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KLAMATH TAKES CUT 4 MILLS

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is a disconcerted statement overheard by this writer on the morning of Thanksgiving day:

"I can't see what common, ordinary people have to be thankful for in these days."

NOT Well, let's see about that.

A king of France, riding along the street with a gay party of courtiers, noticed a laborer working on a roof. Turning to a man-at-arms in his guard, he ordered: "Shoot me that varlet."

The order was obeyed. The dead body rolled down the roof, dropped from the eaves and struck the ground with a thud. The king and his courtiers laughed loudly and passed on.

That poor varlet was a common, ordinary person of the day.

IN this same France, Carlyle tells us, there was once a written law permitting a seigneur, returning cold and weary from the hunt, to kill not more than two serfs and warm his cold, tired feet in their hot blood.

The serf was a common, ordinary person of THAT day.

IN England, it was once the right of the noble to enter into the house of his humble retainer on his wedding day and carry off the bride, to be done with as the noble pleased and returned later, a discarded plaything.

This humble retainer, you see, was just one of the common, ordinary persons of the day.

IN ancient Greece, supposedly enlightened, the follower of a banished leader desired to send a message to his absent chief—a message that must be kept secret. So he took a slave, shaved his head, tattooed the message thereon, kept the slave in seclusion until his hair again grew out and sent him to the exile with a verbal message to shave the slave's head.

The instructions were followed. The exile, receiving the message, shaved the slave's head and read what was written thereon. Then, to avoid any possible leak, he KILLED the slave.

That slave was a common, ordinary person of the time.

LET'S drop down the scale of history a thousand years or so, getting a little nearer our own time.

In early New England, right here in our own land of the free, a common, ordinary citizen who ran up a grocery bill that he was unable to pay might be imprisoned in the stocks and exposed in a public place to the ribald insults of the passing populace.

LET us move back now to ancient Egypt, and glance at the Pyramids.

These tremendous structures are monuments to the glory of departed kings. They were built by common ordinary persons of (Continued on Page 5)

Gandhi, Returning to India, Says He Is Going to "Hell"

LONDON, Nov. 30. (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi, despairing of the independence for India he came here to seek at the round table conference, today prepared to sail for home Saturday to what he predicted is going to be "hell," and probably more jail for him. "There is going to be hell," the little man said yesterday as he plodded through slushy streets on his regular early morning walk at 4 a. m., looking even more ghost-like in the raw, cold fog. "I leave Saturday for Bombay. There we shall take up again our weaponless battle against England."

NEUTRAL ZONE TALK BRINGS PEACE HOPES

Dr. Wellington Koo and Japanese Official to Hold Discussion.

Meanwhile, Troops March to Tsitsihar Ready for Battle.

MUKDEN, Nov. 30. (AP)—Japanese reinforcements described as the main body of a brigade left here today for Tsitsihar, against which General Mah Chun-shan was said to be advancing from Khalun.

Japanese sources here, in making this announcement, said the troops at Tsitsihar had been ordered to stand by to move at a moment's notice.

TOKYO, Nov. 30. (AP)—A prospect for direct negotiations between China and Japan brought hopes for a Manchurian peace to Tokyo today.

The first basis for the new hope was in an announcement that Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese charge d'affaires in China, will visit Dr. Wellington Koo, Chinese foreign minister, to discuss the creation of a neutral zone in the territory.

This discussion, it was hoped, might lead to the opening of direct negotiations between the two countries over the whole Manchurian problem. Official circles expressed themselves as optimistic that the general situation would show marked improvement before long, notwithstanding evidences of an apparently grave situation at Tsientsin.

Cain was reported over the foreign office today, following (Continued on Page Three)

DEFINITE BREAK IN GOLD IS PREDICTED

PORTLAND, Nov. 30. (AP)—A definite break in the cold snap was predicted by the weather bureau here today after Portlanders experienced the lowest temperature of the season. The mercury skidded to the 26-degree mark during the night, two degrees lower than Sunday morning's minimum.

The forecast today was for "increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday, becoming unsettled tonight, probably with rain; slightly warmer tonight, easterly winds."

Scattered sections of the Pacific Northwest were somewhat warmer, today, particularly on the coast.

On the other hand Baker reported 2 degrees below zero; Yakima 6 above; Walla Walla 14; Seattle 34; Marshfield 35; Roseburg 30 and Medford 30.

New French Embassy At Washington Plan

PARIS, Nov. 30. (AP)—The government introduced a bill in the chamber of deputies today to appropriate \$1,040,000 for a new French embassy at Washington. The senate already has approved the project.

No and Yes



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REPUBLICANS NAME SNELL FOR SPEAKER

Tilson Gives New Yorker Hard Battle for Place.

But Democrats Likely to Organize House With Garner at Head.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (AP)—The republican conference failed today to settle the controversy whether Representative Snell, speaker nominee, or Representative Tilson of Connecticut, would be minority leader in event of democratic organization of the house.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (AP)—In a secret and embattled convolve, the republican members of the house today nominated Representative Bertrand H. Snell to become speaker.

It took seven ballots before the New Yorker won. He was especially hard pressed at the start by Representative John Q. Tilson, of Connecticut.

The final vote between them was 56 to 54. While this lacked one of a majority, selection of Snell was conceded.

Representative Tilson himself then moved the nomination. On the last ballot Representative Mapes of Michigan received 16; Hoch of Kansas 11; LaGuardia of New York 2; and four voted present.

Tilson led in the first two ballots, but as state delegations gave up hope for their favorite sons, Snell overcame the lead and advanced steadily.

The present house lineup is 218 democrats, 214 republicans, 12 farmer-labor and two vacancies. One of the vacancies in New Jersey, will be filled to (Continued on Page Three)

EMPIRE COMPANY PROBE UNDER WAY

SALEM, Nov. 30. (AP)—James Mott, state corporation commissioner, Charles Goodwin, auditor for the corporation department, and Miss Winifred Graham, notary public, who witnessed the oath of officers and directors of the Empire Holding corporation when they made their application for a stock selling permit, were the three witnesses heard by the Marion county grand jury today as the jury started its investigation of the affairs and practices of the Empire company, the stock sales permit of which was recently cancelled by the corporation department.

Mott, at whose request Carson laid the matter before the grand jury, said that he outlined to the jury the results of the investigations made by his department into the company's affairs. Goodwin conducted the audit made for the corporation department of the financial affairs of the company.

SALEM, Nov. 30. (AP)—Charles K. Spaulding, member of the state highway commission, left for Portland today to attend a conference with the commission summoned by Governor Julius L. Meier. It was understood here the conference was called in an attempt to restore harmony between Spaulding and the other two members of the commission, J. C. Athaworth and William Hanley.

The meeting of the commission has been scheduled for Thursday, December 3, at Portland.

WEATHER

The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy shows that barometric conditions experienced little change over the week-end. Continued clear and snappy weather is indicated.

The Tyco recording thermometer registered maximum and minimum temperatures today as follows: High 24 Low 10 Forecast for next 24 hours: Fair, not much change in temperatures.

OREGON: Increasing cloudiness tonight and Tuesday; becoming unsettled Tuesday probably with rain in northwest portion; slightly warmer in north and northwest portion; gentle changeable winds becoming southerly offshore.

Walker in California to Plead for Mooney



Here is New York City's Mayor James J. Walker, center, as he was greeted in San Francisco by Mayor Angelo Rossi, left, and Governor James Rolph, Jr., right, of California, when he arrived to make a personal plea to the governor for the release of Tom Mooney who was sent to prison in 1919 following conviction in connection with the Preparedness Day bombing.

Merchants, Householders to Start Elaborate Decorations For Big Christmas Opening

Myriads of red and green lights will be strung above Main street, early this week in preparation for the merchant's annual Christmas opening, Friday evening, December 4, according to W. E. Clifton, who is chairman of the street decorating committee.

Christmas trees will line the streets, as in the past. Many of the merchants are planning to decorate the trees in front of their stores.

Merchants began Friday to decorate their windows for the annual event. Beautiful displays of gifts, everything from the very frivoloous to the most practical, will be shown.

Every shop in the city will join in the plans. Fred Houston, in charge of window decorations, promises that very unusual and beautiful displays will be shown. He asks all merchants who can to decorate windows of empty stores.

Merchants Named. Merchants who have already snatched their intentions of carrying out the Christmas program in the same manner as last year are: The American National bank, Baisler Motor company, Blue Bird, Breier's, Baldwin Hardware company, Barnhart's, Barth's, Dollar store, Buster Brown Shoe store, California Oregon Power company, Clifton's, Canning Book and Stationery company.

Santa Claus is also expected to visit several of the stores on Friday evening. One store has already opened its toyland and others will be opened Friday eve.

Notre Dame, U.S.C. Place Three Each On All-American

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (AP)—Notre Dame and Southern California each gain three places on the World-Telegram All-American football team, announced today. The World-Telegram's team: Ends: Dairymple, Talane, and Cranite, Kansas State.

Guards: Baker, Southern California, and Nunn, Minnesota. Tackle: Kurtz, Notre Dame, and Quate, Pittsburgh. Center: Yarr, Notre Dame. Quarterback: Shaver, Southern California.

Halfbacks: Schwartz, Notre Dame, and Pinckert, Southern California. Fullback: Rentner, Northwest.

Shooting of Youth Is Held Accidental

DENVER, Nov. 30. (AP)—A 17-year-old boy identified as Marcel Hernandez was shot to death early today by Patrolman V. H. Key.

Key and Patrolman Arthur Shovel reported the slaying was accidental. The officers pursued a track driven by the boy and forced it to stop by shooting at the tires. Key said that on getting out of the police car he tripped and dropped his gun. The weapon was discharged, the shot entering the boy's breast.

Chinese Argument Ends in 2 Deaths

CHICAGO, Nov. 30. (AP)—A heated argument over reorganization of the free nation of China resulted last night in the killing of two Chinese and the wounding of a third, a bystander. It was first thought a tong war was responsible.

Youth Kills Girl, Then Wounds Self

CHICAGO, November 30. (AP)—Ruth Wickland, 13, was shot and killed today by Henry Bio, her 16-year-old sweetheart, who then wounded himself. Police said the shooting was the climax of a quarrel.

REDUCTION IS MADE DESPITE SLASHED VALUE

Assessed Valuation for County \$2,896,570 Less Than 1930.

Reduced Budgets Will Have Effect on Tax Statements.

Taxes in Klamath county will be lower in 1931 by more than four mills than they were in 1930, it was revealed Monday when Assessor W. T. Lee received the equalized value on Public Service Corporations as placed by the state tax commission.

The tax ratio will be about 21 mills on the total assessed valuation of \$27,489,447.51 to raise the necessary \$785,221.96 which is the total amount of the budget to be raised by taxation. Last year the county and state levy was 25.1 mills. The difference will be slightly more than a four mill reduction.

The assessed valuation of the county for the year 1931 is \$2,896,570.45 less than in 1930 but a total reduction of \$249,278.65 in the amount to be raised by taxation allows the millage drop.

Corporation Values Cut. Public service valuations for 1930 on 39 corporations was \$11,149,794.96 while for the year 1931, on the state tax ratio of .57 instead of .68 as it was a year ago brings the assessed valuation of 45 corporations to \$11,135,526.51 or a drop of \$614,178.45 in the value of public service corporations in Klamath county.

The adjusted assessed value of property in Klamath county, other than public service corporations, is \$26,353,921. A year ago the value was \$26,636,313, a loss of \$2,882,392. Taking into account the corporation drop of \$614,178.45 into consideration property in Klamath county was reduced 7.16 per cent in 1931 below the 1930 assessed valuation.

The lowered budgets of school districts and cities will bring the tax levy on all property in Klamath county down this year on the lowered valuations of all property by at least four mills. County Judge Goddard stated. The lowered valuations with the lowered tax rate will allow a substantial tax reduction to every taxpayer, he predicted.

The valuations of individual public service corporations as reduced (Continued on Page Three)

CITY OF MERRILL REDUCES BUDGET

The city of Merrill has reduced its budget for the coming year \$209,52 lower than a year ago, making it necessary to raise by taxation for the year 1931 the sum of \$1,122.72 where \$2,082.35 was raised by taxation a year ago.

The budget allows \$1,116 for the general fund with an estimated balance on hand December 31, 1931, of \$142.28, \$400 for the bond sinking fund and \$250 for the bond interest fund. G. W. Orfield was chairman of the budget committee and E. T. Crawford acted as secretary.

LATE NEWS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30. (AP)—Senator Walsh, democrat of Montana, today announced that hearings of the lobby committee on the sugar tariff were closed, and that he would submit to the senate a report on the transactions attributed to Senators Davis and Pennington, who established a new flight record from London to Cape Town, arrived home today and was given a civic reception.

SALEM, Nov. 30. (AP)—Three applications for water permits for irrigation purposes were filed with the state engineer during the past week. C. E. Strickland announced today. The largest application filed with the commission for some time was that of the Summer Lake Irrigation District of Summer Lake, for 90 second feet of water from Ana river, tributary of Summer lake, for irrigation of 6941 acres and power in Lake county.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30. (AP)—The steamer Herman Frasch collided with the four-masted schooner Ida S. Dow early today about 75 miles off the North Carolina coast in a dense fog. Radio dispatches intercepted by the coast guard here indicated there had been no loss of life.

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Nov. 30. (AP)—Suddenly stricken with acute appendicitis, Leo B. Calland, football coach and head of the athletic department of the University of Idaho, went under the knife in an emergency operation here early yesterday.