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Highest temperature yesterday, 37.
Lowest temperature last night, 12.
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TIP-OFF FOILS PLOT TO SLAY MANUFACTURER

Thug Alleged Directed by Estranged Wife Killed by Intended Victim.

HUGE ESTATE SOUGHT

Concealed Officers Battle With Two Pals of Dead Man and Succeed in Arresting Them.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
DETROIT, Jan. 10.—A crime that cameras captured was committed in suburban Wyandotte last night when a gunman was slain and an officer critically wounded during a spectacular, but unsuccessful, attempt to assassinate Ralph A. Wood, head of the Wood Construction company.
Newspapermen and photographers, informed with police that an effort was to be made upon Wood's life, were hidden with officers about the construction company chief's office when the attempted assassination took place. They saw a man advance upon Wood with upraised blackleg, and they saw Wood and one of the officers fire almost simultaneously, dropping the attacker.
Estranged Wife Accused
Less than an hour later Wood's estranged wife, Grace, 48 years old, was arrested. She was found in bed at her home and was taken to the city detention hospital. Officers sought to question her concerning the story of one of the plotters that she had instigated the attempt upon her husband's life so that she might inherit his estate, said to be large, and become beneficiary of a \$100,000 life insurance policy.
Early today Taylor Pierce and William Thompson, each 22 years old, were arrested as the two who escaped during the gun battle between police and wood's assailants. Shortly afterward their automobile was found, marked with many bullet holes. They said the dead man was Ambrose Haggerty.
Plot Detailed
Police learned of the plot through Cecil Holt, one of the conspirators, who told Roy Smith, chief of police of Riverview, a Detroit suburb, that Mrs. Wood had paid a premium on his \$125,000 insurance policy in return for his promise to assist in the plot.
The plan, Holt said, was to lure Wood to the doorway of his office, beat him unconscious, carry

Revelation In Dream Launches Quest For Submerged Island And Scheme For An Outing Paradise

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
CLEVELAND, Jan. 10.—A "Dream Island" sunk in the Pacific ocean off the California coast is the destination of a cruise headed by B. M. Bramley, paving contractor, who has bought the steam yacht Peary from Donald B. MacMillan, explorer, for the expedition.
The island lies under twenty feet of water, Bramley says. It was first revealed to him in a dream, while he was in Cleveland. So vivid was his dream, and so inviting was the prospect of exploration and discovery in seas sailed for centuries by ships of every nation that Bramley set out in search of his island while in California.
A ship was chartered and he made soundings for days without success. He gave up the idea and was about to return when persistent promptings to find his "Dream Island" caused him to charter an airplane. He found it, plainly visible from the cockpit, he said, in fifteen or twenty feet of water.
Now he means to build a breakwater about the place, pump sand from the bottom of the sea to make new land, and erect thereon a dining and outing paradise.
"It may be fantastic," Bramley said, but investigation of stone prices for the wall about his island demonstrated his earnestness to go through with the plan anyhow.
Ship Well Fitted
The Peary is a fitting ship for the cruise. Its history is as colorful as some aspects of Bramley's dream. It was built first by the French government as a mine sweeper, but lay in dry dock until a private purchaser fitted it luxuriously as a yacht. Then Commander MacMillan bought it for the Arctic expedition of 1925 with Commander Richard E. Byrd. He named it the Peary in honor of Rear Admiral Robert E. Peary, his commander on the expedition which discovered the North Pole.
MacMillan, here for a series of lectures, was in negotiations for the sale of the ship to Haiti which planned to make a war vessel of it when Bramley appeared yesterday with the purchase price. It is now at anchor in Boston.

TWO OIL WELLS IN FLAMES NEAR WHITTIER, CAL.

Loss to General Petroleum Company Thus Far Put at \$1,000,000.

GREAT FIELD PERILED

Firemen Brought From Los Angeles Work Hip Deep in Clay Vomited by Gassers.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WHITTIER, Cal., Jan. 10.—While pillars of flames from two gigantic oil gushers in the Santa Fe Springs field were shooting 150 feet in the air early today, cement was being forced down adjacent oil wells in an effort to prevent the fire, which already has caused damage estimated at \$1,000,000 from spreading to thickly studded neighboring fields.
The whole district was lighted up by the fire and the roar and vibrations from the two burning wells shook buildings for a mile around. The Los Angeles fire department, called to the scene, sprayed water on the main pumping station of the General Petroleum Oil company, several hundred feet away, and on cottages of employees to prevent the spread of the fire.
Clay Impedes Firemen
A sea of green mud, belched up by the two outflow wells from the 3500 foot level, have made streets surrounding the configuration for a distance of nearly half a mile in all directions veritable canals of the sticky mass. Engineers waded through the mud as they directed the men laying high pressure pipes for cementing the neighboring wells and crews in tractors and scrapers battling the creeping clay.
The present double-barreled gusher fire is the fourth destructive blaze in the Santa Fe Springs district in as many months. Getty Number 20 opened up with a roar of 200 foot flames when it blew in late yesterday ignited by the flaming General Petroleum well Number 1450, which had burst into flames when it blew in earlier in the day. The second well showered a mile square area with a coat of mud when it blew in.

Ex-Prosecutor's Prosecution Under Way



CIRCULATION OF ROSEBURG LIBRARY SHOWS HEAVY GAIN

7500 More Books Loaned in 1928 Than 1927; Service Above Standard for the Investment.
Heavy growth of patronage of the Roseburg public library is shown by the report of the librarian for the year 1928, just issued. During that period the total circulation of books borrowed from the library amounted to a total of 35,548 as against 31,945 for the year 1927, a gain of 7,503. The addition of 480 borrowers during 1928 brought the total on that item up to 2,497, a figure approximately one-half of the city's population. The same period saw 575 volumes added to the store of books, bringing the grand total up to 6,520. In addition the library handled 628 books borrowed from the state library on special requests. Several hundred more books are shortly to be added permanently to the shelves of the library.
Commenting upon the showing of the Roseburg library, the state librarian at Salem, writing under date of December 13, 1927, states that the local institution "offers a tremendous amount for the library investment made by the city," adding that "with the smallest total tax investment of any library in your class, you have the largest turn-over of books, except for one city, and the largest number of patrons registered." The Roseburg library, the state librarian reports, ranks 26th in size, 17th in circulation, 19th in income and 37th per capita tax income.
The state librarian also notes that the Roseburg library's "expenditures for maintenance are entirely too low" compared with the service it renders and that it is "trying to do too much with too small a salary investment." It is pointed out that a standard library uses an assistant librarian for every 20,000 books circulated, whereas the Roseburg institution, with a circulation of nearly double that figure, has only the librarian. More liberal financial support, not only to provide the librarian with needed help but to permit of greater additions of books and periodicals, is urged by the state official.

KEYES' EX-AIDE OUTLINES BRIBE CASE TO JURORS

Prosecutor Fitts Prepared to Prove \$125,000 Paid by Oil Promoters.

DENUNCIATION WARM

Former District Attorney Needed Coin for Home and Gaming Debts, Is Allegation.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Ana Keyes, former district attorney of Los Angeles county on trial for bribery and conspiracy in office, today was slated to hear state witnesses testify alleged overt acts against him. Yesterday, the veteran lawyer listened with bowed head while his successor, Barron W. Fitts, delivered a scathing denunciation of his former chief in an opening statement.
Fitts' statement to the jury, which lasted an hour, painted Keyes as "an associate, confidante and receiver of money and costly gifts" from Julian petroleum case defendants he was then prosecuting. Only the district attorney's voice broke the silence of the courtroom as Fitts heaped one charge upon another in outlining what the state expects to prove.
\$125,000 Alleged Bribe
The state will show, Fitts said, that Keyes received \$125,000 for obtaining dismissal of charges against Ed Rosenberg. He listed payments of \$27,500 from Jack Bennett to Ben Getoff, former tailor, claiming that Getoff told Bennett that Keyes "needed the money" to pay off gambling debts and buy a new home.
The jury will be locked up for the remainder of the trial. That order was given yesterday by Superior Judge Edwin I. Butler, following Fitts' statement, and after charges of jury tampering had been made on the opening day of the trial.
Keyes, acting as one of his own attorneys, replied to Fitts' statement, "It is one thing to make these allegations in a statement and another to prove them. I am positive the evidence will not bear them out."
Family Involved
Fitts declared that not only Keyes, but also Mrs. Keyes and their daughter, Elizabeth, will be shown as recipients of gifts in connection with the dismissal of perjury and embezzlement charges against Jack Bennett, "bright young man" of the Julian fiasco, and E. H. Rosenberg.
Deputy District Attorney Julian Richardson testified today that Keyes told him on the last day of the Julian trial that he "wanted to do something for Ed Rosenberg," one of the principal figures.
One of the co-defendants, Jack (Continued on page 6.)

FLIGHT AROUND GLOBE WITHOUT STOP PLANNED

Possibility of Success by Refueling Seen in Feat of Question Mark.

MUCH MONEY NEEDED

Art Goebel May Race From Wichita Against French Pilots Considering Hop From Paris.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WICHITA, Kansas, Jan. 10.—The most daring project of aviation—an attempted non-stop flight around the world—which heretofore had been regarded as beyond the realm of possibility, today appeared near realization within the present year.
Further announcements of projected flights, made here and in Paris yesterday, suggested the possibility of a race to realize that dream of all endurance and distance fliers. Both flights would be refueling ventures and were suggested by the sustained flight of 156 hours made by the American army monoplane Question Mark in California.
Art Goebel to Try
From a sick bed here where he is recovering from severe illness and an operation, Col. Arthur C. Goebel, noted distance and speed pilot, announced that he intended to be first to take the air in an effort to girdle the globe without a stop. He tentatively set August or September for the flight, which he said would be west-to-east from Wichita to Wichita.
Almost simultaneously it was revealed in Paris that the latest project of the Fokker aviation firm was a non-stop flight in the same direction from Paris to Paris, possibly in June, when it was believed the best weather would be encountered.
Both projects call for refueling planes at intervals along the 21,000 mile route.
Lots of Coin Needed
Colonel Goebel, an outstanding pilot who won the Dole air race to Hawaii in 1927, and who holds the non-stop transcontinental flight record, said such a flight would require a great deal of financial backing and a real airplane.
Frank Phillips, Bartlesville, Okla., oil man, who backed Goebel's "Wonderac" in the Dole flight, was suggested as one of the possible backers of the flight, while several Wichita business men already have indicated they would assist in making the flight possible.
Goebel's crew would consist of two pilots and two radio operators. His tentative plans are for a specially built plane, equipped with a powerful motor.
Colonel Goebel said he would go to Washington as soon as he is able to investigate the best route of travel on such a flight and the time of year best suited to the venture.
Distance No Issue
It is estimated that the Question Mark in its epochal flight which ended Monday afternoon flew a (Continued on page 6.)

NUDE LADIES MUST GO WITH LIQUOR, IS POLICE EDICT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—Night clubs and cabarets featuring revues of scantily clad girls have been proscribed by Police Commissioner Whelan.
He stated his policy as an answer to editorial criticism of his drive under which more than 900 liquor raids have been made and at least 20 police were wounded by "strong arm" squads for reopening after raids. The statement said: "I have noted the comment of some of my friends, the editorial writers. They are needlessly alarmed that I am going too fast. For their information let me again repeat the policy of the police commissioner: 'To maintain a speed in police activity that will keep the vicious criminals in jail where they belong, or keep them broke paying for lawyers and bondsmen.'"
"There will be no let-up in police activity against the crime-breeding speakeasy dispensing poison liquor."
"Every dive of this character will be put out of business and kept out of business."
"This also applies to the so-called high class speakeasy restaurants and cabarets that parade nude women for the edification of their patrons."

MERCHANT THROWS SHOES AT GUNMAN AND LOSES LIFE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Abram Sandelman, merchant, 27, who threw a pair of shoes at a gunman last night, today lay in a morgue with four bullets in his body.
Crowds at Third and Spring streets saw Sandelman chase the holdup man out of his store and throw a pair of shoes, which the bandit had attempted to take by threat, after him. The gunman turned and fired four shots. One penetrated Sandelman's heart, two lodged in his stomach, and one struck him in the right arm. The merchant fell, while spectators scattered in alarm and the slayer fled.
After a chase through the streets police captured a man who gave his name as Dan Riley, while he was attempting to scale a 14-foot wall. Riley, who gave his home as St. Louis, confessed to the murder police said, also to being a deserter from the navy.
PATIENT FIGHTS HOSPITAL NURSE AND DISAPPEARS
(Associated Press Leased Wire)
OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 10.—Mystery deepened around James Sturms, who said he was a Chicago automobile salesman, when he fought off his nurse and disappeared from a hotel here today.
Sturms, who said he had relatives and friends in Los Angeles, and variously reported his name as Stern and Starnes, escaped from a police hospital yesterday after being taken there forcibly for treatment of a fractured skull.
He hurt was received in a fight in Los Angeles, he said, following an intercontinental football game.

LIQUOR BLINDS WOMAN, FORMER FEDERAL AGENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—Mrs. Thelma Sanford, 19, said to have been a former federal agent, lay in a hospital blind today—a victim of poison liquor.
Three men, John Lavender, Robert Kelly and Tom Meyer, who said she drank "white milk" with them in Meyer's apartment Sunday, had been questioned by police and released. They were searching for a bootlegger named Jack, who delivered the moonshine at the party. All four drank the liquor, police say, and the men were not affected.
The girl's sister, Mrs. C. R. Burns of El Paso, Texas, who arrived here yesterday, said that she and Mrs. Sanford had been employed by the United States customs service in Texas and in Phoenix, Ariz., to detect border rum smugglers, and that their lives had been threatened. Police said to have made a delivery of liquor to Mrs. Sanford at her apartment before she joined her party of friends. The girl thus far has been unable to aid police as hospital authorities will not permit her to be seen.
Following the party Mrs. Sanford was reported to have gone to her home and gone to bed, losing her sight some time in the night. A "revenge" motive was advanced by police. Raymond Sanford, the girl's husband, was said to be en route from Dallas, Texas, to aid in the investigation.

FAMOUS BRITISH ATHLETE MARRIES DUKE'S DAUGHTER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LONDON, Jan. 10.—Lord David Bury, son and heir of the Marquis of Exeter and famous hurdler and Olympic champion, and Lady Mary Scott, daughter of the Duke of Buccleugh, were married today in the old time church of Saint Clement Danes on The Strand. The occasion was the first society wedding to be solemnized on The Strand in many years.
Lord Bury, who acted as best man for his brother, The Bishop of Blackburn officiated and the church was thronged with a fashionable crowd, among them being a large number of athletes and other sporting figures who were included in the 900 persons invited to the wedding.
The bride is a god-daughter of Queen Mary who had been expected to be present but not King George's illness intervened. Two members of the royal family, Princess Mary and the Duke of Gloucester, sent presents.
Lord Bury, who is widely known in the United States for his athletic prowess, won the intercollegiate hurdling championship in America three years ago and the 400 yards hurdles title at the last Olympic games. The bride is interested in sports and is known as a brilliant horsewoman.

ROCKEFELLER, JR., STILL ON TRAIL OF COL. STEWART

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., has sent letters to stockholders of the Standard Oil company of Indiana seeking their proxies for the annual meeting of the company in March to oppose the reelection of Col. Robert W. Stewart as chairman of the company, it was learned today.
Mr. Rockefeller requested the resignation of Mr. Stewart after he was charged with perjury in connection with his statements to the senate teapot dome committee. Mr. Stewart declined to resign, and was acquitted of the charges on Nov. 20.
In his letter to stockholders, Mr. Rockefeller, who is a large stockholder in the Standard of Indiana, outlines his letter to Col. Stewart, which sought his resignation last year, and adds "definite assurances have already been given me by stockholders representing a substantial amount of stock of the company that they are opposed to Col. Stewart's reelection."
"If this is your position," the letter continues, "please send the enclosed proxy to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., W. W. Aldrich or William Roberts."

PROXIES SOUGHT TO ENABLE OIL MAGNATE TO FORCE OUT CHAIRMAN WHO WON'T RESIGN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
STEWART NOT NEEDED
Mr. Rockefeller indicated that he did not seek other changes in the management of the company.
"Under the loyal and devoted leadership of the president of the company, Mr. E. G. Seibert," he stated, "who has been with the company over 30 years, backed by the whole-hearted support of other members of the board, most of whom have also been connected with the company for many years, the interests of the company will be fully protected and its business well handled without Col. Stewart."

PORTLAND RETAIL GAS SELLERS JOIN FOR "PROTECTION"

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—In the face of the organization last night of the Portland retail dealers' protective association, there was little change to be seen today in the status of Portland's gasoline price war. The price range during the forenoon was from 15 1/2 cents to which figure it dropped in many stations during the war to 21 1/2 cents, the "ante-bellum" price.
Many operators, however, hinted that the price might drop during the day.
The protective association was organized by A. S. Vosberg, attorney, who said he was acting for representatives of the group. He issued a statement last night saying an immediate cessation of price-cutting could not be expected.
"The Retail Dealers' association came as an apparent surprise to most of the four hundred dealers at the meeting, as well as to thirty garage owners who had planned to join the Portland Automotive Trades association."

TRAGEDY STALKS MEXICAN POLITICS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 10.—Jose G. Parres, under-secretary of agriculture and candidate for governor of the state of Hidalgo, has been killed in a political clash at the town of Atotonilco El Alto in that state. Two of his followers were also slain.
Advices reaching the department of interior today indicated that Dofolito Valdespino, a candidate for the state legislature, at the head of ten armed men opened fire on an automobile in which Parres and his followers were driving through the streets of the town. The occupants of the car returned the fire. Parres and two of his men and one of the attackers perished in the clash.
An investigation was ordered. Troops were pursuing Valdespino today.

LETTER CARRIER SUICIDES AFTER KILLING 2 BABES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 10.—Joseph W. Duer, Long Beach mail carrier, sought for 14 hours by police as the murderer of his two infant daughters, was found early today hanging by a rope from a rafter of the garage at his home, where the double slaying took place.
LONG BEACH, Calif., Jan. 10.—Police today were guarding Mrs. Dorothy Duer, whose two babies were found strangled to death last night, and are searching for her husband, Joseph Duer, 35-year-old letter carrier, believed to have committed the crime.
Returning home from a shopping trip, Mrs. Duer found a note, written, she said, in her husband's handwriting. It read: "Please try to forgive me, sweetheart, and meet your babies in heaven. I hope you never quit loving me. God bless you and keep you safe, Joseph."
The mother found the bedroom door locked. She summoned detectives, who crashed through the two babies, Charlotte, aged 3 months, and Dorothy, two and a half years old, were found in bed, strangled with a face towel. Duer was a former school superintendent in Kansas. Brooding over the loss of the position and a recent attack of influenza, his wife believed, affected his mind. Police believe that Duer may have carried out a hint of suicidal intent. In the note the phrase "meet your babies in heaven" indicated, they said, that Mrs. Duer's life was in danger.

SLAYER CARRIES CORPSE 30 MILES IN AUTOMOBILE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
HARRISONVILLE, Mo., Jan. 10.—The body of Clay Branch, 33, farmer, was found buried in hay on the farm of Prentiss Bullard, 23, today after it had been carried in Bullard's car 30 miles over snow-covered roads from the scene of the slaying near Lone Jack, Mo. Bullard was arrested and placed in the Johnson county jail at Warrensburg, charged with murder.
The arrest and finding of the body resulted from a search started after F. W. Walker, 21, also of Kingsville, had reported to authorities that he witnessed the killing yesterday on a highway near Lone Jack, Mo.
Walker said the three were returning from Kansas City and that Bullard and Branch had engaged in an argument. Bullard from the rear seat of the car fired two bullets into Branch's head, while the latter was in the front seat, Walker said.
During the argument, Walker said, he heard Bullard remark, "I've spilled the beans."
Walker told officials that the slayer threatened his life but that he left the car on its arrival in Harrisonville on the pretext of getting some gasoline and that Bullard drove away when he failed to return.