

THE WEATHER
Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Wednesday; continued moderately cool; gentle winds, mostly northeast.
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ARMY OFFICERS GRILL ROMIG IN BERGDOLL PROBE

Grover's "Man Friday" Defies Entire United States to Find Supposed Missing Yacht

QUESTIONED ON DETAILS OF SLACKER'S ESCAPE

Stories of Gibboney and Mother Differ on Just Where "Pot of Gold" Came From

NO TRACE OF FUGITIVE

Col. Donaldson Takes Full Charge of Investigation Here for War Department

Army officers probing the escape last Friday of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, army convict, who is searching for his hidden "pot of gold"...

Romig, a former magistrate who last March carried arm loads of ancient history books to Bergdoll during his trial as a draft dodger...

Romig was in the Bergdoll home when Grover left a room presumably to answer a telephone call...

The watch was ordered from Washington by the Bureau of Investigation following a report that Bergdoll had left Atlantic City in a 140-foot gasoline launch...

Before entering the district attorney's office Romig defied any one to find the missing Bergdoll yacht...

Romig was the second witness called by the army probers, the first having been D. Clarence Gibboney, chief counsel for the fugitive slacker...

Defies Any One to Find Yacht Romig, appearing at 10:30 o'clock, the federal building at 10:30 o'clock...

"As I am on time," he asked J. J. O'Connor, Department of Justice agent who is credited with the capture of Bergdoll last January...

Asked if he knew or thought that Grover was on the supposedly missing Bergdoll yacht, Romig said he would not discuss the matter any further...

"Silent on 'Hidden Gold'" "Has Bergdoll any hidden gold?" Romig must say nothing at this time, Romig answered...

"Young man," he replied, "when this thing is all over I think you will find you are not disappointed in your supposition..."

Romig said he was notified last night by Gibboney, chief counsel for the slacker, to go to the Federal Building this morning...

"I am glad to help the government. I am going in there and answer every question put to me. I am not going to hide anything..."

Objects to Publicity Romig lost his voice when a newspaper camera man photographed him...

GIBBONEY FINISHES TALE Bergdoll Attorney Says Rumors Are "Lot of Hot Air"

SENATE PROBE IS JOHNSON'S WHIP HAND OVER G. O. P.

Foes of Californian Squirm as Candidates Reveal Money Barrels—Dare Not Halt Inquiry; Fear Giving Democrats Campaign Bait

By CLINTON W. GILBERT Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public Ledger

Washington, May 25.—Republicans in the Senate this morning awoke to the realization that Johnson, through his control of the Kenyon investigation, had the party organization in the hands of the anti-Johnson Republicans in the Senate...

Members of the committee themselves, who feel they are being used in the interests of Johnson, are especially anxious to see the Democrats quit as a protest against organization of the committee and its program...

It is difficult to see how any check can be put on the investigation. In the first place, the committee is controlled by Kenyon—a Johnson man—and two Democrats, Reed and Patterson, of whom Reed is as much a Johnson man as is Borah himself...

Democrats on the Alert Moreover, not to go through with the inquiry now is only to make matters worse for the Democrats...

Opposition to Johnson is plainly stiffened. It is likely to be strengthened among the delegates. Take Michigan, for example...

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STECHER NOT WITH GROVER, WIFE SAYS

Thinks Bergdoll's Chauffeur Is "Just Away" Hunting "or Something"

FEEDS DUCKS AND SMILES Mrs. Frieda Stecher, the pretty little wife of "Ike" Stecher, Grover Bergdoll's chauffeur, went back to her home at Chester pike and Darby creek today to feed her ducks and chickens...

Has Faith in Husband Little Mrs. Stecher doesn't believe in the official report that her husband, Ike, is fleeing with Bergdoll, though she admits that the circumstances have a suspicious look...

May Be on Hunting Trip "The last I saw of Gene was Thursday afternoon," she was entertaining some people here and Gene came in an automobile with a friend...

SHERMAN HITS BONUS BILL Hints Aim of American Legion Is to "Loot Federal Treasury"

Washington, May 25.—(By A. P.)—Senator Sherman, of Illinois, speaking today in the Senate, denounced the proposed soldier-relief bill as a "disgraceful deterioration of the patriotism of the American Legion is to 'loot the federal treasury'..."

GREAT COUNCIL CONVENES Philadelphia Women Read Poca-hontas Reports

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DEWIES EDWARDS IS 'UNDERWRITTEN' BY LIQUOR TRADE

W. W. Vick Tells Senate Probers N. J. Governor Isn't 'Wet' Candidate

HOOPER'S FUND \$66,332 OUTSIDE OF CALIFORNIA Gifts to Former Food Chief's Chest \$1000 Each—Corporation Aid Barred

High Cost of Presidency Shown by Senate Inquiry FRANK O. LOWDEN—Fund of \$414,084; candidate contributed \$379,159. HIRAM W. JOHNSON—Financed with \$72,000 (California and Oregon funds omitted).

LEONARD A. WOOD—Total fund as yet unreported. Scattering items made known. HERBERT HOOPER—\$66,332 (exclusive of California). JOSEPH L. FRANCE—No fund, no organization.

EDWARD J. EDWARDS—\$12,000 raised for campaign. ROBERT L. OWEN—Received committee contributions of approximately \$15,000. JAMES M. COX—Expended \$22,000.

By the Associated Press Washington, May 25.—A declaration that the expenditures in Herbert Hoover's presidential campaign exclusive of the California primary expenses, amount to \$66,332, a denial that liquor interests are financing the boom of Governor Edward J. Edwards, of New Jersey, featured today's Senate investigation of campaign funds...

Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri, has testified that the total fund raised for his candidate is \$125,000. "Have you got any other money pledged or substantially pledged for your further use?" asked Senator Reed. He himself had a drink of any further aid, Mr. Vick replied.

Not Financed by Liquor Interests "Have any group of men promised to underwrite your future expense, whatever it is?" "No, sir. The amounts are small..."

For Personal Liberty Questioned concerning an independent campaign organization formed at Chicago, Mr. Hoover said it was a "demand for personal liberty" and that supporting Governor Edwards was only a single one of its objects...

Wood Expected to Defeat Sutherland in Preferential Primary Charleston, W. Va., May 25.—(By A. P.)—Pleasant weather throughout West Virginia today prompted political leaders to predict a comparatively large vote at the state-wide primaries which are to register presidential preference and place in nomination complete state and county tickets...

SIGN U. S.-CANADA TREATY Sockeye Salmon Fisheries Covered in New Convention

Washington, May 25.—(By A. P.)—A treaty between the United States and Canada covering the "sockeye" salmon fisheries was signed today by Secretary of State Charles C. E. Hughes and Sir Douglas Havelock Gordon...

Big Sums Are Poured Into Presidential Fight Johnson has apparently nosed out Wood in the Oregon primaries, with Lowden third and Hoover fourth...

Steamship Case Dismissed at Request of Attorney General New York, May 25.—(By A. P.)—Indictments against Charles W. Morse and other defendants charged with illegal sale of the steamship John J. McCullough were dismissed today by Judge Hand, at the request of Attorney General Palmer...

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BOMIG, QUIZZED THREE HOURS, WAS EVASIVE, ASSERTS McAVOY

Former Magistrate Romig was quizzed for three hours and ten minutes today, by army investigators, who sought to learn what he knew concerning the flight of Grover Bergdoll...

ROBBERS CART OFF 15 BARRELS OF LIQUOR Four men drove up to the liquor store of B. Wolf, at 854 North Third street, at 5 o'clock this morning, broke open the door and escaped with fifteen barrels of whisky, valued at more than \$5,000, which they loaded in a motor-truck, police say.

CITY THREAT FAILS TO ALARM SCHMIDT De La Huerta Is Named Provisional President Until September 5 Elections

By the Associated Press Mexico City, May 25.—In accordance with his oft-repeated request, President Venustiano Carranza, slain last Thursday morning at Tlaxcalantongo, was buried late yesterday afternoon in Dolores Cemetery, where, in the shadow of Chapultepec, the poorest of Mexicans have for many years found their last resting places...

Body Lies in State The body of the slain president arrived in Mexico City at 5:30 yesterday morning and was taken to the family home being escorted by soldiers and a delegation from the diplomatic corps. Later the body lay in state until the hour of the funeral, thousands passing before the casket to look upon the face of the man who was hurled from power by revolution and whose death occurred under circumstances that await explanation...

Suicide, Herero Claims The text of Colonel Hoover's report to Mexico City was received here last night. The part relative to the attack on Carranza and the latter's death follows: "With the object of arresting Carranza and the principal officers of his army, I attacked his camp at 3 o'clock a. m., having eighty men with me. He had reached Tlaxcalantongo, where there is a pass leading northward to a part of the mountain where he had planned to establish his seat of government. The president was under escort of troops commanded by General Murguía..."

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COMMITTEE URGES ASSEMBLY TO VETO INTERCHURCH PLAN

John Willis Baer Recommends Presbyterians to Withdraw From Movement

WOULD, HOWEVER, SETTLE ACCOUNT—ALREADY OWED New Era Program Now Faces a Deficit of \$596,000 in Two Years

The Presbyterian Church was urged to withdraw from the Interchurch World Movement by the executive committee, John Willis Baer, chairman, in a report presented at today's session of the 132d General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. The report, agreed upon by the committee only after they had worked far into the night, will sound the death knell, it is predicted, of the Interchurch World Movement if the commissioners adopt the report...

It provides that the Presbyterians will withdraw. They will pay the share, however, to which they already have obligated themselves, a total of \$1,000,000. The principal recommendations of the committee's report were as follows: First—That the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America decline to incur any further financial obligation with regard to the Interchurch World Movement; that it terminate its relationship with said movement, and that it withdraw any representation it may have therein...

Committee Appreciates Work Second, That the general assembly take immediate steps to provide for the payment by the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America of the amount underwritten by the new era committee, in behalf of the Interchurch World Movement, as authorized by the executive committee, a total amount of that amount as may still be owing...

Third, That official notice of this action be given to the Interchurch World Movement through the New Era committee and to the boards and agencies of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Fourth, That the assembly record its disapproval of the high purpose and the Christian devotion of the Interchurch World Movement in the way of clearer vision of the vast and imperative needs of the world and of the broadened scope of the responsibility of the Christian church...

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