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Highest temperature yesterday—38
Lowest temperature last night—34
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Oregon: Partly cloudy tonight and
Thursday; continued cold.

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HOOVER AGREES TO ORDER QUIZ OF PROHIBITION

President-Elect Will Name
Special Investigators
After March 4th.

ALL PHASES INVOLVED

Resolutions on Subject to
Be Abandoned by Heads
of Senate Wet and
Dry Forces.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President-elect Hoover is to appoint a special commission soon after March 4 to investigate prohibition and general law violations as well as court procedure and to make recommendations looking to improvement of the whole situation. This developed today after a conference between Mr. Hoover and Senators Jones of Washington and Eide of New Jersey, respectively leaders of the senate dry and wet forces, who advised the next president of their decision to abandon their resolutions to authorize a prohibition inquiry.

Expense Money Sole Need

The senators said Mr. Hoover agreed with them that legislation was unnecessary at this time and that all that would be required in any event would be a measure appropriating money for the expenses of the commission. This will be offered at the special session of the new congress to be called in the early spring.

The Jones resolution would have ordered a congressional inquiry while that by Senator Eide would have directed the president to appoint a commission to conduct the investigation.

Most Points

Enforcement conditions will be the fundamental basis of the presidential commission's inquiry but the president-elect has stated that the investigation should extend to the Volstead law itself so as to determine whether alleged abuses in enforcement are inherent in the act.

Whether disregard of the dry law in some sections is hurting the observance of other laws would be another concern of the commission, as would the necessity for setting up additional court machinery to take care of dry law violations and relieve existing congestion.

Mr. Hoover stated during his campaign that general reforms in court procedure were desirable but it is not clear that the special commission would go into that subject immediately as it is recognized that this is a task which would require years of study before comprehensive recommendations for

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TEXAS OUTLAWS ARRESTED WITH BATCH OF BOOTY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 16.—Plans were under way today for the extradition to Texas of Clyde Roberts, 29, and Fred Nave, 34, arrested here as members of the Ace Pentleton gang, an outfit accused of bank holdups and murders. They were identified by means of finger prints.

Among other things they are wanted for participation in the holdup of the Pampa National bank of Borger, Texas, during which two policemen were killed.

Five alleged members of the gang now are in custody. Ace Pentleton himself is under arrest at El Dorado, Ark., and is being held on homicide charges for Texas authorities. Two have been released and two others are in jail.

Modestly armed and wearing excellent jewelry, Roberts and Nave said they had committed no crime and had stopped off in this city for a few days before leaving for Florida via airplane. Both had considerable money in their pockets. Nave's pockets also yielded \$450 in traveler's checks. These checks were stolen, the American Express company announced later when the arrests of the first National bank of Washington, D.C., were made by hand in November, 1928. Nave, however, insisted he had purchased the checks in the regular way and had no idea they were stolen.

Silk Stockings Savagery Proof, Writer Asserts

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CLEVELAND, Jan. 16.—Silk stockings were cited as proof of a non-civilized America by Channing Pollock, author of 32 plays in 32 years, in a lecture here last night.

"There is no civilization in the United States," he said. "Since 1900 murders have increased four times over; since that time sex crimes have increased 700 per cent, and silk stockings have gained in sales by 95,950 per cent. Think of that!"

"Culture is composed principally of mores, companionate marriages, divorce courts and automobiles," he said in the playwright's view. He said savagery had been brought to the horrors of American civilization, as native habits went but a short way beyond—fishing, sleeping in the sun, and fishing again, until American industry brought them work, cinemas, and songs like "You Gotta See Mama All de Time."

Pollock, explaining his presence on a lecture platform, blamed the theatre for its refusal to allow him to express his serious views on the stage. A recent attempt to produce a play in New York was abandoned.

The playwright said but three of his plays pleased him, and these were "serious," but apparently of small popular appeal.

SECOND AUTOPSY

DUE ON BODY OF

MRS. 'BABE' RUTH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WATERTOWN, Mass., Jan. 16.—The funeral of Mrs. George Herman Ruth was subject to delay today because of a second autopsy.

Dr. George B. McGrath, medical examiner of Suffolk county, after making a chemical analysis of the vital organs, requested the body in order to make a more thorough examination. Arrangements were made for the return of Mrs. Ruth's body to an undertaker's rooms today after Dr. McGrath's report.

Mrs. Ruth died in a fire last Friday at the home of Dr. Howard H. Kinder, Boston dentist.

The first autopsy was performed by Medical Examiner George L. West of Middlesex county when it was supposed that the dead woman was Mrs. Helen Kinder, as Mrs. Ruth had been known to neighbors for more than a year. Medical Examiner West reported that death was due to the fire and District Attorney Robert T. Bushnell hastened to declare that he was convinced that Mrs. Ruth died from accidental causes. He said he ordered the second autopsy in order that there might be no possibility of error.

Babe Ruth, who has remained here awaiting the funeral, denied that he knew his wife was living with Dr. Kinder at Watertown, as the dentist had told Watertown police Monday.

The Babe also denied that he had ever met Dr. Kinder. The future of Porchy, nine-year-old daughter of the Ruths, remained a question today, with the Woodfords, the family of Mrs. Ruth, reiterating their intention of adopting the child and friends of Babe declaring that the house run king was indicated at any such plan. From sources close to the Woodfords came other rumors of possible litigation over the estate of Mrs. Ruth.

FOURTEEN DEATHS

IN WRECK BLAMED

TO DRUNKEN CREW

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

TURNSEVERINU, Rumania, Jan. 16.—Railroad inspectors said today that drunkenness on the part of the engineer and crew of the Bucharest-Temesvar express cost the lives of fourteen persons. In addition to the fatalities about two score passengers were injured last night at Prunisoru, near here, when the express crashed into a local train which had been derailed.

The express was planning along at 55 miles an hour in the dead of night when the crash occurred. The engineer of the express, which was heavily laden, was apparently blind to all stimuli.

In their excitement over the derailed local train station officials apparently forgot about the on-rushing Bucharest express which crashed into the passenger coaches of the local train.

Both trains caught fire, adding to the horror and suffering of the passengers pinned under the wreckage.

STATE SENATE VOTE SUSTAINS THREE VETOES

Fourth Veto by Patterson,
Affecting County Pay,
Is Overridden.

NEW MEASURES UP

Greater Interest Rate on
Invested Public Money
Planned; Committee
Grills Kozer.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—With only Senator Staples voting in the negative, the senate today passed over the veto of Governor Patterson senate bill 239 of the 1927 session which provides for an increase in the salaries of certain officers of Josephine county and fixes the minimum salary at \$1800.

The salary of the county judge is increased from \$1500 to \$1800, county commissioners from \$4 to \$5 a day when on duty, treasurer from \$1200 to \$1800, assessor from \$1400 to \$1800 and school superintendent from \$1600 to \$1800. The increases are made effective as of January 1, 1929.

Three Vetoes Sustained

The veto of the governor was sustained on the following bills of the 1927 session:

S. B. 144, by Hall—Empowering the legislature to designate the width of county roads, particularly Sandy road in Multnomah county.

S. B. 104, by Butt—Placing the inter-county bridges at Newberg and Corvallis on the state highway system.

S. B. 124, by Norblad—Giving justices of the peace and district judges power to suspend sentences from the bench.

Relative to S. B. 124 Senator Moser stated that a bill would be introduced at this session making the same provision except the concurrence of five members to be required.

Senate resolution No. 13, introduced today, provides that the president of the senate appoint a committee of five members to co-

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PLANE CRASH KILLS

AVIATOR TED HAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

TOLEDO, Ohio, Jan. 16.—Pilot Ted Hay was killed today when a wing on his airplane tore as he was coming into the field. His plane fell 100 feet.

FLORIDA'S 1ST WHITE 'GATOR PRICED AT \$2,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Jan. 16.—Want a white alligator today? If so, the market quotation this morning is \$333.33 a foot, according to W. J. Godfrey, manager of a South Jacksonville alligator farm.

Mr. Godfrey has a six-foot specimen, believed to be the only white 'gator ever captured in Florida. He has offered it to the English Zoological society of London for \$2,000 and the society has sent a representative here to examine the reptile.

WOMEN TESTIFY TO BIG SUMS PAID BY KEYES ON HOME

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Two women today had been placed on the witness stand by the state in the bribery-conspiracy trial of Sam Keyes and five other defendants in an effort to strengthen Jacob Berman's story that Ben Getzoff told him part of the money Berman paid out to escape prosecution in the Julian cases was used to buy the former district attorney a home.

Miss Leatrice Bond, representative of a real estate firm, testified that Keyes gave her a check for \$2,500, on March 25, 1928, as the first payment on a \$32,000 house. She was followed on the stand by Mrs. Frances E. Crofts, ex-cow clerk, who testified that three days later Keyes gave her cash and checks totaling \$12,500.

The state yesterday read to the jury 10 women and two men Keyes' closing address to the jury in the Julian case. The state contends that Keyes did not "bear down" on Berman and Ed Rosenberg, another defendant, in that case which resulted in their acquittal.

Special Prosecutor William J. Clark, who was ill yesterday, was expected to return to the court room today to begin questioning of Louis Berman, brother of Jacob Berman, who was expected to corroborate part of his brother's story that he paid out \$40,000 to Ben Getzoff, the alleged "fixer" to escape vigorous prosecution by Keyes. The state contends that Keyes, while district attorney of Los Angeles county, received part of this money as well as gifts from the defendants.

OVER 300 LIVES LOST WHEN SHIP STRIKES ROCK

Chinese Vessel, Tossed by
Turbulent Seas, Goes
Down Off Waglan.

23 PERSONS RESCUED

More Crew Members Than
Passengers in One Life
Boat Launched and
Found by Junk.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

HONGKONG, Jan. 16.—More than 300 lives apparently were lost today in the sinking of the Chinese steamer Hsinwah.

The vessel sank a few minutes after striking a rock off Waglan. Only 23 survivors were known to have been picked up. One survivor said that the vessel-carried 300 Chinese passengers and most of the crew down with her.

The vessel said the vessel, which is owned by the Chinese Merchants Navigation company, left Swatow yesterday at noon and encountered heavy seas and a strong wind. At 2:40 a. m. today the ship struck a rock and filled rapidly with water.

It was believed that only one boat was launched. In this case a boatman, fifteen members of the crew and four passengers.

Junks Perform Rescue
The lifeboat tossed about on the heavy seas for about an hour and was shifted by a junk just as the Hsinwah heeled over and sank.

The junk brought the twenty survivors to Hongkong. Another junk picked up Chief Officer Jacobson and two Chinese. All wore lifebelts but were so numbed by cold that they were unable to grasp ropes thrown to them. The fishermen jumped in.

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FOCH'S CONDITION

CONTINUES GRAVE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The condition of Marshal Ferdinand Foch continued grave today.

The wartime generalissimo is battling for his life, there being intermittent weakness of the heart and then reactions during which he is somewhat stronger. The fact that his brother, the Rev. Father Foch, has been summoned to Paris from Montpelier is interpreted as indicating that the doctors feel the marshal's condition is most serious.

Hollywood Film Extras See Golden Stream Become Shallower In 1928

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 16.—The earnings of Hollywood's film extras slumped more than a third of a million dollars during 1928 and only two of the approximately 15,000 registered extras here averaged as much as five days a week work throughout the year.

These and other facts concerning employment conditions among the "atmosphere people" of the movies are revealed in figures made public today by the Central Casting corporation, operated by the studios as a clearing house for extra talent.

Although the aggregate sum earned by extras during 1928 was only \$2,469,711, as compared with \$2,528,136 earned in 1927 (a decrease of \$58,425 for the year), the average wage of those who worked at all was 35 cents a day, higher than in 1927. The 1928 average was \$8.94 as against an average of \$8.59 for the previous year.

Total daily placements through central casting last year were 276,155, a slump of 5,242 from the 1927 total of 281,397.

The daily average of placements was 756, as against a daily average of 905 during 1927.

Most of the extras placed were men. Women got only 32 per cent of the work and children accounted for 3 per cent.

AMERICAN COWBOYS

JOIN MEXICANS IN DRIVE ON APACHES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

DEMING, N. M., Jan. 16.—Remnants of the frontier days of 1886 when General Cook and General Nelson A. Miles, the heads of United States troops, pursued and eventually captured an outlaw band of Indians, headed by that wily old chieftain, Geronimo, Mexican rurales and posses of American cowboys today were searching the border on both sides of the Rio Grande for the descendants of that Indian band.

The Apaches, as wild and lawless as they were in the days of Geronimo, are believed to have kidnapped Van Phillips, an American cowpuncher, from the Carrizosa ranch in Chihuahua, Old Mexico, on January 6.

The American posses are scouring the mountainous country of southwestern New Mexico while the rurales, led by "Juez de Arce," (Judge of the ropes), one, Captain Echegarria, so nicknamed because his powers include the sentencing and execution of prisoners, are seeking the Indians in Mexico.

The Apaches are believed to be the same band sought by a small posse headed by Francisco Flores, a Mexican ranchman. Flores, with 11 men, mostly American cowpunchers, has been trailing the band which murdered his wife and kidnapped his young son two years ago for nearly two weeks, in hopes his son may still be alive and living with the Indians.

The Indians have committed numerous depredations along the border for years. Led by Geronimo, members of Chiricahua tribe terrorized the southwest in 1884 and 1885, when they participated in a bloody war against the white settlers.

3RD LIFE CHARGED

TO DRUNKEN DRIVER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—An automobile tragedy in the small hours of last Sunday morning took its third life today when Effie Gibson, 29, died in a hospital here. Her sister, Mrs. Doris Seymour, 31, and Theodore Jankuhl, 21, died a few hours after the automobile crashed into a telephone pole. Catherine Patrick, 18, and Walter Lord, 19, are in a hospital suffering from broken legs and other injuries.

Lyle Wilson, 20, driver of the car in which the party was returning from a dance, will be held for grand jury action, on recommendation of a coroner's jury. Testifying at the inquest, young Wilson admitted he had been drinking and that the three boys had consumed six quarts of beer and a pint of whisky before entering the automobile.

SHOTS WOUND MAN

AND HIS LANDLADY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 16.—Mrs. Mabel Etheridge, 36, mother of five children, was wounded, probably fatally, and T. G. Ivey, who said he was a boarder in the children's home, was wounded in the hand when an unidentified assailant fired several shots through a window of the house shortly before one o'clock this morning.

The first shot struck Ivey in the hand and the second bullet struck Mrs. Etheridge in the hip.

Mrs. Etheridge's five children were asleep in the house at the time.

ARIZONA BATTLES

BOULDER DAM PLAN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 16.—The state of Arizona today had taken the first step to block actual construction of Boulder Canyon Dam, under the terms of the bill as passed at this session of congress, with the Arizona Colorado river commission's formal authorization to Attorney General K. Berry Peterson to file suit in the supreme court of the United States against the measure.

The position of Arizona was emphasized yesterday by Governor John C. Phillips in his message to the ninth Arizona legislature, in which he declared that a tri-state compact between Arizona, California and Nevada offered the only solution to the Colorado river problem.

STAGES TO OUST LOCAL RAILROAD LINES, REPORT

Southern Pacific and Hill
Systems Reaching Out
for Motor Routes.

LEGISLATORS ASK

Railway's Effort to Evade
Gasoline Taxation by
Importation Calls
for New Law.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—Abandonment of the Oregon Electric railway, which operates between Portland and Eugene, the abandonment of other local lines in the state and the substitution of motor transportation lines in their place are said to be involved in plans of the Hill and the Harriman railroads to reach consummation early this year.

Rumor about the state legislature, said to come from authentic sources, has it that a deal is now pending whereby the railroads will take over the principal motor truck and stage lines in the state in addition to quite an extensive motor transportation business in which the railroads have been engaged for some time.

Soon after adjournment of the legislature, it is said, the roads will apply to the interstate commerce commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity which will be the final formality in the establishment of motor lines and abandonment of short-haul rail lines in Oregon. Similar moves are said to be under way in other states.

Competition or Merge?

The rumor takes different forms. One is that the Southern Pacific and the Hill lines have effected a partnership for the purpose, and another is that it is a competitive movement by the two systems separately. As for the intention of the Hill lines relative to the Oregon Electric there is uncertainty whether the road would be abandoned entirely or only as far as passenger traffic is concerned. Members of the special legislative committee who have been studying the motor vehicle question see in it almost a complete supplanting of short-haul rail transportation with bus and truck lines.

Gas Tax Dodging Seen

The situation is a serious one for the legislature because of the gas tax issue. One of the revenue proposals now pending is the addition of another one-cent tax on gasoline sales, making a total of 4 cents.

Stage operators are supposed to be the heaviest users of gasoline, consequently heavy taxpayers under the gasoline tax act. But in a meeting of the senate highway committee yesterday it was stated that the Southern Pacific company is shipping in gasoline from its own refineries, storing it in its own tanks and transferring it directly to its motor stages, thereby evading the tax. Tanks have been installed at Salem, are being installed at Eugene, it was said, and will be installed elsewhere.

The secretary of state's office claims the company is paying gasoline taxes, but the committee is inclined to believe otherwise.

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AL SMITH SPEAKS ON RADIO TONIGHT; SUBJECT SECRET

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Alfred E. Smith will address the nation tonight over a coast to coast radio hookup.

The subject of his discourse will not be revealed until he faces the microphone. Even democratic leaders, including Chairman John R. Cooper and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt, professed ignorance of the topic on which their party's recent presidential candidate would speak.

Governor Roosevelt indicated that by virtue of Mr. Smith's position as the titular head of the party, it was his privilege to make the radio address without consulting party leaders regarding its subject matter.

The speech, which will be begun at 8:30 p. m., eastern standard time, will be broadcast over a chain of 30 stations, including KGW, Portland.

Does the Kellogg Pact "Outlaw" These?

