and Dead Indian districts, the past month, is held in the county jail, whence he was returned from upstate Sunday.

The youth, a parole violator from the state industrial school at Woodburn, is specifically charged with burglary not in a dwelling. It is claimed he burglarized the summer cabin of H. O. Butterfield in the Hyatt Lake district.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Florence Moothart wearing a stunning panache hat at a rakish angle over one ear.

The ladies at the fire hall pondering the meaning of Assistant Chief Henry Haswell's vacation trip north in view of the fact he took no fishing tackle as per usual.

Florence Scherer gradually regaining use of her arm after a too enthusiastic season of bed-ridden.

Little 3-year-old Jimmy Murray reaching up the old man who came off second best with a discolored eye.

He Holland running out of gas ten minutes after declaring it was foolish and needless to try to go on.

It being reported that Basler Sockeye Jack McDonald can't trip the light fantastic with the skill he shows in toasting banking opponents around the ring.

WELLS' FANTASY PROVOKES PANIC THROUGH NATION

Investigation and Corrective Legislation Is Demanded After Sunday Eve Scare — Listeners Miss Point

Fiction, Not News

LONDON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—H. G. Wells, whose "War of the Worlds" furnished the basis of the broadcast which spread alarm in the United States last night, said today it was "impossible" in the agreement for selling the radio rights any broadcast would clearly "be fiction and not news."

The novelist added he gave no permission whatever for alterations which might lead to the belief the broadcast material was real news.

By CHARLES A. GRUMICH
 NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—A horrible fantasy of war waged on the United States by fearsome, space-conquering men from Mars brought near panic to that part of the nation's radio audience which was not tuned in last night on Charlie McCarthy's rival radio program.

In the double-quick tempo of the news broadcasters, the fiction of a Columbia program became so realistic hysteria prevailed among listeners throughout the United States and Canada.

Demands for investigation and correction came apace today with the belated reports of a most fantastic panic.

To Seek Control
 Sen. Clyde L. Herring (D., Ia.) said he planned to introduce in congress a bill "controlling just such abuses as was heard over the radio last night. . . . Radio has no more right to present programs like that than someone has in knocking on your door and screaming," he added.

City Manager Paul Morton of Trenton, N. J., near the locale of the fictional invasion, said he would demand an investigation by the federal communications commission with "the view of preventing recurrence of what happened."

Some apartment houses in New York were emptied hurriedly by frantic listeners to the program—and by second and third hand accounts that multiplied the impending peril.

Suicide Tried
 A woman in Pittsburgh tried suicide, saying "I'd rather die this way than like that."

As a high point in the program the electric power failed at Concrete, Wash., a town of 1000, and the lights went out in most of the homes. Many thought the invasion had reached the west coast. Women fainted and men prepared to take their families to the mountains.

In a statement expressing "deep regret over apprehension the broadcast caused among radio listeners."
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Bride 10, Husband 34



Rosie Columbus, 10-year-old girl who lived in a cave last winter, soon will live with her husband, Fleming Tackett, 34, a widower, in a mountain cabin under construction near Prestonburg, Ky. The child bride will have as company besides her husband in the new house her parents, two brothers and a sister, as well as some in-laws.—(AP Photo.)

WARRANTS ISSUED FOR COMMITTED CRIME TO PRINCIPALS IN WEDDING OF CHILD AND MAN, 34 IS CLAIM OF CONVICT

PRESTONBURG, Ky., Oct. 31.—(AP)—Floyd County Judge Edwin P. Hill today signed warrants for Fleming Tackett, 34, his child-bride, Rosie, and Tackett's mother-in-law, Mrs. Grace Columbus.

The warrant against Tackett, charged the minor with rape, Rosie, who was reported as "under 14" in a second warrant was charged with being a delinquent child growing up in "idleness and crime." Medical records in Johnson county show Rosie is 10 years old.

Mrs. Columbus was charged in the third warrant with conspiring with Tackett "in the crime of rape upon the person of Rosie Columbus."

Judge Hill said officers went to the Tackett cabin in the hills near here early today but found no one there.

Hill said the Tacketts and Mrs. Columbus were reported to have gone to Paintsville in adjoining Johnson county and Floyd county officers had taken the warrants there.

County Atty. Forrest D. Short earlier had said a guardian for Rosie, a bride of a week, would be sought.

Pear Markets

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—(AP-URDA)—Pears: One California, one Oregon arrived, four on track. Oregon Box: 717 No. 1, \$1.80 to 2.05, average \$1.95.

ROGUE VALLEY COUPLE GET WEDDING LICENSE

ROSEBURG, Oct. 31.—(Sp.)—Marriage licenses issued here include Leon E. Cummings, Rogue River and Eleanor Wright, Sams Valley.

FIFTY ABSENTEES SEND IN BALLOTS

Absentee ballots to be cast from this county in the general election a week from tomorrow, numbered 80 today, according to the county clerk's office. More applications were expected.

The absentee ballots are issued to voters, not in the state on election day. They may be obtained by calling at the clerk's office, until the ballot boxes are turned over to the sheriff. Last Friday was the final date for mailing out of absentee ballots.

The absentee ballots are held by the county clerk, and placed in the ballot boxes for the precinct in which the absentee is registered. They are counted with those cast on election day.

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F. D. R. WILL SEEK LAW TO AIR RAIL REHABILITATION

President Promises Heads of Companies and Labor to Do All Possible for Constructive Program

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—John J. Pelley, president of the Association of American Railroads, said today President Roosevelt had promised him he would do everything possible to get a constructive program for rehabilitation of the carriers enacted into law.

Mr. Roosevelt expressed the hope, Pelley said, such a program would be drafted by the informal committee representing railroads and rail labor which the president named several months ago.

Pelley said the president had asked him to ascertain the attitude of the railroads toward the fact-finding board's report recommending cancellation of the proposed 15 per cent wage cut.

To Meet Next Week
 Pelley said he agreed to do so, adding his "best guess" was the management would hold a meeting in Chicago next week to outline their stand on the report.

George H. Harrison, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association, who conferred with the president a short time later, repeated virtually what Pelley had said regarding the informal legislative committee.

He said the president "wants railroad labor and management, recently appointed as a committee, immediately to take up the problem of developing a program of legislation for the general rehabilitation of the railroad industry."

He added he assured the president labor would be "happy to cooperate with the railroads and the government to fulfill his request in that direction."

Harrison said a meeting of the six man committee may be held within the next week or ten days.

DIES CITES TWO CANCELLATIONS IN HIS HOME REGION

Un-American Investigation Chairman Unprepared to Charge Action Due to Administration Disapproval

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Chairman Dies (D., Tex.) of a house committee investigating un-American activities, said today two public works projects in his district had been cancelled since the committee inquiry began.

He added, however, he was not prepared to charge the cancellations were due to the administration's disapproval of the methods of the committee.

President Roosevelt said recently the committee had permitted itself to be used for political purposes that were unfair and un-American. The committee also has been criticized by Secretary of Interior Ickes, the PWA administrator, and by Secretary of Labor Perkins.

Dies said one of the projects for a \$120,000,000 dam at Rockland, Tex., was cancelled soon after the investigation began.

He showed reporters a copy of a letter dated October 25, in which George M. Bull, PWA regional director at Fort Worth, Tex., had notified B. T. McWhorter, Jr., of Port Arthur, Tex., a grant for a Port Arthur causeway had been recommended for rejection. Dies said the grant was for \$235,000.

McWhorter is chairman of the Port Arthur bridge commission.

Dies said he was prepared to establish by testimony under oath, if necessary, the administration had used pressure to obtain time for Paul Y. Anderson, newspaper correspondent, to answer a radio address tonight in which Dies said he would discuss lack of administration cooperation with the committee.

Fannie Gets Divorce



Above is how Fannie Brice of stage and screen felt about it all—and her emotions are mighty clear—when she went to a Los Angeles court and obtained a divorce from Billy Rose, theatrical promoter, who has been reportedly romancing with Eleanor Holm Jarrett. Fannie charged cruelty and desertion.—(A. P. Photo.)

THREE CIVIL SUITS SET FOR HEARING IN PRESENT WEEK

Three civil actions, two of them personal injury suits, have been scheduled for trial in circuit court this week.

Selection of a jury in the damage suit of Mrs. Josephine N. Sleight, against Elmer N. Childers and Lela R. Childers, his wife, started this morning. Mrs. Sleight seeks approximately \$4600 for injuries allegedly received when she fell to the sidewalk in front of property owned by the defendants on East Main street, near the Bear creek bridge. Negligence on the part of the defendants in not keeping the sidewalk in proper repair is claimed.

As the result of a horse team-mule team swap about a year ago, Ralph Billings and G. H. Billings, of Ashland, seek \$200 from Con DeVore of Medford. The complaint states that for a team of mules and \$70, DeVore agreed to deliver a team of horses suitable for farm work.

It is claimed one of the horses was balky and would not perform farm work, whereupon another horse was substituted, which had but one good eye.

In his answer, DeVore contends that the plaintiffs kept the first horse, there would have been no trouble.

In the third scheduled suit Frank P. Homer, a fruit worker seeks \$5000 damages from W. H. Norcross, Central Point district orchardist. Homer alleges that as a result of a fall from a ladder while picking pears, September 16, 1937, he sustained injuries. He alleges the ladder was defective.

Hearing of testimony in the three cases is expected to take until Saturday, when the court will hold a session in Josephine county.

DOCTORS RECORD LAST HEART BEAT OF DOOMED MAN

Electro-Cardiograph Shows Rapid Pulse in Final Minutes Before Firing Squad Exacts Death Penalty

SALT LAKE CITY, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Murderer John W. Deering faced a firing squad willingly here today, but his heart pounded three times normal, an electro-cardiograph film showed last today.

Dr. Stephen H. Beasley, prison physician who arranged to make the test with the condemned convict's permission, said the film recorded for the first time the action of a human heart pierced by a bullet.

Deering's heart beat jumped from a normal 72 to 180 and maintained that clip the several minutes required to complete preliminaries for the execution.

His heart fluttered, but the beat remained unchanged at three times normal, each time an officer spoke to the convict. Dr. Beasley said the film showed.

When Deering was asked for a last statement, his heart beat fluttered wildly, then calmed after he spoke until bullets ended his life.

Dr. Beasley said the heart beat stopped 15.6 seconds after the blast, but the body was not pronounced dead until 2 1/2 minutes after the shots rang out.

Dr. Beasley termed the experiment valuable to heart disease specialists. He said it showed clearly the effect of fear on the heart.

NO VANDALISM! IS WARNING TO KIDS

"Have a good time, but don't destroy property," was the Halloween advice today of Police Chief Clatus McCredie to the youth and not-so-youthful of Medford.

Chief McCredie also issued the warning that parents would be held responsible for any and all property damage done by youngsters celebrating All Saint's day. The chief said there was too much damage done last Halloween, and that steps would be taken tonight to keep festivities happy but harmless.

Six extra policemen will augment the regular night force, and every part of the city will be kept under careful surveillance. Chief McCredie stated. The sheriff's office and state police will also be out in full force to keep things under control.

GRANTS PASS LISTENERS REQUEST FINAL BAPTISM

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Oct. 31.—(AP)—A Grants Pass minister confirmed the report today that after last night's fantastic radio rama of an invasion of the United States by men from Mars, several persons called in excitement at his home seeking baptism and the benefits of religion.

Radio Highlights

(Time is Eastern Standard)

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—(AP)—Radio is to pay tribute to the late Minnie, the only singing mouse to be paid \$500 for a sponsored broadcast.

Minnie, dead of old age, will be honored by the program in which she made her microphone debut. The Chicago Jamboos of WJZ-NBC, that was December 17, 1937. The tribute will come at 10 p. m. Tuesday.

Tonight (Monday): WEAP-NBC—5 A. Pearce; 8:30 Richard Crooks, tenor; 9:30 Eddy Duchin orchestra; 11:30 Haddah Annual convention.

WABC-CBS—7:30 Eddie Cantor (west repeat 10:30); 8 Dick Humber show; 9 Carol Lombard in "That Certain Woman."

WJZ-NBC—9 Chicago opera "Aida," 10:30 Radio Forum, Thomas M. Woodward on "The Merchant Marine of Today."

What to expect Tuesday: WABC-CBS—2:15 Nathan Straus and Son, Wagner on PMA accomplishments; 3:45 Seabiscuit-War Admiral race at Pimlico.

Chairman Dies (D., Tex.) of the house committee investigating un-American activities, said Saturday he would make public letters of President Roosevelt and other administration officials in an effort to show that they had "refused to cooperate in his investigation of communism and fascism," in a radio broadcast at 7:45 p. m. (P.M.T.) today over the Mutual system.

SIX DIE IN BUS, AUTO COLLISION

JACKSON, Miss., Oct. 31.—(UP)—Six persons were killed and three injured Sunday when an automobile and a heavily-loaded bus collided nine miles south of here.

The five occupants of the automobile and the bus driver were killed. Three bus passengers were injured slightly.

The dead:
 Paul Guinea, 30, New Orleans, the bus driver.
 J. C. Evans, Brookhaven, Miss., creamery employe, and Mrs. Evans, 18.
 Mrs. Mart Walker, 35, Brookhaven, and her daughter, Jewel Walker, 17.
 Annie Ruth Albritton, 18, Brookhaven.

Police said Evans cut out of a lane of traffic and rammed into the bus.

KLAMATH HUNTER FAILS TO RETURN

KLAMATH FALLS, Oct. 31.—(AP)—A deputy sheriff and two brothers of the missing man scoured the west side of upper Klamath lake today for Sterling DeWitt, about 25, who failed to come home from a duck hunting expedition.

DeWitt and his brother, Ira, became separated Sunday morning when Sterling said he would be low near the lake's edge and wait for ducks to come on closer.

When Ira returned to his car in mid-afternoon he saw no sign of his brother. He waited fruitlessly until after 6 p. m.

Sterling did not return to his home last night.

MRS. WILEY POST HERE WEDNESDAY

Mrs. Wiley Post, wife of the late famed aviator, is expected to be a brief visitor at Medford municipal airport Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Post has booked passage at Seattle, Wash., to Los Angeles on the United Mainliner due here at 1:34 p. m. Wednesday. Max C. Henne, company manager here was notified today. The plane will be in port five minutes.

Mrs. Post is returning to her home in Lubbock, Texas, after attending the dedication of a memorial to Mr. Post and Will Rogers near Barrow, Alaska, where the two men were killed in a plane crash.

PLANE SCHEDULES CHANGE TUESDAY

The public was reminded today of the new United Air Lines schedules that go into effect here tomorrow. Postmaster Frank DeSouza pointed out that arrivals close at the central postoffice 45 minutes before plane departure time.

The new schedule follows: Northbound—Trip 3 leaves Medford municipal airport at 4:35 a. m., mails close at 8:45 a. m.; trip 19 leaves at 4:03 p. m., mails close at 3:18 p. m.

Southbound—Trip 14 leaves at 1:39 p. m., mails close at 12:54 p. m.; trip 6 leaves at 11:29 p. m., mails close at 10:44 p. m.

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Radio Horror Story Seen Propaganda for New Deal

SEATTLE, Oct. 31.—(AP)—The Seattle Times (Independent) in its leading editorial today termed last night's "War of the Worlds" broadcast an "almost ravishly obvious" effort to enlist support for the national administration.

It said in part:
 "Getting the utilities ready for war adds an episode to the thrilling campaign serial. Radio was indeed to add another with the Sunday portrayal of horrors which made thousands think war already here."
 "No thoughtful American will scoff at the chances of international conflict in which the United States may be compelled to participate; no thoughtful American will deny proper measures of national defense."
 "But this recent upsurge on the part of the new deal administration cannot be accounted for by any immediate prospect of national peril."
 "It is better accounted for by Mr. Farley's speech demanding another congress pledged to do Mr. Roosevelt's bidding. Mr. Roosevelt's slam at Europe's dictators, the ultimatum to Japan, the plan to stimulate utility expansion, the radio scare of Sunday, might all have been deferred without risk to the United States, until after next week's election."
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