

Annual Autumn Dollar Days Friday, Saturday in Medford Stores

The Weather
Fair tonight and Thursday with fog in morning, no change in temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 62
Lowest this morning 29
To 5 p. m. yesterday T.
To 8 a. m. today T.

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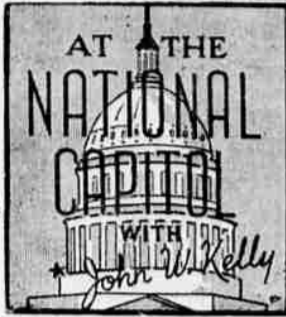
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Washington, D. C., Nov. 15.—National politics is now resumed and politics will influence every act of the regular session of congress, which meets January 3. Much of the political planning centers around the unanswered question of a third term.

Those who have observed Mr. Roosevelt during his career are satisfied that he will take a third term. It is the opinion of "Dear Alben" Barkley, Democratic leader of the senate; James A. Farley is said to believe that Mr. Roosevelt will be nominated and, if nominated, Jim will "go along," as his sense of loyalty is beyond measure.

ON THE Republican side of the picture there is as little harmony as among the Democrats who are divided into Jeffersonians and new dealers. There is a strong suspicion that Herbert Hoover is determined to have considerable say in the Republican nominating convention and in the east the whisper is that Hoover is in Dewey's corner.

Some of Dewey's managers have denounced Hoover as heartily as any Democrat, but a meeting was held in a Philadelphia home after the Notre Dame-Army football game and peace was made.

Vandenberg and Taft are not on speaking terms since the neutrality debate. Bob Taft supported the administration bill for repeal; Vandenberg stood for retaining the embargo. This was sufficient to cause a coolness. Taft is now trying to explain to the farmers of Ohio why he opposed the agricultural bill—Ohio is a farming state.

The colored vote of Ohio is very important and has gone near deal, but recently a wealthy relative of Taft made a splendid gift to the colored people and Taft was the headliner at the dedication.

THE offering of Oregon's McNary as a presidential possibility is receiving kind words from Taft and Vandenberg (either, if he cannot make the grade himself, would prefer McNary to win). Offers of assistance have been made in eight of the 11 public land states of the west. In the east McNary is known as a progressive; the Republican bosses viewed him with alarm in the days when the fat boys ran the show and he was striving to solve the farm problem with the McNary-Haugen act (vetoed by Coolidge and Hoover). On the progressive side the Oregon senator's record is better than any other Republican being mentioned.

INVITATIONS are being extended to McNary to address (Continued on Page Four.)

CHINA BUYS BOMBER FROM VULTEE PLANT

Los Angeles, Nov. 15.—(AP)—A \$1,000,000 order, for one attack bomber, a set of assembly jigs and drillium for 25 planes, from the Republic of China, was announced today by Vultee Aircraft division of Aviation Manufacturers Corp.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Jean Hart taking advantage of hubby Bob's absence to wear her favorite perky little chapeau which he doesn't care much for.

Fritz Brewer and wife drew looking forward to residing in Medford and everything despite the fact they but recently simply adored the "Climate City."

C. M. Kidd passing out Australian pennies as large as U. S. half dollars.

Foresters Herschel Obye and Paul Brinson and a non-forest guy having a very confused 3-way discussion on what was supposed to be the same subject, one, however, talking about a bow, the other a bowl and the third bowling.

39 OIL COMPANIES CITED ON CHARGE OF FIXING PRICES

Anti-Trust Laws Violated by Coast Concerns Finding of Los Angeles Grand Jury

Los Angeles, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Indictments charging conspiracy to maintain gasoline prices in violation of the Sherman anti-trust laws named 39 oil companies and two petroleum associations today.

A federal grand jury, which in five months heard more than 150 witnesses, accused the concerns of purchases from independent refiners at arbitrary prices calculated to eliminate competition between the two groups.

All of the companies operate in California, but the jury claimed effects of the conspiracy extended into Arizona, Nevada, Oregon and Washington. It listed the firms as controlling 95 per cent of all gasoline sold on the Pacific coast.

Understanding Charged. Purchases were made by major companies, it was charged, on the understanding the independents would, in return, maintain prices for the remainder of their gasoline at about the same level as that of major companies. It also was alleged the independent refiners were allotted fixed quotas which had the effect of limiting the amount of gasoline which each could produce.

As a part of the conspiracy, it was charged, the defendants brought about organization of two associations, the Fair Practices association and the Independent Refiners association of California, Inc. The two organizations were charged with furthering the conspiracy.

Major Firms Cited. Major concerns indicted were Standard Oil company of California, Texas company, Richfield Oil Corp., Shell Oil company, Inc., Tide Water-Associated Oil company, Union Oil company of California and General Petroleum Corp. of California.

Others named were Gilmore, Rio Grand, Seaside, Signal, Sunset, Aromaline, R. B. Bush, California Oil and Refining, Century, Caminol, Eagle Oil and Refining, East-West Refining, El Camino, El Tejon Oil and Refining, Envoy Petroleum, Mercury Petroleum, Mohawk Petroleum, Olympic, Pan-Pacific, Triangle Oil and Refining, Petrol Corp., White Star Oil and Refining, Rothschild, Estado, Exeter, Norwalk and Social.

Willamette Sophs Dunk 50 Freshmen

Salem, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Class warfare between Willamette university freshmen and sophomores broke out today, the sophs winning by dunking 50 freshmen in the cold waters of the campus mill race.

The battle started shortly before noon after freshmen refused to obey a sophomore edict that fresh must continue to wear their freshman caps.

High-Up Democrats Predict No Primary Fight by F. D. R.

Washington, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Persons high in Democratic party councils predicted today President Roosevelt would make no fight for Democratic convention delegates in preferential primaries next spring.

They expressed the opinion that, even if Mr. Roosevelt intended to run for a third term, he would not authorize use of his name on the primary ballots in states requiring candidates' consent.

Instead, they predicted, he would rely on unconstructed delegates and on his chances of picking up delegations from states pledged to other candidates after they had recorded their primary-directed preferences in initial voting at the convention.

Mr. Roosevelt once more declined to shed any light yesterday on his third term intentions.

No Luggage Search



Mrs. Stella Crater Kunz, remarried widow of the missing Justice Crater, today was denied access to the luggage of the now demented ex-show girl Jean Covell (above) whose apartment Crater visited just before he disappeared.

BYRD SHOVES OFF ON FIRST LEG OF JAUNT TO ANTARCTIC WASTE

Boston, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Without the slightest fanfare, the first half of Uncle Sam's first Antarctic expedition in 100 years sailed away from frigid Boston today on the first leg of the long journey to the frozen southland.

Just before dawn (6:14 a. m. E.S.T.) the motorship North Star—loaded down with everything from food to phonograph records, from sled dogs to a 27-ton snow cruiser—cast off her lines at the army base and slid quietly down the harbor en route to Philadelphia.

All the good-byes were said, the farewell ceremonies completed, final kisses exchanged, yesterday, and with the declaration that he believed Little America might provide a new and "safer" base for a United States-Australia air trail, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd, the expedition's leader, gave the signal for the takeoff.

RICH GOLD STRIKE MADE IN GEORGIA

Dahlonega, Ga., Nov. 15.—(AP)—A new gold strike, baring a lode of bonanza ore which a state geologist said assayed \$80,000 a ton, was disclosed today by operators of the century-old Calhoun mine three miles south of here.

State Geologist Garland Peyton described the strike as "a vein of quartz, two inches in thickness and of unknown depth, so thoroughly impregnated with gold over approximately ten inches that it appeared as one continuous ribbon of yellow metal * * *."

Free Young Mother Who Drowned Baby

LIMA, O., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Pretty Velma Baker Fink, adjudged temporarily insane after she drowned her 10-week-old son Haldon in a creek near Clyde last June 13, was freed from the Lima state hospital for criminal insane on parole today.

The 22-year-old divorcee was placed under the supervision of her family physician after hospital officials testified at a hearing that she is now sane. There was no opposition to her release.

Murder Is Charged To Klamath Negro

Klamath Falls, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Earl Williams, 44-year-old negro, was charged with first degree murder today in connection with the death of his common law wife, Weola, at a shack near here last Saturday.

Williams waived preliminary hearing and his case will be presented to the grand jury.

Belleville, Ill., Nov. 15.—(AP)—George A. Theodoroff, 22-year-old aviator of East St. Louis, was killed late today when a rebuilt plane he was piloting crashed in a field one mile south of here.

Money Belt On Pauper's Body Contains \$4040

Pittsburgh, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Nurses preparing the body of Mrs. Anna Meyer, 73, for a "pauper's burial" today found a money belt containing \$4,040 strapped around the woman's waist.

Mrs. Meyer died at the Mayview City Home where her husband, Jacob Meyer, died five years ago and was buried at the city's expense. The money belt contained 40 \$100 bills and some smaller currency.

HUNDREDS LOSE LIVES AS FLAMES ROLL OVER VENEZUELA OIL TOWN

Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Volunteer workers searched Lake Maracaibo today for the bodies of 500 to 800 persons estimated to have died in a fire which swept the oil town of Lagunillas, a village of wooden shacks, perched on stilts at the water's edge.

While the searchers paddled through floating debris and charred piling—all that remained of the shanty town which housed 2,500 natives employed in the great oil fields nearby—the government mobilized its resources to aid the survivors.

Several years ago the Venezuelan government, with the assistance of the foreign oil companies, built a new village called Ciudad Ojeda to replace the filthy, oil-soaked Lagunillas. However, in spite of the fact the natives were supplied at the new town with free water, gas and light service, they did not like it and failed to move in great numbers.

BAY COMMERCE AT STANDSTILL

San Francisco, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Commerce was virtually at a standstill on San Francisco Bay today, with three strikes still in deadlock and contract negotiations between waterfront employers and the key CIO Longshoremen's Union stalled.

Business observers noted with anxiety a rush of 3,000 longshoremen to apply for state unemployment insurance benefits of a possible maximum of \$15 a week, and wondered if the action presaged a long siege on the waterfront.

Longshoremen are not on strike. If they were, they would not be eligible for the insurance benefits under state law. But they are idle because they decline to pass picket lines of the Ship Clerks' Union before piers operated by members of the Dock Checkers Employers association. The ship clerks, numbering about 650, struck last Saturday.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press (Time is Pacific Standard)
What is announced as the first broadcast direct from the war zone in France is the program scheduled for the MBS network at 7:15 p. m. Thursday. The broadcaster will be Victor Lunich, speaking from the French general headquarters over a phone line to Paris and thence by short wave to this country.

Tonight: Europe — WABC-CBS 5:55, 8; MBS 6; WEAF-NBC—East 8; WJZ-NBC 4:46; Virginia Gayda, Italian editor, speaking from Rome.

Thursday: MBS 9:30, a. m., Sec. Harold I. McKes on "Safe Ocean Cruises."

War Bulletins

London, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The 790-ton British coastwise tanker Woodtown was reported sunk today after an explosion in which nine of her crew of 12 were lost. Three survivors were taken to a hospital suffering undetermined injuries.

London, Nov. 15.—(AP)—A Reuter (British news agency) dispatch from Kaunas, Lithuania, reported two Lithuanian freighters, the 1,607-ton Panevezys and the 945-ton Nida, were sunk today in Baltic waters off the Estonian coast. The Nida carried a British coal cargo.

Brussels, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Further relaxation of tension in Belgium was reflected in the restoration today of leaves for soldiers.

Cancellation of the three days-a-month leave was ordered after King Leopold made his hurried trip Nov. 8 to the Hague to confer with Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. Other military precautions were taken then.

London, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The 2,216-ton Greek steamer Georgios sank today off the east coast of England after colliding with a half-submerged wreck. Her crew of 22 was rescued by a coast guard lifeboat.

PRE-YULE BARGAINS OFFERED SHOPPERS IN SPECIAL EVENT

Annual autumn Dollar Days will be held by all Medford stores Friday and Saturday.

Special merchandise has been stocked for this yearly bargain event and everything has been marked at prices to attract the most careful shopper, committee in charge stated.

The Dollar Day sales event will be a sort of prelude to the Christmas season, the last major bargain offer before the Yuletide merchandise goes on sale. To guarantee a good Christmas season, all merchants are co-operating closely in offering genuine bargains during Dollar Days, the committee declared.

JEFFERSON SHRINE STARTED BY F. D. R.

Washington, Nov. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt laid the cornerstone today for a \$3,000,000 marble shrine to Thomas Jefferson and asserted in a brief address that the people of the United States today "are more than ever satisfied with the republican form of government."

The president stood beside the memorial rising to honor the author of the Declaration of Independence to declare the cornerstone was being laid in recognition of the "ever present vitality" of Jefferson's type of Americanism.

"He lived as we live," Mr. Roosevelt asserted, "in the midst of a struggle between rule by the self-chosen individual or the self-appointed few, and rule by the franchise and approval of the many. He believed as we do that the average opinion of mankind is in the long run superior to the dictates of the self-chosen."

ARSON DEMIC OVER NORTHWEST BELIEVED SOLVED

Two Transients Held in Chehalis Admit One Fire; Other Activity Suspected

Chehalis, Wash., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Two transients—a man and a youth—were in jail here today after pleading guilty to first degree arson in a \$200,000 Chehalis fire of last July, and authorities attributed to them a recent incendiary reign of terror in Pacific northwest industrial plants.

Deputy Prosecutor L. B. Dyar said the younger of the two, Robert Walzer, 22, of Rome, N. Y., confessed that he and Fred Stine, 47, of Rochester, N. Y., set fires which caused an estimated \$2,000,000 damage in Washington and Oregon.

Heavy Loss. William A. Sullivan, state insurance commissioner and fire marshal, set the figure at \$1,000,000 in Oregon and half a million in Washington in the past two years.

Sullivan said they apparently enjoyed the fires, and remained usually at the scene to watch them.

Deputy State Fire Marshal Edward Smith, who aided in questioning the men, described Stine as a man who is against society and who fails to see good in any democratic institutions. He has not worked for five years.

Fingerprints of the two were sent to the federal bureau of investigation at Washington. Smith and Charles E. Landin, both former Seattle firemen, arrested them at Tacoma nine days ago.

Admit One Fire. The men pleaded guilty in superior court here only to the Chehalis lumber mill, iron works and dairy plant fire of last July 27, on which the arson charge was based. Judge C. A. Studebaker deferred sentence.

Portland fires Sullivan blamed on the pair included: Western Foundry, vacant house, Pope Cordage company, Holly Press, Pacific Honey company, warehouse, Portland Box and Lumber company, Portland Spar company, Oregon Door and Lumber company, Golde block, Kerr-Gifford m. l. l., Spaulding building, Layton Cooperage company, Great American Casket company, E. V. Prentice Woodworking company, Douglas Sales Agency, General Paint company, Union depot and Northern Pacific oil house.

CZECH STUDENT HELD FOR DEMONSTRATION

Prague, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Sources close to the Czech university chancellery said 16 of 2,000 Czech students who demonstrated against the German protectorate government today had been arrested.

The youths attempted to escort the body of a 24-year-old student who died of injuries Oct. 28 to a railway station. The demonstrations extended from the medical school where the funeral was held to the station.

Seeks 1 in 5000



One person in 5,000 whose blood may save Catherine Fell, 8 (above), is being sought in Philadelphia. Fifteen transfusions so far have failed to halt acute lymphatic leukemia and physicians say the blood of one who has recovered from the malady might aid her, adding that only about one in 5,000 does recover.

IRRIGATION SURVEY FOR SAMS VALLEY DISTRICT STARTS IN DECEMBER

Grants Pass, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The federal reclamation bureau will start work early in December on its anxiously-awaited survey of practicability of financing new irrigation districts in Josephine and Jackson counties.

With Grants Pass as headquarters, Merlin and Sams Valley districts will be the first to be surveyed.

E. Reed Carter, secretary-treasurer of the Grants Pass Irrigation district, wired the news today from Denver, Colo., where he is attending the National Reclamation association annual conference.

The text of Carter's telegram was: "E. B. Debler, division of investigation, says work there to start early December. Air map for whole Rogue river watershed almost complete. Grants Pass to be headquarters. Don M. Forester in charge. Start on Merlin, Josephine, Sams Valley, Jackson. Bureau intends complete watershed survey possibly by next year."

The survey is financed by the two counties, the state and the federal government.

QUESTION COP IN MAYOR'S SLAYING

Long Beach, N. Y., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Mayor Louis F. Edwards of Long Beach was shot and killed and his bodyguard, Patrolman James Walsh, was wounded today while on the steps of the mayor's home as he was preparing to leave for his office.

Soon afterward, Patrolman Alvin Dooley presented himself to Long Beach police for questioning.

Dooley was formerly president of the Patrolman's Benevolent association. Last week he was defeated for re-election by Patrolman Walsh whom the mayor had favored as a candidate.

FRUIT INTERESTS WILL BE GUARDED McNARY ASSURED

Favorable Treatment to Be Sought in Pact Under Negotiation With Argentina

Washington, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Henry F. Grady, assistant secretary of state, assured Senator McNary (R-Ore.) today the department in negotiating a trade agreement with Argentina would make every effort to obtain the most favorable treatment possible in the Argentine market for American apples and pears.

Grady said apples were not included in the announced list of products on which concessions would be sought, but pears were included. He said in 17 of 19 trade agreements so far negotiated concessions had been obtained for exports of American apples and pears.

Want Same Treatment. The letter was in answer to one sent by McNary and 11 other members of congress urging that the department in negotiating the agreement insist American apples and pears be accorded the same treatment in the Argentine market as accorded Argentine apples and pears in the American market.

They also asked Argentina guarantee to eliminate "unreasonable sanitary and exchange" restrictions.

Grady said this would be considered during the negotiations, but reminded McNary the senate had not yet approved the Argentine sanitary convention. He said there was a resentment in Argentina against this country's existing embargo on meat imports from the South American country, where it was believed to be an "arbitrary and unreasonable" law.

(Imports of livestock and livestock products, except canned meats, into the United States from Argentina are prohibited by statute on the ground that foot-and-mouth disease exists in Argentina. The convention, which the senate has refused at several successive sessions to ratify, would lift this embargo from sections of Argentina declared to be free of the disease.)

PORTLAND AIRWAY WRAPPED IN FOG

Portland, Nov. 15.—(AP)—One of the thickest fogs of the season hovered over the Willamette valley from Portland to Eugene today. The weather bureau predicted it would wait away late this afternoon, but return in the morning.

North Bend and Newport reported fog but the mouth of the Columbia river was clear. The north bound United Airline plane skipped Portland, going directly to Seattle where Portland passengers were forced to lay over until the atmosphere cleared.

Planes scheduled to depart from the Swan Island airport were grounded.

For a time today Medford municipal airport was the only open port between Seattle, Wash., and San Francisco, Cal. The United Mailliner due here at 11 a. m. was held for a time in Seattle because of the fog and did not arrive here until 1:38 p. m. The Oakland-San Francisco area also was fog-bound and United was using its alternate field at Livermore, Cal. Medford was also fogged-in for a short time this morning.

Home From Moscow

Helsinki, Nov. 15.—(AP)—A Finnish delegation returned home from Moscow today after steadfastly resisting Soviet Russian demands for territorial concessions and prepared to report at once to the government.

The delegation was greeted at the station by Premier Aimo Candler, members of his cabinet and ministers of the Scandinavian nations.