

WEATHER
(U. S. Weather Bureau Forecast.)
Fair and colder, with lowest temperature about 38 degrees tonight; rain and colder tomorrow night and Saturday. Temperatures—Highest, 50, at 2:15 p.m. yesterday; lowest, 41, at 6:30 a.m. today. Full report on page 3.

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VICE PRESIDENCY CURTIS' FEAR ASKING

G. O. P. Leaders Express Opinion Despite Mention of Hurley and Col. Roosevelt.

BELIEVE HIS CANDIDACY WILL STRENGTHEN TICKET

Kansas Silent, but May Reach Decision After Home-State Conference.

By G. GOULD LINCOLN.

Vice President Charles Curtis will be the Republican nominee for Vice President next year, unless Mr. Curtis voluntarily takes himself out of the race. This was the opinion expressed in the highest Republican quarters today, despite the reports that Gov. Theodore Roosevelt of Porto Rico, Secretary Hurley of the War Department and others are being groomed for the vice presidential nomination to run on the ticket with President Hoover next year.

Just what Vice President Curtis himself will decide is still a puzzle. The Vice President is saying absolutely nothing about his future political plans. Nor is it likely that he will be asked by those who are informed, that the Vice President will reach a decision until considerably later, and certainly not until he has spent some time in Kansas and has looked over the situation.

Leaders Will Urge Candidacy.

The only thing that appears certain today is that the Vice President is not going to be ditched by the party or by the administration if he wishes to run for Vice President again. Indeed, he will be strongly urged to run for Vice President by some of the party leaders, who believe that his nomination for Vice President will be a distinct advantage.

Kansas last year went Democratic, electing a Democrat, Sen. Joseph R. Burton, and a Republican, Gov. Charles E. Jackson. The Kansas people are aroused over the wheat situation and the oil situation. Kansas is the greatest wheat producing State in the country. It has thousands of citizens who are interested also in the production of oil. With its low price for wheat and its high price for oil, the people are not only interested in the wheat situation, but also in the oil situation. The situation in Kansas is so much more typical of the situation in other great farming States of the West. It is obvious, therefore, that the nomination of a vice presidential candidate who stands high in the estimation of the people not only in Kansas but of Oklahoma, Missouri, Nebraska and other Middle Western States would be advantageous to the Republican party.

May Seek Senate Seat.

Ordinarily it might be assumed that Vice President Curtis, who has made an exceedingly able president and presiding officer of the Senate, would, of course, be willing to accept renomination and to run again for the present office. However, the Vice President has an alternative which may appeal to him.

There is to be a contest next year for the seat he held so many years in the Senate. Some of his friends have urged that he become the Republican candidate for the Senate, to run against the present Democratic incumbent, Senator McGill, who last year defeated Senator Henry Allen. There is no doubt that the Vice President can be elected to the Senate again if he desires to do so.

It is expected that when the Vice President returns to Kansas later in

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NAVAL ACCORD HITS APPARENT SNARL

French Expert Confers With Briand and Henderson After Work With Other Representatives.

By the Associated Press.

PARIS, March 26.—Despite official French statements that all was proceeding well, difficulties were believed to have arisen today in working out the final details of the naval accord between France and Japan, which was signed in London yesterday.

René Massigli, French expert, returned today to Paris from London, where he has been engaged with representatives of the other nations concerned in the work, and immediately went into a conference with Aristide Briand and Arthur Henderson, British foreign minister, who have been concerning themselves with the Austro-German projected economic union.

According to Le Journal, elaboration of the text of the accord is encountering more difficulties than is officially admitted in Paris. The drafters must not only meet the question of satisfying the United States and Japan, said the newspaper, but must also answer the objections of the British seventh fleet, which was found guilty by the League of Nations of having been engaged in the Pacific Ocean, and immediately went into a conference with Aristide Briand and Arthur Henderson, British foreign minister, who have been concerning themselves with the Austro-German projected economic union.

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Rumor She'll Wed Met With Silence By Mrs. McCormick

Refuses to Discuss Reported Engagement to Former Representative Simms.

By the Associated Press.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., March 26.—Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, former Illinois Representative, refused today either to affirm or deny reports that she and former Representative Albert Simms of New Mexico are engaged to be married.

"I decline to be interviewed and will neither affirm nor deny the report," she said. "I will make no statements." Mrs. McCormick today met her son Mel here on his arrival from the Fountain Valley School at Colorado Springs. They will leave this evening on a trip to Mexico, returning on April 8.

Mrs. McCormick said plans for her son's studies in archeology will keep her in Mexico for the greater part of the summer. Preliminary plans for pack trips throughout the State to points of archeological interest will be made at a conference with Jesse L. Nusbaum of the Laboratory of Anthropology at Santa Fe early this summer. Young McCormick will be directed in his studies by the laboratory.

MELLON WILL ASK \$100,000,000 LOAN

Additional Sum Needed Because of Prospective Deficit and Cash to Veterans.

By the Associated Press.

An additional \$100,000,000, needed because of a prospective \$700,000,000 deficit and loans to World War veterans, will be sought Monday by the Treasury.

Secretary Mellon said 90-day Treasury bills for \$100,000,000 "thereabouts," selling at a discount, will be offered next week at Federal Reserve banks to the highest bidders. The money will be used for Government expenses and to pay loans to veterans on the adjusted compensation certificates.

The Treasury's Bureau has received 1,571,291 applications from veterans for loans. The Treasury's Administrator estimated that if the \$777 average loan value of \$61,203 checks already mailed is maintained, the Treasury will need \$600,000,000.

Hines has asked the Treasury to supply \$500,000,000 before April 1 for the loans. Until he made the request, only \$100,000,000 had been provided in the belief that would be sufficient for the bureau until the end of June. Loan applications, however, were received in much larger volume than had been expected and the additional money was asked.

No successor to Mr. Pierce has been named. The vacancy will be filled by the Council, according to law. Mr. Pierce is expected to leave in May. Acting on his doctor's advice, Mr. Pierce will leave in a few days for an extended rest. He will temporarily resign his duties as director of the Chamber of Commerce.

G. O. P. FUNDS REPORTED

The Republican National Committee today reported expenditures of \$42,680 and contributions of \$1,150 during January and February.

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BURKE, NOTORIOUS GANGSTER KILLER, FELT IN MISSOURI

Chicago Robber, Captured in Bed, Admits Identity After Questioning.

CHARGED WITH MASSACRE ON ST. VALENTINE'S DAY

"Most Dangerous Man Alive" Placed in Specially Constructed Cell.

By the Associated Press.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 26.—Fred H. Burke, notorious killer and robber, indicted for the St. Valentine's day massacre of seven gangsters in Chicago in 1929, was arrested today in a farm house near Milan, Mo., early today and brought to the St. Joseph Jail, where he admitted his identity.

The prisoner, characterized by Chicago authorities as "the most dangerous man alive," was placed in a specially constructed cell, and two patrolmen were detailed to guard him. Burke engaged in a long-distance telephone conversation with the chief of detectives of Chicago, whom he told, police said, "I'm not a damn bit afraid to come back to Chicago."

When told he had been identified as the gangster held responsible for a dozen murders and robberies totaling \$1,000,000, Burke at first said: "Well, if you know who I am, there is no use of me telling you."

Police Capt. J. E. Kelly said the prisoner later admitted he was Burke. When arrested, he said he was Richard Franklin White of Kansas City.

Captured in Bed Room.

Burke was in bed when Police Capt. John Lard, Detectives Melvin Swenson, E. R. Kelly and W. T. Tieding, accompanied by Sheriff Holzer of Mercer County, rushed into his room with machine guns ready. He was seized before he could reach for his revolver hanging on a chair a few inches from his bed.

The prisoner expressed relief when he learned the armed party was composed of police.

"I thought I was being taken for a ride," Burke said. He offered no resistance because they rushed between his bed and his gun. He said he was hiding beneath a large window in the room.

The police said Burke and a woman companion, who was in Kansas City at the time of his arrest, had been living with Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Proctor, near Milan, since last November.

A former Chicago associate and notified the United States Department of Justice, which requested St. Joseph police to investigate.

Revealed \$600,000 have been offered for Burke's arrest, police said.

Charged With Many Crimes.

A dozen murders and robberies, totaling nearly \$1,000,000, are charged against Burke by various police departments. Rewards for his capture are reported to total \$600,000. Some of the crimes with which he is charged are: Ransom kidnappings in Detroit over a period of eight years, \$220,000; John Kay jewelry robbery in Detroit, \$24,000; mail truck hold-up, Toledo, Ohio, \$200,000; bank robbery, Kansas City, \$100,000; First National Bank robbery, Peru, Ind., \$93,000.

Farmer and Merchants Bank robbery, Kansas City, \$132,000; St. Valentine's day massacre, Chicago, seven men slain.

Minutemen Apartment killing, Detroit, two slain.

Patrolman slain in Louisville, Ky., robbery.

Patrolman slain in Chicago, St. Joseph, Mich.