

**The Weather**  
Highest temperature yesterday...50  
Lowest temperature last night...33  
Local rains tonight and probably Wednesday.

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## PLANES HOP OFF ON JOURNEY TO SOUTH AMERICA

Great Flight Intended to Convey Spirit of Good Will and Peace. TO VISIT 20 NATIONS Start From Kelly Field Is Auspicious; Mexico Is First Country on Itinerary.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
KELLY FIELD, SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 21.—Kissed by wives and mothers and carrying the benediction of the nation, pilots of the army's Pan-American air army departed today from Kelly Field to blaze a trail of friendship into the hearts of twenty nations.

Major Herbert A. Dargue, flight commander, piloting the New York, took the air at 10:52 a. m., followed by the other four planes at one minute intervals.

The first mile of the many thousand mile journey, the path of which laid over tortuous mountains, across desert wastes and over boundless seas, was perhaps an augury of smooth and happy sailing to the journey's end.

The great yellow winged, bird-like flying boats skimmed along the mile stretch of the field concrete runway with what officers called "sweet speed," their glistering bodies giving something of a pleasurable adieu to the Texas mud which yesterday held them fast in their earthbound tracks.

The hawk-like prows of the ships carry the names of five American cities to at least eighty sister cities of the southern continent, and the planes' quivering sides are emblazoned with the American eagle, whose spreading wings bear this republic's colors and emblem to the republics of the south, welding the two halves of the western hemisphere in the Christmas spirit of good will, peace to men.

In the New York with Major Dargue, commander, was Lieutenant F. C. Whitehead. The San Antonio was second to take off with Captain A. B. McDaniel at the wheel, and Lieutenant C. McK. Robinson in the cockpit with him. The San Antonio skidded off the runway slightly and rose just above the heads of the men taking pictures. One of the men had to duck to save himself from being hit.

Then followed the other machines at minute intervals, the San Francisco with Captain Ira C. Eaker and Lieutenant Muir S. Fairchild; the Detroit with Captain Clinton F. Woolsey and Lieutenant John W. Benton, and the St. Louis with Lieutenant B. S. Thompson and L. D. Weddington.

The ships circled about the field, each awaiting until the one following had caught up. When they were all bunched they spread out in V formation and headed toward San Antonio.

They circled the Alamo city and were then off to the south for the Mexican border, which they expected to reach before 2 p. m.

**Route of the Flight.**  
The route of the flight which will consume more than four months and include more than 20 nations and 80 cities, lies to Brownsville, as the first stop.

The west coast of South America will form the land mark for the flyers until they reach France Field in the Canal Zone. From that field they will cross the continental divide to visit Cartagena

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## Historic Flights by Army and Navy

**ARMY**  
1919—Round the rim of the United States, covering 9,823 miles in 114 hours, 25 minutes flying time.  
1920—Alaskan Flying Expedition, Mitchell Field, N. Y. to Nome and return, 4,345 miles in 112 hours.  
1924—Dawn to dusk flight from New York to San Francisco, 2,670 miles in 21 hours and 48 minutes.  
1924—Round the World, from Seattle, Wash., 27,553 miles in 371 hours and 11 minutes.

**NAVY**  
1919—Lieutenant Commander A. C. Read and crew flew from Trepassy, Newfoundland to Lisbon, Portugal, 2150 miles in 26 hours and 45 minutes, with a stop at the Azores.

1924—Dirigible Shenandoah, on cruise from Lakehurst, N. J. to Pacific Coast and return, flew 9,317 miles in 19 days and 19 hours.

1925—Dirigible Los Angeles flew from Lakehurst to Bermuda and return without mooring, covering 1,700 miles in 33 hours.

1925—Commander John Rodgers and crew flew PN-9 from San Pablo Bay, Cal., 1,841 miles in non-stop Hawaiian attempt, establishing a non-stop record for seaplanes.

1926—PN-10 No. 1 and 2 planes attempted non-stop flight from Hampton Roads, Va., to Colon but were forced down because of fuel and mechanical troubles in Caribbean waters.

## COUNTIES WANT HALF OF MOTOR LICENSE MONEY

Resolution Is Before the Convention of Judges at Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—A proposal to amend the motor vehicle law so that the counties of the state would receive one-half instead of one-fourth of the automobile license fees collected by the state, except that no county would receive more than \$1,000,000 in any one year, was submitted to the state association of county judges and commissioners here today in annual convention.

The proposal was submitted in the form of a resolution without recommendation by the commission.

Under the present law three-fourths of the money received by the state from the sale of license fees goes into the state highway fund, while the counties get one-fourth. It is the contention of those favoring the change that the voting of special taxes to meet the state in the building of state highways is extremely burdensome and that the counties could be partly relieved if they received a larger proportion of the fees. A more equitable division, it is contended, would not cripple the state highway work.

**Resist State Claim.**  
It was announced that judges and commissioners of the 18 land grant counties at a meeting Monday night unanimously authorized appointment of a committee of five with authority to take such legal action as may be necessary to protect and defend the 18 counties against any claim of the state to a portion of the funds received by the counties under provisions of the Oregon-California land grant refund. Any expense incurred is to be prorated among the 18 counties according to the acreage of the grant land in each county.

Judge R. H. Mast of Coos county proposed an amendment to the market roads law which would relieve the state highway commission of all authority in the designating of market roads and place the supreme authority in the hands of the county courts.

**County Clerks Elect.**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—County clerks of Oregon in annual session here today elected R. S. Bryson, Eugene, president; Kent Shoemaker, Hood River, vice president; Carl Gildersleeve, Lincoln county, secretary; Della Stevens, Jackson county, was re-elected treasurer.

The clerks also took action favoring the closing of all county offices at 1 p. m. on Saturdays.

The clerks and the county treasurers went into joint session with the county judges and commissioners.

Treasurers from 15 counties are attending the meeting which is the first the treasurers have held in six years.

## ROSEBURG GETS SNOW FOR FIRST TIME IN 2 YEARS

After a lapse of almost two years without snow, Roseburg today experienced a light snowfall. The last previous snow was on December 24, 1924, and since that time there was not a snowfall sufficient to be recorded until this morning. Snow and rain mixed started falling shortly after midnight, and at daylight this morning the hills were mantled in white, while the roofs were spiceted with snow. The snow was not sufficient to cover the ground with white.

A light snowfall occurred shortly after 8 o'clock, while overcast skies threatened more snow throughout the day.

Yesterday Roseburg, with a maximum temperature of 50 degrees, was the warmest spot in the state, while Baker with a minimum of 14 was the coldest. The lowest temperature in Roseburg last night was 33 degrees.

**Storm Warnings Down.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The storm which visited California and the northwest states last night was central over eastern British Columbia today and clearing weather was looked for generally along the coast tomorrow. The heaviest California rainfall was in the upper San Joaquin valley and along the northern coast line.

Storm warnings along the coast were taken down today. The heaviest precipitation in the state last night was at Eureka, where .64 inches fell.

**Eugene Has Snow.**  
EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21.—A light blanket of snow mantled the hills surrounding Eugene this morning, though a trace of snow which fell in the city melted immediately.

Minimum temperature last night was 34 degrees.

Low hanging clouds and a chill wind this morning brought hope of snow falling today to the breasts of school children, whose vacation will start Thursday afternoon.

**Snow at Medford.**  
MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 21.—Flurries of snow that melted as they fell, occurred over the Rogue River valley this morning, with the surrounding foothills blanketed in white.

**Rogue Valley White.**  
GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 21.—The Rogue valley was covered with snow this morning for the first time in two years. For several hours this morning the snow fell heavily but melted as soon as the clouds cleared a little. The mountains surrounding the valley received a heavy fall of snow last night.

**S. Marksbury Visited Here.**  
S. Marksbury visited here overnight Monday enroute to his home in Brandon.

## Frank L. Smith Braves Contest in Senate by Accepting Appointment

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Colonel Frank L. Smith has accepted the senatorial appointment of Governor Len Small to the seat made vacant by the death of Senator William E. McKinley and will go to Washington soon after New Year's day to present his credentials to the senate. Governor Small announced today.

Smith, already senator-elect to succeed McKinley, made known his acceptance, the governor said, on receipt of his certificate of appointment.

"No man ever refuses an appointment for the United States senate by the governor of Illinois," the governor was quoted as adding.

"Nothing can deter an acceptance to such a high office."

The remarks were called forth by query as to whether the acceptance was not contrary to the advice of some of Colonel Smith's friends and advisers that he decline rather than force, at this time, a battle upon his admittance because of slush fund charges, said the Journal.

Senator Ashurst of Arizona, democrat, last Thursday offered a resolution demanding that Colonel Smith be denied a seat because he financed his primary campaign in part with money received from public utilities while still chairman of the Illinois commerce commission.

**Cyrus Woods Under Fire.**  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Hearings were ordered today by the senate interstate commerce committee on the nomination of Cyrus E. Woods of Pennsylvania, former ambassador to Spain and Japan, to be a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

The nomination was sent to the senate yesterday by President Coolidge and aroused opposition from friends of Commissioner Frederick I. Cox, whom Mr. Woods would succeed.

The hearings will begin January 6. They were ordered after a brief discussion in which several senators expressed the opinion that information should be obtained to determine if Mr. Woods had any interest in cases now pending before the commission. Senator Reed, republican, Pennsylvania, recommended Mr. Woods showing that an inquiry would do Mr. Woods' record to be above reproach.

## Finger of Scandal in Major League Baseball Pointing to Two of Its Greatest Stars, Cobb and Speaker

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—Ty Cobb and Tris Speaker were linked today in an investigation conducted by Baseball Commissioner Landis involving an alleged irregularity of a game between Detroit and Cleveland played in Detroit September 25, 1919.

Dutch Leonard, once pitcher with the Detroit club, and Joe Wood, another American league pitcher, also were named in the investigation which Commissioner Landis indicated involved betting on the result of the game.

Commissioner Landis, without making any decision, made public more than one hundred pages of testimony taken in connection with the case.

Cobb and Speaker recently resigned as managers of the Detroit and Cleveland clubs respectively.

Today's scandal was the third to be exploded on the American baseball public within the last six years, and on the surface appeared to be as startling as the famous crooked world's series of 1919, after which eight stars of the Chicago White Sox were forever barred from organized baseball.

The volume of testimony Commissioner Landis made public included letters Cobb is purported to have written to Leonard, the Tiger pitcher.

Fred C. West, who is not immediately identified in connection with the investigation, also was named in the testimony.

Cobb, here with Speaker, for a hearing granted by Judge Landis, declared today that he did not know of the bet until long afterwards and that the box score of the contest which Detroit won, 9 to 6, would show that neither he nor Speaker could have been implicated in throwing the game.

Cobb related that "Dutch" Leonard, Detroit pitcher, and Joe Wood, Cleveland pitcher, had bet \$600 against \$420 that Detroit, then in

## CITY NOT LIABLE FOR GRASS FIRE SET BY FIREMAN

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—The city of Grants Pass is liable for damages caused by fire on the premises of P. S. Johnston, says an opinion of the supreme court today in the case of Johnston against Grants Pass, reversing Judge C. M. Thomas of the lower court for Josephine county, where Johnston won.

The damage, amounting only to \$700, was caused by a grass fire set by a city fireman. The opinion holds that the fact that a fireman set the fire does not make the city liable.

## HUDSON RIVER IS DRAGGED FOR TEN UNACCOUNTED FOR

Bodies of 30 Job-Seeking Men Recovered; Captain of Ill-Fated Boat Under Arrest.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Police and firemen today continued grappling among the ice floes of the Hudson river for the bodies of ten men believed missing from among more than two score workmen in search of jobs, who were drowned yesterday when the launch Linseed King capsized.

Thirty bodies had been recovered. Relatives who visited the morgue failed to find at least ten other they sought.

Thirty-seven of more than sixty men who crowded the 42-foot craft in its perilous trip across the river from 34th street, New York, to Edgewater, N. J., were rescued after clinging to ice cakes and the sides of the ship for almost an hour.

Captain John Rohwelder, the 29-year-old skipper of the craft, who swam more than a mile towards the Jersey shore before he was picked up, was under police guard at the Knickerbocker hospital today suffering from shock and exposure and threatened with pneumonia. He was under technical charges of negligence and homicide.

The launch was owned by Spencer Kellogg and Sons, insect oil manufacturers. More than 100 men, most of them answering an advertisement, gathered at dawn at the company's Manhattan pier for the trip to the plant across the river. Captain Rohwelder says only sixty men, less than the boat's estimated capacity, crowded aboard for the first trip but some of the survivors place the figure close to 100.

More than 25 men were trapped in the small cabin of the boat. Those on deck leaped overboard and clung to the ice floes and to the ship's side, although many, their fingers numb by the cold, lost their grips and slipped beneath the water.

## PLAN TO BUILD MORE CRUISERS HITS OBSTACLE

President Thinks Present Building Program of Navy Sufficient.

ITEM IS 105 MILLIONS

Opposes Increase in Money Outlay at This Time; Bill Introduced for Veterans.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—President Coolidge does not believe it is necessary to begin immediately the construction of the ten new light cruisers which were authorized under the Butler bill, introduced in the house Saturday.

It was said at the White House that with the cruisers already under construction the United States has an ample building program for the present time. Building of airplane carriers and submarines, now being carried on, he believes, has given the nation a sufficient naval bill.

When the airplane carriers are completed, however, the President feels it will be possible to enter upon construction of the new cruisers without appreciably increasing the yearly naval appropriations.

The President's views were made public coincident with a move in congress to obtain right of way for the Butler bill after the holidays. The measure, which would authorize an appropriation of \$105,000,000, contained no time limitation as to when the vessels should be built.

Decision to ask for authorization of the ten cruisers was reached after the President had consulted with Secretary Wilbur and the cabinet had come to the conclusion that such additions would round out the fleet as an efficient fighting unit.

"Reasonably Careful."  
The White House disclosed today that Comptroller General McClellan's much discussed report on the alien property situation shows that all alien property seized by the government has been accounted for, and that it has been administered in a reasonably careful manner.

The report was not made public, but it probably will be given out within a day or so.

Some published reports have described it as revealing gross irregularities.

The comptroller general has not yet completed his inquiry into a few of the cases of seized property; the report so far as completed is in the hands of the justice department for "examination."

**New Pension Measure.**  
Pensions ranging from \$20 to \$72 for soldiers and sailors who served in the war with Spain, the Philippine insurrection, the Chinese relief expedition or the coast guard artillery service would be provided in a bill introduced by Representative Kirk, Republican, Kentucky.

Soldiers discharged from the army during the Spanish war and Boxer uprising for having misrepresented their ages would be considered honorably discharged under a senate bill passed by the house.

**Money Flow Halted.**  
Consideration of a bill proposing that the federal government pay for municipal improvements on western reclamation projects has been blocked for the time being in

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## EX-OREGONIANS DROWN WHEN AUTO DROPS INTO RIVER

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
REDDING, Calif., Dec. 21.—The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. West, believed to be from Falls City, Ore., were found last night in the Sacramento River near Castella.

Their automobile had plunged into the river from the bank into the river.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)  
FALLS CITY, Ore., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. W. J. West, formerly of Falls City, Ore., were here about six months ago to go to California. West had been bookkeeper for a year and a half for the Falls City Lumber company. He had been employed recently at Burney, Calif., sends here reported. Mr. West went to visit relatives near Los Angeles when her husband took up his new work at Burney.

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## GASOLINE TAKES ADVANCE OF ONE CENT IN PRICE

Gasoline advanced one cent in price here today, selling at 23 cents instead of 22 cents. The rise of the increase was received last night by some of the companies, while others did not receive their instructions until this morning. By noon today, however, all stations were selling at the new price.

No reason for the change was given, the managers of the local concerns merely receiving instructions to advance the price 1 cent. The same increase is made on Ethyl gasoline which is now selling for 26 cents instead of 25 as in the past.