

**The Weather**  
Highest temperature yesterday—39  
Lowest temperature last night—29  
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Fair, but with some fog tonight and Sunday; not much change in temperature.

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## SECOND CHURCH USED BY NORRIS TAKEN BY FIRE

**First Baptist Edifice and Addition at Ft. Worth Are Destroyed.**

**LOSS NEAR \$1,000,000**

**Famous Pastor, Once Tried for Arson, Afterwards for Murder, Absent From the City.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORT WORTH, Tex., Jan. 12.—The First Baptist church, of which Dr. J. Frank Norris, noted fundamentalist, is pastor, was destroyed by fire here this morning, along with an adjacent four-story Sunday school building and gymnasium belonging to the church.

When discovered about 6 a. m. the fire in the main building had a great headway and ate rapidly into the church which was located in the heart of the downtown district and was one of the city's landmarks.

The bulk of the city's fire fighting forces responded to the alarm, and after two hours of hard fighting saved another four-story building owned by the church and known as the administration building. That building, which apparently was damaged only from the outside, supports the broadcasting towers of radio station KTAT, controlled by the Texas Air Transport. One of the towers fell into the blazing church building.

Dr. Norris was in Austin this morning. When notified of the fire, he left for Fort Worth at once by automobile.

**\$1,000,000 Loss**  
The Sunday school building was claimed by the pastor to have housed the largest Sunday school class in the world.

The church auditorium had a seating capacity of 4,500. The church plant, including business departments, gymnasium, etc., had an approximate value of \$1,000,000. The original First Baptist church, standing several blocks from the structure burned today, was destroyed by fire January 11, 1912. This fire was the first in a series of events which resulted in the indictment of the pastor, Norris, for arson and perjury. He was acquitted after sensational trials.

"Dr. Norris went to Austin yesterday with some friends to attend sessions of the legislature," Mrs. Norris said.

The pastor, his wife said, will return here as quickly as possible to care for the church's affairs.

Patrolman Bradford, who covers the beat which includes the block of church property, did not know who turned in the fire alarm.

"Officer Bob Moreland and I were over about the Northern Texas Traction company, when we heard the wagons," Bradford said. "We came over immediately and

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## \$300,000 FIRE AT NATIONAL CAPITAL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—The entire fighting force of Washington and 25 companies from Maryland and Virginia, including ten from Baltimore, were called into action to fight an early morning business section fire here which destroyed a chinaware store at F and 12th streets with a loss of \$300,000.

Ice formed on the firemen's clothing as they worked in a high wind that drove sparks two blocks through the center of Washington's commercial area. Three firemen were rescued after being forced to hang by their fingers from a fourth story ledge when the eaving of one wall and three floors below them trapped them above the flames.

Capt. Frank Hellmuth, one of the trio, was taken to the emergency hospital suffering from serious burns on face and hands.

## COURTHOUSE BURNS WITH \$100,000 LOSS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORT SCOTT, Kan., Jan. 12.—The Bourbon county court house here burned today with a loss of \$100,000. It was believed the records in the office of the treasurer, register and clerk may have been saved as they were in the vaults.

The fire was believed to have been caused by defective wiring on a cigar or cigarette. Eight prisoners in the county jail, adjoining the courthouse, were taken to the city jail in something of a panic. The jail building was saved.

## Lock Of Hair To Break Witchcraft Spell Motive For Murder, Youth Of 18 Testifies In His Own Defense

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

YORK, Pa., Jan. 12.—Eighteen year old Wilbert G. Hess, the third defendant to be tried for the "witchcraft murder" of Nelson D. Rehmyer, insisted on the stand today that he and his companions had gone to the aged man's house solely for the purpose of obtaining a lock of his hair and not for robbery.

He believed himself and his parents to be under a witchcraft spell which they had been told by John H. Blymyer, a "pow-wow doctor," had been placed upon them by Rehmyer. He accompanied Blymyer and John Curry to the home of the supposed witch for his mother's and father's benefit, he said. Blymyer having told them that if a lock of Rehmyer's hair was buried it would break the spell.

Blymyer and Curry already have been found guilty of murder and will be sentenced to life imprisonment and the district attorney had asked for a similar verdict for Hess.

On a question put to him by his lawyer, Hess said his confession made at the time of his arrest was prompted by the district attorney on questions asked by him. He denied, however, that any force or persuasion was used to get him to make the statement.

In the confession Hess was quoted as saying he had told Rehmyer "once or twice" but on the stand he said he was certain he only struck the victim once with a stick.

It was Blymyer, he said, who came down on Rehmyer's head with a chair, when the lock of hair was refused.

## FATHER OF GIRL SHOOTS MAN WHO SOLD HER BOOZE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CAMDEN, Ark., Jan. 12.—The wrath of the father of a 15-year-old girl to whom liquor is alleged to have been served along with about 75 other students at a party held by Camden high school students at a roadhouse near here last fall culminated yesterday in a shooting affray in which the proprietor of the roadhouse was wounded critically.

Alex Hardin, 25, the proprietor, today lies at a hospital in a serious condition with four bullet wounds in his body and F. E. Sullivan, the girl's father, is in jail charged with the shooting. Little hope is held by hospital officials for Hardin's recovery.

The shooting occurred when Sullivan met Hardin in an alley. Sullivan, according to witnesses, shouted "You can't ruin my daughter," and opened fire with an automatic pistol. Immediately after the shooting Sullivan surrendered to police.

Members of Sullivan's family said that he knew nothing about the alleged drinking at the party until a few days ago.

## 14 LIQUOR DIVES RAIDED NEAR U. S. SOLDIERS' HOME

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 12.—Using the largest force ever brought into Milwaukee, the federal prohibition department under direction of W. Frank Cunningham, deputy administrator, last night struck at the source of liquor near the National Soldiers' Home.

Fourteen bar rooms were raided simultaneously by 42 agents.

After receiving complaints that sick and disabled soldiers at the home were being sold moonshine, Cunningham some time ago sent undercover men to obtain evidence against the saloons.

Proceeding from door to door along streets near the soldiers' home, a clean sweep was made before the agents met at central police headquarters with their 18 prisoners. A large quantity of whisky, beer and wine was seized.

## GAS WAR EXTENDS BEYOND PORTLAND

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—The price cutting epidemic that has been raging for days through Portland gasoline retailing circles and has brought the price of motor fuel from 21½ cents a gallon down to 15½ cents, has spread beyond the city limits to nearby communities.

In Gresham several stations are offering gasoline under the 21½ cent price. Oregon City, Tualatin, Beaverton and other communities are said to be feeling the war.

The wholesalers and the parent companies say the situation is beyond their control and that the service station operators alone can remedy the situation. They say the price cutting is costing local dealers from \$125,000 to \$250,000 a month.

The average price at which gasoline was selling here today was seventeen cents a gallon. This includes the three-cent state tax.

## BOY-POSING MAID NABBED BY POLICE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—Lorina Gordon, 19, who since January 1 has been masquerading as a boy, today found herself in police custody. She ran afoul of the law when one of her girl friends became enamored of the youth at

## LOCAL FINANCE COMPANY FORMED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

Formation of the Roseburg Finance Corporation, a \$20,000 company, to handle local contract paper, was announced here today. The incorporators are H. O. Pargeter, Henry Harth, Carl Wimbler, Nathan Fullerton, B. R. Shoemaker and A. G. Sutherland. Mr. Sutherland is president; Henry Harth, vice-president, and H. O. Pargeter, secretary and treasurer.

The company is preparing to discount local contract paper and will keep at home money that is now going out of town to similar finance concerns, some of which are located in neighboring towns. Automobile, radio, furniture and other such contracts, signed by purchasers with local dealers, will be handled by the company, which will buy the contracts from the dealers, who cannot afford to carry the deals themselves.

Many thousands of dollars are being expended by installment buyers, and the interest on their contracts is going to out of town companies. The new concern will keep at least a portion of this money in Roseburg.

## BOMBER WRECKS FRONT OF STORE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—An explosion that resounded throughout the loop heralded Chicago's sixth bombing of the year at one o'clock this morning.

The bomb wrecked the front of a cigar store that police said also was a gambling resort adjacent to the Martin hotel, 317 North Clark street, just half a block outside the loop. It was the fifth bomb of recent months to be exploded in the vicinity, known as Chicago's "bomb sector."

Guests in the hotel were aroused and H. D. Lovell, desk clerk, was hurled from his chair by the explosion that shattered front windows of the building, showering H. Baldwin, a guest, with broken glass.

Police ascribed the bombing to a gamblers' war but said they did not know whether it had been planned or hurried from a passing automobile. Sammy Wolff, owner of the place, is said to be in New York, where he attended Tex Rickard's funeral.

## BURTON BAKER IS INDICTED AS KILLER OF BIDWELL RIDDLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—The federal grand jury today indicted Burton Baker, Klamath Indian, for the murder of Bidwell Riddle, another Indian, on the Klamath reservation, with Riddle's wife of the accused man, who was brought here in connection with the same crime, was released.

Three Klamath Falls men were indicted on charges involving violation of the federal prohibition laws.

They are: Percy Terry and Loring W. Cary, and Loring Edwards. C. H. Moore, and Jim LeJoy, of Klamath county, were indicted for alleged infractions of the liquor laws.

They were arrested in a slouch cap, white sweat-shirt and gray trousers. Police detectives arrested her in a downtown hotel after hotel attendants decided she was in reality a girl and not the swarthy boy she pretended she was.

Miss Gordon, or George Gordon, as she preferred to be known, said she started posing as a boy New Year's eve when she attended a masquerade party in the attire in which she was arrested.

She got "quite a kick out of it," she confided to a police matron last night.

## \$40,000 PAID TO FIX ASA KEYES TOLD AT TRIAL

**Money First Went Through Ben Getzoff's Hands, Berman Testifies.**

**CAR ALSO PRESENTED**

**Pike, Former Tailor Shop Employee, Admits He Sold Crime Diary for \$2,000.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—Asa Keyes, former district attorney on trial with five other defendants for bribery and conspiracy, today had heard Jacob Berman, "Bright Boy" of the Julian Petroleum case, tell the jury that he "paid out \$40,000 and received nothing for it."

"And Ben Getzoff told me repeatedly that Asa Keyes got it all," testified Berman, who turned state's witness after being sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary on a federal charge in connection with the Julian Petroleum company fiasco.

Apparently laboring under a great mental strain, and starting with his first alleged payment of \$10,000 which he claims he made as a "preliminary step" to keep out of San Quentin prison, Berman said he "put up" \$10,000 and also made presents of gifts.

Gaming Debts Involved  
Berman, alias Jack Bennett, depicted Ben Getzoff, the tailor, in the role of direct "go-between" who, he said, was continually asking him to pay additional money so "that Keyes' new home could be paid for and gambling debts could be cleared."

"Prior to this time," said Berman, "Ben Getzoff said he wanted to buy a car for Keyes' daughter. I told him that Ed Rosenberg ought to buy it. He said Rosenberg (one of the Julian defendants) had done plenty and was broke. I told Ben to buy a car that wouldn't cost more than \$1,000 and gave him a \$1,000 bill."

## Crime Diary Sold

Testimony revealed that Milton Pike, former employee of the Getzoffs, had talked over what he had heard in the tailor shop with Rev. R. P. "Bob" Schuler, of Los Angeles and had sold the contents of his diary to a Los Angeles newspaper for \$2,000. Pike said he got \$1,000 of it, and Joseph Sherman, another Getzoff employee \$1,000.

After his acquittal in the Julian case, Berman said he thanked Keyes for not "bearing down" on him too hard, and that Keyes replied that he was glad that Berman was not convicted. At this time, Berman testified, "Ed Rosenberg gave Keyes the expensive wrist watch," and said during the presentation of it: "Jake, this is one of the best fellows I ever met."

Pike's Testimony  
On the witness stand yesterday, Pike admitted that his real name was Mario Amundson. His diary consisted of notes Pike testified he made while Keyes and principals of the oil company conferred with Getzoff and his son, Dave, on the pay-off which was to bring acquittal to Berman, Ed Rosenberg and others. It described heated arguments in the office of the tailor shop, and frequent calls by Keyes to receive money.

During one of the arguments in which Pike testified that Jack Rosenberg, a defendant, with Keyes now, threatened to "double cross" the prosecutor if he failed to dismiss a case, the state's chief witness said that Getzoff yelled "if

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## DRY LAW BROUGHT OREGON \$155,000.00 IN FINES IN 1928

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 12.—During 1928 fines assessed as a result of the activity of the state prohibition department totaled \$154,845.50, says the annual report of George Alexander, state prohibition commissioner. Operatives destroyed 18,573 gallons of liquor and 94,343 gallons of mash, seized about 180 stills and confiscated 32 automobiles. Arrests numbered 1284.

Receipts of the department for the year totaled \$50,000, the maximum amount allowed by law, all additional receipts going to the counties. Expenditures for the year were \$63,148.73. The largest expense item was salaries, for which \$29,578.37 was paid out. It cost the department \$7423.31 to operate automobiles.

## TOWN'S PETITION FAILS TO SAVE TWO BOYS FROM PRISON

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 12.—Evan Pritchard and James Douglas Pritchard, brothers, today were sentenced to five years in a federal penitentiary for counterfeiting. Two younger brothers up for sentence on the same charge awaited the outcome of a motion for probation by Probation Officer Edward Powers. Their case will be decided January 21.

The four brothers came to San Francisco from Blachly, Ore., in November with \$315 in \$1 bills which they had stolen to \$10. On their arrest the entire population of the Oregon town signed a petition for probation.

## FUGITIVE AUTO THIEF BELIEVED TO BE EUGENE LAD

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

The automobile thief, who shot his way to escape when an attempt was made to arrest him here Thursday night, and who later eluded Randon officers after a gun fight, stole another car last night at Bandon and has so far succeeded in eluding capture, local officers report.

The young man is believed to be Robert Hinkson, 17-year-old Eugene youth. The young man has been in trouble at Eugene, it is reported, and was taken into custody the first of the week by officers there but was given a parole to his father. A hardware store was robbed in Eugene Tuesday night and it is believed that the rifle and pistols found in the machine, when it was recovered at Bandon, were stolen at that time.

After escaping from local officers, following a gun fight the lad drove to Bandon, where another attempt was made to stop him. He ran his car into a blind street and escaped into the brush. A driver's license and hunting license were turned out to Hinkson, caused the officers to suspect the lad as being the one wanted.

The officers there made an extensive search yesterday, but failed to locate the young man. Shortly after dark, however, a red Chevrolet coupe was stolen near the milk evaporating plant, and officers believe that the fugitive had made his way to that building and had remained in hiding there until dark and then stole the coupe to make his getaway.

Roseburg officers were notified and went out the Coon Bay highway to prevent him from getting back this way, as it was thought possible that he would endeavor to get back to the Pacific highway, but they found no trace of him. It is believed that it will be impossible for him to get south from Bandon, as officers are patrolling all of the river crossings.

The big Studebaker car, belonging to A. Lombard of Eugene, which was used in the run from Eugene through Roseburg to Bandon, bore numerous scars of the battle, the Bandon officers report. Deputy Sheriff Boone fired twelve shots at the vehicle in the running fight in this city. One of his shots at the tire penetrated the left fender just a few inches above the mark, while another, fired at the gas tank, hit the tank but failed to make a hole in the metal although it left a dent. The driver fired three shots through the rear window at the local officers.

The information given the officers by J. H. Cundy, who was Hinkson's unwilling passenger, was checked up by local officers who found it to be correct. Cundy was given a ride to Glendale yesterday by the officers who went that way on duty. He pointed out the place where he jumped from Hinkson's car, sustaining minor bruises, and in a brief search at the spot located his glasses which were lost when he stepped off the running board of the speeding machine.

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## EIGHTH DEATH FOLLOWS CRASH OF ARMY PLANE

**Sergeant Conroy, Last of Crew, Dies in Presence of Sweetheart.**

**MAKES INQUIRY HARD**

**Flip of Coin Between Two Pilots Sends Angell on Fatal Trip Instead of Capt. Dinger.**

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MIDDLETOWN, Pa., Jan. 12.—The toll of the army airplane crash at Royaltown, near here, yesterday was raised to eight today when Sergeant Patrick Conroy, of New York City, died in the Policlinic hospital at Harrisburg.

Conroy had been the sole survivor of the crash in which one officer and six enlisted men were killed. He was brought to the hospital in a critical condition with a fractured skull and did not regain consciousness.

His death removed the main hope of the war department investigation of the cause of the tragedy.

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