

MOVE MADE TO CUT INCOME TAX

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
SAN FRANCISCO, founded on a peninsula, grew up on a peninsula. As a matter of fact, on the narrow tip of a peninsula. The reasons therefor are not hard to find. They lie in the time at which the city was coming to its maturity.

In that period, transportation was based on the horse. Likewise, in that day, people got to work early and stayed at it late. The distance at which people can live from their work and still get on the job early is strictly limited.

Hence San Francisco inclined early toward apartment house living. Apartment houses and flats have this to be said for them: They house a lot of people within a limited area. Up to a certain point, the people of a city can live in multiple-unit housing and still walk to work.

That explains why ancient Europe, whose cities were built long before modern transportation, still lives almost exclusively in row houses and other forms of multiple-unit dwellings.

NEW YORK and San Francisco have always been compared as METROPOLITAN cities. The reason for their similarity is simple. Manhattan is built on an island; San Francisco on a peninsula. In both, ground area is sharply limited. Hence both have had to build up in the air.

IN time, of course, railroads came to San Francisco. And streetcars. And ferryboats. All of them helped to extend the distance at which people could live from their work. The streetcars moved the residence areas back onto the more distant hills. The ferryboats made living on the other side of the bay possible. Commuter communities began to grow up along the railroad to the south.

But still the bulk of the population remained in the congested area at the peninsula's tip. IN cities with unlimited back country, the streetcar early made it possible to get out into the wider open spaces—which Americans in particular have always had a yen for. As population grew outward, the streetcar systems were modernized steadily in order to keep up with demand.

But for the reasons already mentioned streetcar modernization in San Francisco has proceeded slowly. In recent decades, it has STOPPED STILL. It is hard to find a word to describe San Francisco's city transport system. "Archaic" won't do. It connotes far too much modern progress. San Francisco's streetcars would be out-of-date in Shanghai. They are not only old-fashioned. They are worn out.

When one passes, you pause instinctively, feeling in your bones that this will be the time when it will fall apart before your eyes like the one-hoss shay. THE automobile, of course, complicated the situation. It came along at about the time when streetcar and other mass transport would otherwise have HAD to be brought up-to-date.

Everybody, naturally, wanted an automobile. Thanks to America's genius for mass production at prices that people could afford to pay, automobile ownership was swiftly extended to include the bulk of the population. There was a period when we all thought the automobile would supplement all other forms of get-to-work-and-back-transportation. In the towns and even in the smaller cities, it did. In the

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Here and News

PRICE FIVE CENTS KLAMATH FALLS, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1947 (Telephone 8111) ★ Number 10844

WEATHER
Max. (Jan. 28) — 30 Min. — 18
Precipitation last 24 hours — .02
Normal year to date — 4.22
Normal R.F. Last year — 8.90
Forecast: Occasional showers; continued cold.

Cold Wave Grips Britain, Europe

Police Hold Black Dahlia Confessor

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29 (AP)—Daniel S. Voorhees, curly-haired and husky, was booked today in the county jail on suspicion of murder after, police said, he signed a confession to the sadistic mutilation slaying of beautiful Elizabeth Short.

Detective Ed Barrett displayed a sheet of paper on which was written "I did kill Elizabeth Short." It was signed "Daniel S. Voorhees."

Voorhees, 33 and blue-eyed, surrendered to homicide detail officers late last night after telephoning them he would be waiting on a downtown street corner. Barrett said he announced: "I'm so sick I can't stand it any longer. I killed the Black Dahlia. Take me to jail. I want to get it over with."

Miss Short, 22, was known to her friends as the "Black Dahlia" because of her penchant for flower headdress and black raiment. She was found dead in a vacant lot January 15. Her nude body had been battered and bisected at the diaphragm.

After signing the one-sentence confession, Barrett reported, Voorhees declined to discuss the case further, saying: "I've talked too much already. I want to see a lawyer."

Det. Lt. Charles King said questioning would be suspended "until he recovers from his bewildered and befuddled state." Dr. Paul De River, police psychiatrist, reporting on a brief examination, said he could "come to no definite conclusion."

The shocking slaying of the young film hopeful from Medford, Mass., has in recent days brought police and newspapers a deluge of crank notes. But among the messages were some officers believe authentic. One contained the girl's address book and social security card. Another said the slayer would give himself up at 10 a. m. today.

Her condition is not serious, Bend reports advised late Wednesday. Officers here were waiting to receive a report from Bend police. It is understood that snow conditions caused the accident and that several cars were involved but injuries were received only by Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

Jews Release British Judge
JERUSALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—One of the two British victims of underground kidnapers was at liberty today and an Irgun Zvai Leumi broadcast heard in Tel Aviv indicated that the second would be freed, like the first, "at a time which we have decided."

Judge Ralph Windham of the Tel Aviv district court, who was kidnapped from his courtroom Monday by armed men whom police identified as Jews, was released unharmed last night in Ramat Gan, a suburb of Tel Aviv.

Police and troops still were seeking H. A. I. Collins, Jerusalem banker and a former major in the British army, who was abducted before the eyes of a friend, Mrs. Bella Ferguson, here Sunday night.

Mayor Israel Rokach of Tel Aviv, one of three Jewish leaders given 48 hours by Lt. Gen. Sir Alan Cunningham, the British high commissioner, to return both men, said today the ultimatum had been "prolonged." He did not disclose the new deadline.

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Slaying Suspect Booked



LOS ANGELES, Jan. 29—A man (left) who gave his name as Daniel S. Voorhees is booked here early today after he walked into police headquarters and said, according to Capt. Jack Donahoe, that he "wanted to confess" to the mutilation slaying of Elizabeth Short. He was booked on suspicion of murder. Officers with him were not identified. —AP wirephoto.

Crescent Crash Fatal To One

Klamath county's third traffic fatality since January 1, 1947, occurred on the Willamette pass, 15 miles south-west of Crescent, at 1 o'clock Tuesday when Luverne Hunt, about 26, Long Beach, Calif., received fatal injuries in a car crash.

Bend state police fatality were investigating today but road conditions are said to have made it impossible for officers to go to the scene late yesterday. Hunt died en route to St. Charles hospital, Bend, in the Niswonger-Winslow ambulance.

Mrs. Hunt is recovering from injuries in St. Charles hospital. Her condition is not serious, Bend reports advised late Wednesday. Officers here were waiting to receive a report from Bend police. It is understood that snow conditions caused the accident and that several cars were involved but injuries were received only by Mr. and Mrs. Hunt.

Bay Psalm Book Brings \$151,000

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—A man quietly nodding his head at an auction last night raised the highest bid for the Bay Psalm Book, published in 1640 at Cambridge, Mass., by the first printing establishment in the Massachusetts bay colony.

Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, rare books dealer whose agent, John Fleming, outbid Whitney at the Parke-Bernet galleries last night, said today he considered it "a very reasonable price."

Army Prisoners Escape Jail

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (AP)—Five army prisoners hawksawed their way through iron bars today and escaped from prison on Governor's island in New York harbor, U. S. army authorities said.

Four of the prisoners had been transferred to Fort Jay on the island after attempting to escape from Ft. Dix, N. J., New Year's eve, the army said. A hawksaw was found in their cell in which two bars had been cut away, the army said, and a sixth prisoner who had declined to join them in the escape was found in the cell. The five were believed to have swum to a row-boat moored 200 feet off the island, which is just one-half mile from the lower tip of Manhattan, and rowed to shore.

Alaska Safe From Any Ground Invasion Says Army

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Jan. 28 (Delayed) (AP)—If Alaska ever is attacked, the enemy will strike with airborne troops in the opinion of leading military authorities here. "I can't imagine moving masses of troops across this country by land," Maj. Gen. Howard A. Craig, who has the over-all tactical command of both army and navy forces in Alaska and the Aleutians, said today.

Substantially the same statement was made a few days ago by Col. Paul V. Kane, commander of task force Frigid at Fairbanks, in talks to a group of news correspondents and photographers touring this area.

Communications is the key to the strategy of Alaskan defense, in the opinion of both men. There is only one railroad, which is blocked sometimes for weeks in bad winter weather, and a few main gravel highways connecting coastal cities with one another and the interior.

Reds Refute Pauley Talk

MOSCOW, Jan. 29 (AP)—The government newspaper Izvestia characterized today as "absurd and tendentious" Edwin W. Pauley's recent assertion that Russia was wrecking Manchuria's industrial economy by removal of productive machinery.

Pauley, acting as President Truman's personal representative on reparations, made the statement last month in a report based on a special mission to Manchuria during the summer.

Izvestia particularly challenged Pauley's estimate that \$2,000,000,000 damage had been done in Manchuria since the Soviet occupation and reasserted Russia's right to seize Japanese military property as "war trophies." The paper declared Pauley had deliberately tried to confuse these "war trophies" with the question of reparations.

Forest Camp To Be Inspected

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—House social welfare committee members will go Friday morning to inspect the forestry camp at Timber as a prospective site for a boys' detention camp.

Another site, the state arboretum at Camp Adair, will be inspected Saturday.

The sites were recommended by the state forestry department.

Icy Blasts Hit Fuel Short Cities

By TOM WILLIAMS
LONDON, Jan. 29 (AP)—London temperatures tumbled a 18-year low and icy blasts of the most severe cold wave of the winter took a mounting toll of life in fuel-short French and German cities today.

Swept by gales from Siberia, the British capital was colder than Moscow. The cold even affected Big Ben, making the big clock's chimes stutter in the night.

New Record
Suburban London temperatures dropped to 11 above zero (Fahrenheit). The Kew weather observatory reported 15 above, lowest since February, 1929, and the coldest January night since 1894.

At various points in the English countryside temperatures dropped to five above, equalling the official low in Berlin, where thousands of miserable residents huddled in cold lodgings or crowded into public warming halls.

Suffering Acute
Suffering was acute in the German capital, where more than 60 persons have frozen to death since December 1, city health officials reported. During the seven weeks from December 1 to January 15, the city health office also announced, 188 persons were taken to hospitals with frozen limbs and 19,000 others required treatment for frostbite.

At least three deaths from the cold were reported in Paris today. Many French towns reported record low temperatures for the night. Commentary, in central France, reported a reading of seven below zero (Fahrenheit).

Hundreds of Parisians, too poor to buy their low-priced fuel ration, crowded into subway stations to sleep on benches until herded out at 1:30 a. m. closing time.

With coal deliveries halted by frozen canals, Paris officials announced new restrictions on gas consumption would become effective February 1.

Phone Rate Raise Okayed

SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—Public Utilities Commissioner George H. Flagg today approved a \$205,000 annual rate increase for the West Coast Telephone company, which operates in the Forest Grove, La Grange, Klamath Falls and Coos Bay districts.

The increase is effective February 1, and Flagg said it is designed to partially offset increased wages and operating expenses of \$307,998 a year.

The increase is the same as allowed in the state of Washington several months ago, the company operating in both states.

The commissioner denied the company's petition to put communications between exchanges in the Forest Grove district on a toll basis where there have been no toll rates in the past.

Hudson Motor Co. Employees Return

DETROIT, Jan. 29 (AP)—Approximately 14,000 Hudson Motor Car company employees returned to their jobs early today after a two-day work stoppage called to protest a disciplinary suspension given a shop steward.

The steward, James Bommarito, was laid off Monday after he instructed a male worker not to relieve a woman employee. Bommarito's assertion that this was contrary to contract provisions was upheld by officers of local 154, United Automobile Workers (CIO).

Secondary Boycotts End Urged

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—R. Stafford Edwards, president of the National Electrical Manufacturers association, said today union secondary boycotts have increased costs of some electrical fixtures as much as 500 per cent.

Testifying before the senate labor committee, Edwards urged that congress outlaw such practices. The committee is considering new labor legislation and among the bills before it is one to prohibit secondary boycotts.

Generally speaking, this term is applied when a union refuses to handle or work with the products of a company with which it has no direct dispute.

Edwards took the stand after: 1. Theodore R. Iserman, a New York attorney, called for a general overhauling of the Wagner act. He told the committee the act is "the root of unsatisfactory labor relations in the United States."

2. Chairman Taft (R-Ohio) told newsmen that in view of Secretary of Labor Schwelb's testimony the GOP-controlled senate labor group and the administration may be "closer together" on pending legislation than it appeared earlier.

Tax Proposal Argued Here

The sales tax proposal of the state legislature was argued before a luncheon meeting of the Klamath County chamber of commerce today, and four speakers were heard during the forum.

Ed Geary, farmer, and J. W. Sanders, representative of the taxation committee, Klamath Realty board, were the speakers favoring the sales tax, and F. W. Winseman, manager of Harwin's jewelry store, and C. D. Long, business agent of the local carpenters' union, spoke for the opposition.

Each speaker had eight minutes allotted in which to present his arguments. John Houston served as moderator of the forum.

Concerning the sales tax proposal it was brought out that Monday night the Merrill grange voted unanimously to endorse such a tax.

Document File Asked

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (AP)—President Truman is considering steps to prevent the withdrawal of official government papers by cabinet and other federal officials when they leave government service.

Press Secretary Charles G. Ross made this known to reporters today in the wake of an official request that Henry Morgenthau Jr. return a "major part" of a voluminous diary he took with him when he left as secretary of the treasury in July, 1945.

Former Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes also has gotten his dander up over a report that he had taken government files with him when he retired from the cabinet.

Ross said it is Mr. Truman's opinion that "official papers" should be left with the government. He added that the "matter has not been thought through" but has been considered.

The attempt to regain the Morgenthau files, Ross said, is in the hands of Treasury Secretary John W. Snyder.

Construction Brass Hats Predict Big Building Boom

CHICAGO, Jan. 29 (AP)—J. L. Haynes, chief of the construction division of the U. S. department of commerce, said today his division believes there will be sufficient material to supply the predicted \$22,000,000,000 construction demand this year.

Legislature Bucks Tax Commission

By PAUL W. HARVEY Jr.
SALEM, Jan. 29 (AP)—The Oregon legislature today made its first move to reduce state income taxes, in opposition to the state tax study commission's recommendation that income taxes be increased to help solve the state's fiscal problems.

Seven legislators introduced a bill in the house today to increase the exemptions for children from \$300 each to \$500 each, saving a man with two children \$8 a year in taxes.

The bill would not affect a couple without children. The tax study commission's proposal was to lower exemptions for married persons from \$1500 to \$1000, and for single persons from \$1000 to \$750.

The new bill bore the signatures of Reps. J. O. Johnson, Portland; Harry Schmeitler, Seaside; William Niskanen, Bend; R. C. Frisbie, Baker; R. H. C. Bennett, Dundee, and O. H. Benston, Medford; and Sen. Thomas Parkinson, Roseburg.

Another new house measure today would give cities 15 per cent of state highway revenues, three times the \$1,100,000 a year they now get.

A bill to appropriate \$864,000 from the general fund for support of the state fair, Pendleton roundup, and other fairs and exhibitions was introduced today by Rep. Joseph E. Harvey, Portland. The purpose is to relieve the fair of being dependent upon horse and dog racing betting, and is the first part of a move to ban racing.

Basin Pioneer Passes Today

Death thinned the ranks of Klamath pioneers early today with the passing of Frederick Nitschelm, 88, for more than 38 years a resident of this county and city.

Mr. Nitschelm died at 7:20 a. m. Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Byron K. Teed, 1025 Jefferson, following an illness of the past three months. In addition to Mrs. Teed, he is survived by two other daughters, Mrs. J. F. Bryant of Klamath Falls and Mrs. C. G. Andrews, Vancouver, B. C., and two sons, G. W. Portland and H. A. Nitschelm of Klamath Falls.

A native of Alsace Lorraine, (Continued on Page 4, Column 2)

Einstein Theory Solved At Last

DUBLIN, Ireland, Jan. 29 (AP)—A Dublin-born Dr. Erwin Schroedinger, professor of the school of physics in the Dublin Institute for Advanced Studies, asserted today that he had "solved a 30-year-old problem: the competent generalization of Einstein's great theory of 1916."

Dr. Schroedinger gave his solution to a group of 20 professors and students. It was, like Einstein's theory of relativity, expressed in algebraic symbols impossible to reproduce in conversational English.

Its effect, he said, was to relate the Einstein theory to electro-magnetics. Heretofore, the physicist said, the Einstein theory had expressed gravitation only.

US Steel-CIO Talks Recessed

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 29 (AP)—Negotiations of the U. S. Steel Corp. and the CIO United Steelworkers recessed their contract talks today until next Thursday.

At that time, a joint announcement said, smaller and less cumbersome committees—one representing each side—will hold a general meeting, instead of the big delegations negotiating since Friday.

The conferees made no announcement on status of the talks but gave the impression that they were getting spade-work accomplished toward a meeting of management and union aims.