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HIGHER PRICES FOR COFFEE NOW THREATEN U. S.

Brazil Getting Ready for Gouge Into Pocketbook of American Users.

ENGLAND BACKS PLAN

Votes Big Loan to Bolster Market, When Brazil Is Turned by Warning From Hoover.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—With congress and Secretary Hoover actively seeking to rescue American consumers from high rubber prices, which have Great Britain's support, news now comes of the plans of the state of Sao Paulo, Brazil, to hold up the price of coffee, also with British financial backing. Hesitating to attempt loans in this country, largely because of the recent plea of Secretary Hoover that American bankers deny credits to foreigners for such purposes, Sao Paulo expects to borrow approximately \$50,000,000 from London bankers. The Brazilian legislature has been asked to authorize the loan, which will be used to bolster the coffee market against any material price declines. However, the prospect that Americans may be asked to pay high prices for coffee as well as rubber finds congress and Mr. Hoover ready to develop retaliatory measures. When congressional investigation into the rubber situation gets under way after the holidays it simultaneously will delve into the subject of the control of coffee prices in Brazil, as well as into other similar foreign monopolies.

Hoover Plans Offense.

Mr. Hoover himself has launched an attack on the rubber prices, in which he will enlist the cooperation of American automobile users, and there is no doubt that he will reiterate his appeal to decrease consumption of coffee. Only recently the secretary declared the prices charged Americans for many foreign commodities were unfair and that steps must be taken to "defend ourselves against trade war being made upon us." He suggested that consumers organize in a strong sympathetic campaign to restrict their use of the products monopolized, and that American buyers be permitted through legislation to combine for the emergency against foreign monopolies.

Congress May Probe.

Congress began a 12-day vacation today closing a busy two weeks in which it laid much of the ground work for a long and spirited session. Resuming deliberations on January 4, both houses will have a number of major issues with which to grapple, including taxes, the world disarmament, the rubber and coffee price situations, debt settlements, and the various appropriations bills.

Working at top speed, the house has passed on to the senate the postoffice supply bill immediately after reconvening. It also adopted a resolution calling for investigation of alleged misappropriation of funds by the English colonial government and of monopolies of the other commodities.

Busy as it was, the lower chamber took time to discuss prohibition to great length and from both sides, the drys predominating in the only vote on the subject. The senate passed only one major measure, but it started several issues on their way to extended debate. It passed the administration bill creating a division of civilian aeronautics in the department of commerce and enacted several minor measures in addition to confirming hundreds of nominations.

Consideration of proposed American adherence to the world court will be resumed in the senate after the holidays, while its finance committee will begin work on the tax bill. The foreign debt settlements, which met opposition upon their first mention in the upper chamber, also are likely to engage attention when the tax bill is cleared away.

English Press Comment.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The London newspapers have been chary of commenting editorially on the American resentment against the high British rubber prices, but today some writers break their silence. Their main arguments are that the prices are as much against British consumers as American, that it is difficult to understand how America "the home of protection" can complain against a protective scheme and that the United States acted identically to

CANADA MILLIONS LOST DURING WAR, GERMAN TRYING OIL.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) ALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—to the World War a German named Albenaleben accumulated by timber operations in that country a fortune of several million dollars. He lost it all during the war. Yesterday Pete Rinehart, a state traffic officer, stopped a motorist on the Pacific highway near Woodburn for having inadequate brakes on his car. The man said he was Albenaleben. He told the officer that he is now operating in oil in the southwest and that he expects to make another fortune.

FARMERS' COUNCIL SCORES COOLIDGE, DERIDES JARDINE

Fair Prices, Not Salvation Advice, Wanted—Export Corporation Plan Is Endorsed.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) DES MOINES, Iowa, Dec. 23.—The executive committee of the American Council of Agriculture and the corn belt committee of farm organizations will soon agree upon a measure which will present the export corporation in the simplest form compatible with effectiveness and will provide a stimulus to great cooperative movement, a resolution adopted here by the committee states. "When terms for such a measure are agreed upon, the committee, which according to its chairman, William Hirth, editor of the Missouri Ruralist, represents more than a million of farmers, will ask farm organizations of the country to join in asking for its passage by the 69th congress. Until such time the committee expressed a wish that congress hold up further consideration of agricultural relief bills. Severe criticism of President Coolidge's recent Chicago address and his December 6 message to congress, as far as it touched on agriculture, and expression of "amusement" over Secretary of Agriculture Jardine's agricultural relief bill came from the joint committee in resolutions made public at the close of the two-day meeting here.

Contrary to the assumption that the existing Fordney-McCumber tariff is a great benefit to agriculture, the resolutions stated that "staggering burdens imposed on consumers of the country through this act fall as heavy on the farmer as on any other class," while "on one hand the farmer pays his share of the tariff, on the other hand the price of his great surplus of commodities is fixed in the world markets." The farmers note with a degree of amusement that the new measure sponsored by Secretary Jardine is to prove a means of salvation to the farmer by supplying him with an expert fund of information about the mysteries of cooperative marketing. Farmers, the resolution says, have more information than they need—in fact have but little else, and need "a fair price rather than more information."

LAND OF DIXIE IS ENJOYING RARITY OF YULETIDE SNOW

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Dixie today was preparing to spend the kind of Christmas it often reads about in a blue moon—a white Christmas. Snow flurries were reported at several points while one or two told of heavy falls. A variety of temperatures ranged from 14 degrees at Louisville to 55 degrees at Miami. Both these readings were unofficial at one o'clock this morning. Atlanta was believed to be the farthest southern point having a snow fall. There were slight flurries here early yesterday.

Snow at Louisville starting early yesterday ceased about mid-afternoon. Various points in Kentucky reported a temperature early last night from 15 degrees to 18 degrees and a snowfall of from one to three inches. Memphis had snow until about noon yesterday and reported a temperature of 22 degrees at 1 a. m. today. Nashville was shivering with 19 degrees and snow at 1 o'clock this morning. Snow flurries during the night and a thermometer reading of 21 degrees at 1 a. m. was reported at Chattanooga.

PROHIBITION AGENTS WARNED TO NOT OVERSTEP LAW

Under-Cover Plan Is O. K.'d But Illegal Trapping Must Be Avoided.

EDICT FROM ANDREWS

General Butler Ousted from Philadelphia Clean-Up Job Because Mayor in Rear Seat.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Prohibition agents were warned today that "reckless, unjustifiable expenditures" during their work in the future would cause their dismissal from the enforcement service. In a letter to prohibition administrators, prompted by the recent Mayflower hotel case in which two agents expended nearly \$1,000, Assistant Secretary Andrews of the treasury, declared money for tracing down bootleggers must be used intelligently and economically and "never used without complete justification."

Mr. Andrews said that the Mayflower incident, which for several days has furnished the subject of house debate, occurred in the early days of his administration and before he had taken any steps toward reorganization. "Outing Threatened." "I do not feel therefore," his letter said, "that it affords any occasion for severe discipline of those engaged. I do feel that it affords a telling object lesson to the whole organization, however, and therefore I am bringing it to your attention with the understanding that you will all give this matter careful consideration and see to it that your operatives are instructed and your supervision of their work is so careful that anything of this kind cannot recur; with the added understanding that hereafter any case of reckless, unjustifiable expenditure of public funds will meet with severe discipline and generally speaking, with immediate separation from the service."

Under Cover O. K.'d.

Mr. Andrews declared he regarded under cover investigations as probably the surest way to break up the bootleg industry, but he warned the agents that they should not conduct themselves in a way which would permit violators of the law to plead entrapment as a defense. He added that reckless expenditures were likely to influence a jury against the government's case. It would have been better, he said, to have handled the Mayflower case by disclosing how the liquor was brought into the city. His report, intended to advise public officials this purpose, he said, would have been amply justified. The Mayflower case involved the arrest of two hotel employees who later were acquitted.

Butler Without Job.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Mayor Kendrick today formally dismissed General Butler as director of public safety, effective at noon. "Well, I'm out," Butler expressed. The general earlier fired up. Now we can about at him. There's nothing to stop me now; I'm a free man." The general, who has seen fighting service all over the world, added: "I'm going to my home in Overbrook and I'm going to drive there in a car of the United States marine corps. The Marines can take care of me, and I'd rather be in the marine corps than in fifteen million cities like Philadelphia." The general said he would remain here for a few days and "there may be something doing in that time."

The formal dismissal came as a result of the directors refusal to resign as requested by the mayor. The general earlier announced he would leave his office today as "under suspension" and that the mayor would have to "fire" him. The mayor's letter of dismissal said: "I am not required by law to give a reason for dismissal of a director. In order to comply with your request, I may say that you have not a proper appreciation of the obligation which you hold to the mayor as your superior officer. The confidence and harmonious relationship which would exist between us as mayor and director of public safety has been completely destroyed."

Butler Strikes Back.

Acknowledging "the mayor's letter of dismissal, General Butler sent a reply in which he charged the mayor with lack of moral courage and stated that the reason given for his dismissal was "a pack of lies."

Freedom From State Prison Is Governor's Xmas Present To Former Reedsport Officer

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—Release from the state penitentiary and restoration to full citizenship is the Christmas present given by Governor Pierce to Fred C. Schulte, former constable at Reedsport, Douglas county. Schulte was convicted on a charge of accepting a bribe, alleged to have been tendered him while he was serving as constable, and in connection with prohibition law violations. Schulte was sentenced to serve seven years in the state prison. His release comes about through a commutation of sentence to three years, which Schulte has served, enabling him to leave the penitentiary immediately. The commutation is based on the good record made by Schulte while in the prison and his service to the state as a skilled mechanic. Some of the finest pieces of furniture at the prison are his handiwork. Also clemency was recommended by Guy Gordon, of Roseburg, who as district attorney prosecuted Schulte, and by Judge J. W. Hamilton, who presided at the trial. Schulte was sentenced to the state penitentiary jointly with Jack Connolly, the master-mind of the old Reedsport liquor ring, who was convicted of tendering the bribe to Schulte, for which crime he drew a penalty of ten years. Evidence against the two men was furnished by three of their alleged partners in the liquor traffic. One of them, Roberts, a Reedsport hotel keeper, was also sentenced to imprisonment, but was pardoned by Governor Pierce. Another, W. S. Burnett, was not prosecuted because he had previously served a term on a federal liquor charge. The third, Mark Broom, also escaped prosecution because of the evidence he furnished against the others. He has since figured in liquor cases in Lane county. Connolly is still in the penitentiary, but it is reported that his wife has made application for his pardon.

CONTINUED STORM WREAKING COSTLY HAVOC IN FRANCE

Paris Nearly Isolated From Outside World—Nine Workmen Injured, Many Injured.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) PARIS, Dec. 23.—The tempest continues to howl in France, leaving death and destruction in its trail. Nine passengers were drowned in the Seine last night at Rouen, when a ferry boat capsized. All the victims were working men. The ferryman was the only person saved. Paris now is almost completely cut off by telegraph from the outside world. One line only is working with Switzerland, Belgium and England. There is no communication with Germany and Italy. As all wires except one with Havre and Brest down, cable disintegrates between the United States and Paris are being badly delayed. Owing to prostration of the wires everywhere, it will be some time before the full extent of the havoc wrought throughout the country is known.

In Paris more than a score of persons have been more or less seriously hurt by flying debris. The railroad to Dieppe was put out of commission when telegraph poles fell across the track. TOKYO, Dec. 23.—Twenty fishing boats containing 150 fishermen are missing in a storm which struck northern Japan yesterday. A number of houses were wrecked and forty vessels capsized. VALENTINA, Ireland, Dec. 23.—A message from the steamer Corinth reports that the French tanker Clip, picked up a boat containing 17 men from the Italian steamer Marina, which sailed from Philadelphia December 8 for Mediterranean ports and was abandoned near the Azores. A second boat with 18 men was not located. A number of ships are searching for it. The captain of the Marina is said to have been badly injured.

MAHALA TROXEL RESIDENT SINCE 1853 IS DEAD

Mahala Troxel, who since 1825 has been a resident of Roseburg, passed away at Mercy Hospital last night after a long illness. She has been in very poor health for more than a month and for the past three weeks has been in the hospital receiving treatment, undergoing a major operation. Because of her advanced age she was unable to recover from the operation. A. She was born in Portland, Jan. 21, 1853, the daughter of Jacob and Jane Jones. In June of that year the family moved to Roseburg and took up a donation claim north of Roseburg. She was married to Robert Troxel on January 26, 1871. Her husband and two sons survive here, the sons being Tilly and Ray Troxel, both of this city. She also leaves two brothers, Mark and Howard Jones, and two grand children, Otto and Harley Troxel, all of Roseburg. The funeral services will be held on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock at the Undertaking parlors, Rev. H. E. Mow, pastor of the Christian Church, officiating. The interment will take place in the Jones cemetery.

NOTABLES TO SERVE AT MUNSEY FUNERAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The body of Frank A. Munsey, newspaper and magazine publisher, who died yesterday, was laid in state today in the cathedral of St. John the Divine. A guard of honor, including several employees who had been in Mr. Munsey's service for more than 39 years, stood beside the bier. Friends and associates began to visit the cathedral soon after the body had been laid in state. The funeral will be held tomorrow with Bishop William T. Manning, a close friend, officiating. The list of honorary pall bearers, announced today follows: Elbert H. Gary, Charles Evans Hughes, Charles E. Mitchell, Albert J. Beveridge, Thomas W. Lamont, Charles H. Sabin, Clarence H. Mackay, James W. Gerard, Chauncey M. Depew, Adolph S. Ochs, Ogden Reid, John W. Davis, Otto H. Kahn and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler.

CHURCHES HOLD XMAS PROGRAMS THURS. NIGHT

Interesting Entertainments to Be Offered by Sunday Schools on Xmas Eve.

TREATS PROMISED

Santa Claus to Be Present to Provide Gifts for Children—Invitation Given Public to Attend.

The churches of Roseburg have made elaborate preparations for the observance of Christmas, special programs having been arranged by the Sunday schools and adult departments. The Presbyterian church program is being given tonight, while the Methodist-Episcopal church, Catholic Church, Baptist Church and Methodist Church, South, will hold programs on Thursday night. The following programs are announced by the ministers of the respective churches. Catholic Church. Christmas Eve, (Thursday) Midnight Mass and Sermon at 12 o'clock. This solemn service will commence with the singing of Hayden's Hymn, "Holy Night," followed by Montani's "Asperge Me." D. H. Wilson's "Mass Nuptial Sanctus" will be sung by the choir, under the direction of Mrs. Loren Miller. Mrs. W. H. Kenny at the Organ. Novello's "Adeste Fideles," will be sung at the "Offertory," and also at the "Post Communion."

Christmas Morning—Masses at 8 and 9 a. m. High Mass and Sermon at 10:30 a. m. The same choral singing as at the Midnight Mass on Christmas. Services will conclude with Benediction of the M. B. S. There will be no evening Devotions. Glendale — Mass and Sermon at 10:30 a. m. The Christmas family reunions, the merry-making, the universal geniality, the gift-giving are to be highly commended, if the same be stimulated by the REIGNION which God cemented on this day with the human race; by His "gifts of great joy to all the people"; by the great GIFT from Heaven which mankind received from Him. There would be no Christmas without Christ, just as there would be no Easter. There is in our amusements on this His Birthday let us not forget Him. Let us render homage to Him on this His day. Worship Him. Think of Him in Church. Go to church. You are always welcome in the Catholic Church. REV. CLERY.

OPERATIONS GIVE SIGHT TO SISTERS BLIND SINCE BIRTH

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 23.—Two mountain girls, blind since birth, walked from a Huntington hospital today and marvelled at the wonders they gazed upon. Their sight had been restored, a Christmas gift from their mountain neighbors and a Huntington surgeon. The girls, Fay Cook, 17, and her sister, Mayme, 24, suffered from congenital cataracts. In their remote mountain home of Lorado, Logan county, they had about given up hope of gaining use of their eyes and were educating themselves in the methods of the blind when neighbors interested Dr. C. M. Hawes of Huntington. The doctor said he was willing to perform the delicate operations necessary without cost. The neighbors subscribed a fund to defray hospital expenses. The operation was a success.

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Victims Are Children Who Are Trampled in Rush for Arena Exits.

5,000 IN SCRAMBLE

Bench Collapses, Children Screen and in Instant Place Becomes One of Pandemonium.

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TRUCK EMPLOYEES TO GET 8 PCT. MELON

(Associated Press Leased Wire.) DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 23.—The Ford Motor Company announced today it will distribute \$1,744,000 next month to holders of Ford employee's investment certificates. A total of 26,991 persons will share in the distribution which represents eight per cent on their investment. An eight per cent return also was received last July. The Ford Company discontinued issuing the certificates April 6, after \$25,000,000 had been purchased.

KLAN PROTEST AGAINST PSEUDO SANTA SUCCEEDS

SAL LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 23.—Protests filed with the city commission and chief of police by the Ku Klux Klan have resulted in the unmasking of Santa Claus on the streets of Salt Lake. Wearing of masks upon the public thoroughfares of the city is prohibited by ordinance. Several days ago men wearing the legendary garb of Saint Nicholas were stationed at various corners by organizations seeking funds to assist them in adding the poor to Christmas time.

CHRISTMAS TREES YIELD HUGE PROFIT

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—Christmas tree shipments from the state of Washington this season amounted to 260 carloads, containing approximately 780,000 trees, and brought about \$234,900 to the shippers. It was announced this morning by George C. Joy, state supervisor of forestry.

ALUMNI DEFEATS HIGH SCHOOL TEAM IN CLOSE GAME

Score of 23 to 21 in Favor of Former School Stars in Opening Contest of the Season.

The basketball season opened last night with a close and exciting game between the high school team and the team composed of former high school stars. The game was very close throughout and ended with a score of 23 to 21 in favor of the alumni team. During the first half both teams fought hard with honors about even, the half ending 8 to 7 in favor of the high school. In the third quarter both teams went out for a victory and the crowd was brought up standing frequently by brilliant flashes of play. The quarter ended with the alumni team leading 17 to 14. The last quarter was fought desperately. The high school team was plugging steadily, annexing a basket at almost regular intervals. The alumni team was trying and in the middle of the quarter an entire new team went in. In the last few minutes of play with the score practically even, both teams fought to the limit of their strength to gain a victory. The final whistle ended the game while the score stood 23 to 21 in favor of the alumni. The high school this year has an exceptionally light and small team. The players are all small and the average weight will run far under the normal for high school teams. Nevertheless the team is full of fight and is exceptionally good on defensive play. Bruton, Jackson and Ray Bell at guard, broke up play after play last night, showing an unusual ability to halt apparently successful drives against the goal. It was seldom that the alumni forwards got by the high school guards, most of the shots being from the center of the floor. Wally Rapp was high point man for the Alumni team, annexing 16 of the 23 points. On the high school team every player scored except Moffitt, Jackson and Hunt. The line-up was as follows:

High School (21)	Alumni (23)
Giles (7)	Rapp (16)
Bacon (2)	P. Singleton (3)
M. Hill (2)	F. Hellwell
	F. Jost
	Irwin (2)
	Beckley (2)
	Young (2)
	Thurston
	Perrin
	G. Singleton
	Referee, G. C. Finlay; timekeeper, M. S. Hamm; scorer, Earl Burr.

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