

The Weather

Forecast
Cloudy tonight and Thursday with occasional rain; not much change in temperature.

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GRAVE ALTERNATIVE IN RECALL OF WILSON

F. R. STATE DEPARTMENT DON'T INTEND SURRENDER

ALSO WISH TO AVOID WIDENING GERMAN BREACH

HOPE MODERATES WILL OUST NAZI EXTREMISTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Under stress of the emotions aroused by the recent paroxysm of Nazi hostility, it was natural to accept as a fine gesture the recall "to report" of our ambassador to Germany.

Had the president feared the consequences of his gesture, he might have sent Wilson packing back to Germany immediately after their conference at Warm Springs.

Wilson would have "reported." The implied

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EARTHQUAKE RENEWAL IN LOS ANGELES AREA DECLARED GOOD SIGN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Renewal of earthquakes in southern California—the one last night was the second in eight days—is looked upon by seismologists as a good sign.

Dr. Charles F. Richter, of the Carnegie Institution of Washington Seismological Laboratory at Pasadena, said today the 7:30 p.m. shock last night was a very mild one, as was that of November 29.

"Resumption of normal activity is a good sign, for there has been quite an interval of quiet," said Dr. Richter.

He explained that in the past year, while many other sections of the world had violent earthquakes, California was quiet.

MRS. HONEYMAN BIDS PRESIDENT GOODBYE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Representative Nan Wood Honeyman (D-Ore.), whose campaign for reelection was unsuccessful, was a White House visitor today.

DES MOINES, Ia., Dec. 7.—(AP)—The Iowa state canvassing board today awarded re-election to U. S. Senator Guy M. Gillette, (D) by a 2,805 vote margin over his Republican opponent, former Senator L. J. Dickinson.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

MarAbel Frohnmyer, Barbara Bowerman, DeDe Barnes and an unidentified fourth wondering why they didn't esp a prize at a bridge event, they apparently unaware that perhaps much visiting had something to do with it.

Cecile Creed being just about the trickiest looking bit in town upon her arrival in the old stamping ground for a spell.

Dollie Miller thinking this pillar of playfulness just too funny for words, she being not overly desirous of having her moniker appear in it, however.

Bett's Flinn being so awfully hopeful that Bett's would appear best in this sheet instead of the usual Bettie

PILOT STEAD TO TELL VERSION OF PLANE TRAGEDY

Weather Conditions Considered Unfavorable Shortly Before Ship Left Medford, Crash Inquiry Reveals

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Capt. Charles Stead, pilot of the ill-fated airliner which carried four men and a woman to death in the sea off Point Reyes before dawn November 30, was scheduled to take the stand at a federal inquiry today to tell officially his own story of the tragedy.

Two Survivors

The plane was forced down when the fuel gave out. All the occupants except Stead and Isadore Edelstein, paroled convict, perished when they slipped off the top of the plane as it drifted toward the rocky coast.

Yesterday's testimony before members of the air safety board of the civil aeronautics authority disclosed weather conditions were considered so unfavorable shortly before the plane left Medford both the United States weather forecaster and the United Air Lines dispatcher at Oakland airport agreed the flight should be delayed.

Verne D. Steves, in a deposition read by Fred Glass, chief examiner for the board, stated that as junior meteorologist at the U. S. weather office at Oakland airport, he had considered the plane should not start out from Medford in face of a storm on the coast, and surface winds of 50 miles an hour to the west.

Holding Suggested

Dispatcher Thomas B. Van Sclover, United Air Lines dispatcher at the Oakland airport, testified he had twice relayed Steves' weather data to Medford and suggested Stead be held there.

He added, however, Max C. Henne, Medford station manager, and Pilot Stead reported weather conditions improving at Medford, with open clouds to the south, and further inquiry to Sacramento resulted in a decision the plane might proceed to the airport there.

John L. Herlihy of Chicago, vice-president of the United Air Lines, testified the plane was "airworthy in every respect" and had been properly inspected and kept in condition.

Peter Ceandretto, superintendent of the UAL communications laboratory, testified radio equipment was in perfect condition.

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Garner Boom Is Launched By Old Cronies in Texas

DETROIT, Tex., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Every attorney turned out to whoop it up for "John Nance in 1940."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—John Nance Garner is likely to treat the capital to a fine brand of political poker during the next two years.

He will bring expert knowledge to the game. Garner not only knows politics but he knows all the ins and outs of poker, though he has retired from active practice.

His friends believe he will keep silent about the presidential boom started for him in Texas yesterday.

Talk of Garner for president now brings an altogether different response from some of these same Easterners than it did in 1932.

Most persons agree Garner will play a powerful part in the 1940 Democratic convention. Some go so far as to say the convention and the party may be torn apart by two factions—a conservative group led by Garner and a liberal one led by President Roosevelt.

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On Trial In Bassett Murder Mystery



Gaunt gimlet-eyed Decastro Earl Mayer, habitual criminal, and his mother, Mary Eleanor Smith, are shown as they went on trial in Seattle to fight for their lives against a ten-year-old first degree murder charge. They are accused of butchering James Eugene Bassett, 35, of Baltimore, Md., Sept. 5, 1928. His body never was found. (AP Photo.)

Last Legal Step Taken in Effort to Save Mrs. Hahn

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 7.—(AP)—Counsel for Anna Marie Hahn, scheduled to die in the electric chair tonight, sought a writ of mandamus in federal court today as the last legal step in the fight to save her life.

Joseph Hoodin, the condemned poison slayer's attorney, contended she was not given proper opportunity to defend herself. Judge Mell G. Underwood said he would hear the application later today.

Meanwhile, Mrs. Hahn fought for composure in her cell after collapsing earlier.

The nerves of the condemned poison slayer crumbled and she sobbed hysterically after Gov. Martin L. Davey declined to intervene in the electrocution, scheduled for about 8 p. m.

"I had no idea he would do this to me," moaned Mrs. Hahn, repeatedly kissing a picture of her 12-year-old son, Oscar. Finally last night, she fell in a faint in her penitentiary "death row" cell. Two matrons placed her on a bed and revived her with spirits. She sobbed until she dropped into a fitful sleep.

Warden J. C. Woodward said Oscar will be permitted to remain with his mother until her last meal is served, about 5:30 p. m.

Mrs. Hahn's last hours probably will be spent with the prison's Catholic chaplain, the Rev. John A. Sullivan, for whom she has been embroidering altar cloths.

Joseph H. Hoodin, her attorney, asked permission to confront the governor with the condemned woman's son in a last desperate plea for clemency, but Davey said he would not see them.

The governor pictures Mrs. Hahn as a "cold-blooded" killer who slew in "remorseless deliberation for money."

A 32-year-old blonde born in Bavaria and never admitted to U. S. citizenship, Mrs. Hahn was convicted of administering poison to 78-year-old Jacob Wagner, a Cincinnati gardener.

The prosecution charged Wagner was only one of four elderly men poisoned by Mrs. Hahn so she could obtain their meager savings to pay her race track losses.

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BRITAIN PONDERS FINANCIAL AID TO CHINESE DEFENSE

Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Cautions Japanese Present Policy Is Bound to Have Repercussions

LONDON, Dec. 7.—(AP)—The British government is considering financial assistance to China to combat Japanese domination of the far east at the expense of western powers.

The Earl of Plymouth, undersecretary for foreign affairs, cautioning Japan to "realize their present policy is bound to have incalculable repercussions," told the house of lords last night Britain was disposed favorably to give "assistance to China in connection with export credits."

Lord Ellbank, peer and insurance company director, urged economic action against Japan by reducing Japanese exports to British colonies, withholding foreign exchange and credits, and closing Hongkong, Indian and Straits Settlement ports to Japanese shipping.

The British government five months ago refused a Chinese bid for \$100,000,000 and the reopening of the subject led some political quarters to interpret therein a double purpose—to restore friendly relations with China, irked by the previous refusal, and to impress upon Japan the desirability of making concessions, lest China with new outside help prolong the war.

TOKYO, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Japan has prepared a further exposition of her attitude toward foreign economic rights in China, and Tokyo newspapers said today it would be given to the British and United States ambassadors tomorrow.

The American ambassador, Joseph C. Grew, and the British Sir Robert Leslie Craige, were expected to meet with Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita for discussion of the open door question.

The newspaper Asahi said Arita would outline the Japanese claim to special economic position in China and give limited assurances other powers would not be deprived of business opportunities.

The foreign office spokesman said the Asahi interpretation was not officially inspired but it "very accurately reflects public opinion."

Asahi stated Arita would discuss abolition of all extra-territorial rights, (exemption from jurisdiction of local courts and other privileges given by China to countries with foreign concessions), "for the benefit of China."

Earlier, Fred A. Peterson, Oakland policeman, testified he found the watch while searching the machine and turned it over to his superior. The trial is in its eighth day.

"Did you show her the watch?" Deputy Pros. Charles C. Ralls asked Goodnight.

"I did," Goodnight replied. "She said, 'that watch was planted on my son. I think that watch is dynamite.' She wanted me to get rid of it. She said she'd make it all right with me if I would."

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Bergdoll's Wife Will Urge Him To Face U. S. Sentence

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—(AP)—Mrs. Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, eager to end the exile that has made her a woman without a country, was on her way to Germany today to urge her husband to return and serve his five-year sentence as a World war draft-dodger.

With her on the liner Hamburg are four of her five children, all traveling on a German passport which carries a curt notation that "the owner of this passport is not a citizen of Germany."

Mrs. Bergdoll is German-born. Eighteen years ago her husband, an American citizen, escaped from military guards and fled to Germany.

YOUTHS CONFESS RIFLING CARS ON WHOLESALE SCALE

With the arrest today of a 16-year-old junior high school boy, city police cleared up a baffling series of automobile prowlings which numbered at least nine victims since November 10. The youth, who assertedly confessed to police he stole articles from parked cars because he "didn't have anything else to do at night," was to be arraigned in juvenile court this afternoon, charged with larceny from automobiles.

Another local boy, 15 years old, was also arrested in connection with the thefts, and allegedly admitted that he had been with the 16-year-old youth on one occasion when a car was rifled. He was also to appear in juvenile court this afternoon to answer the same charge.

An amazing assortment of loot was recovered by police in the bedroom of the 16-year-old boy. It consisted of flashlights, blankets, golf balls, purses, tobacco, brief cases, a rifle, a medicine kit, books and a conglomeration of miscellaneous articles.

A list of car owners, who were victims of the youthful thief, was announced by police as including C. C. Gaul of 10 Quince street, Ora Pultz of 242 1/2 Bently street, Mrs. Mary Roberts of 1005 West Fourth street, W. R. Terrell of Klamath Falls, Ervin Larene of 724 North Riverside avenue, Mrs. Bernice Goodrich of Montague, Cal., Capt. H. J. Melring of 211 Genesee street, Bernard Roberts of 922 Reddy street and O. M. Murphy of 637 South Central avenue.

Ownership of many of the articles has not yet been established by police, but they stated practically all the stolen property had been recovered.

Another report submitted by Mr. Scheffel showed that since the previous council meeting on November 15, 17 defective sidewalks had been repaired by property owners. Since the repair work was ordered last February, 530 property owners have been notified to repair defective walks. 337 walks have been repaired and 193 remain to be done, the report stated.

After study, the streets and roads and the land appraisal committee approved a petition asking for the closing of the alley in block 8 of Highland Park addition and the opening of Benson street from the present north end of the street to Tenth street. The petition was then referred to the planning commission for final action. It contained the name of 16 Benson street residents.

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