

THE WEATHER
Humidity 4:30 p. m. yesterday 61%
Highest temperature yesterday 46
Lowest temperature last night 25
Precipitation for 24 hours .13
Precip. since first of month .231
Precip. from Sept. 1, 1938 .1011
Deficiency since Sept. 1, 1938 1.82
Probably Rain.

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MUTUAL DEFENSE ACCORD REACHED AT LIMA

Musica Probe Switches To Murder Case

Unsolved Slaying of Two Brothers Forms Fresh Angle; Roundup Nets New Arrest.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The F. Donald Coster-Philip Musica mystery, already involving millions and international duplicity, took a new and more sinister turn today as Brooklyn detectives began investigating the swindler's possible connection with the unsolved murders of Joseph Cohen, wealthy poultry and fish dealer, and his brother, Barnett.

Police Inspector Michael S. McDermott, ordered detectives to question members of the Cohen family as well as Coster-Musica's three brothers—George, Bernard, Musica, George E. Dietrich—Musica and Robert Dietrich—Musica—who are being held in \$100,000 bail each on charges of violating the securities act of 1934.

Inspector McDermott's tentative theory, calling for a reopening of the slayings of the two Brooklyn men, followed the same line. Both the Cohen brothers had known Coster-Musica in the lean days before he became a corporation president with a palatial Italian villa in Fairfield and a 123-foot yacht.

Old Crime Reviewed
Joseph Cohen spent a year in the death house at Sing Sing as the slayer of Barnett Buff, poultry merchant in 1914, after Coster-Musica, then working as an investigator for the district attorney, had been instrumental in getting an affidavit from two gangsters confined in Sing Sing implicating Cohen in the case. There was some doubt, however, as to whether the truth had been told and Cohen's

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VIZETELLY, WORD AUTHORITY, DIES

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Frank H. Vizetelly, 74, widely known lexicographer, died today of pneumonia.

He had been associated with Funk and Wagnalls for 46 years as editor of the reference department. Survivors include his widow and a daughter.

When he went to work for Funk and Wagnalls that organization was compiling its "standard dictionary." His part of the job embraced the training of definers in the art of drafting definitions of words.

Vizetelly was a native of England and for a time was a special correspondent for French publications. His father was a master printer.

He was the author of more than a score of volumes on the English language and philological subjects.

Helen Gould Shepard Of Philanthropy Fame Goes To Her Final Rest at 70

Daughter of "Hated" Wall Street Financier Gave Away Most of His Huge Fortune.

MARGARETVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Mrs. Helen Gould Shepard, 70, daughter of the late Jay Gould, railroad builder, died at her summer home today.

One of America's pioneer philanthropists, Mrs. Shepard had been ill for the past two months. Daughter of a capitalist who at his death said he was the most hated man in the United States, Helen Gould a short six years later was hailed for her philanthropy as the "best-beloved woman in the country."

Jay Gould, Wall Street "plunger," stock "depressor," wrecker and railroad "builder," made millions—\$11,000,000 once, indeed, in a day—and his daughter gave them away.

"I do not know how much money I gave away," she testified in 1924 at an accounting of the \$85,000,000 estate left by her father to her and her brothers to administer. "But I think I gave away most of it."

Helen Gould spent fortunes—beginning her charity work soon after her father's death in 1892 when at 24 years old she inherited one-sixth of his fortune and part management in the family's railroads.

Married At 45
Born in New York June 20, 1868, and from her early childhood a notably serious person, she did not marry until her forty-fifth year.

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OREGON'S NET DEBT SHOWS DECREASE

SALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The net debt of the state of Oregon and all its subdivisions is \$136,406,809, about \$50,000,000 less than the all-time peak of 1930, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman said today.

The figure is \$15,000,000 less than two years ago.

The bonded indebtedness totals \$156,901,267, while warrant indebtedness amounts to \$18,735,844, the total debt being \$175,637,111. However, about \$39,000,000 in sinking fund assets reduces the net debt to about \$136,600,000.

The bonded indebtedness has been reduced \$61,000,000 in eight years, while warrant indebtedness has increased by \$5,500,000.

ARSON SUSPECTED IN MILL BURNING

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Officers were investigating the burning of the Roy Swenson shingle mill at Horton, small community west of here, today after reports were circulated that the fire was of incendiary origin. The mill was completely consumed by flames. No estimate of the damage was made.

SCHOOL BOY DIES OF AUTO'S BLOW

WOODBURN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—An automobile driven by Max Fisher of Falls City struck and fatally injured Albert Hoffman, 8, near here last night. The boy, on his way home from school, was reported to have stepped directly in front of the Fisher machine.

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
TUNISIA (on the Mediterranean coast of Africa) is much in the news these days because of Mussolini's latest bluff. Tunisia includes the site of ancient Carthage. What happened to Carthage is interesting in the light of much that is happening in the world today.

In the third Punic war (the first and second Punic wars were fought with varying fortunes) the city-state of Carthage was utterly destroyed by Rome.

Of the Carthaginian population of 500,000 when the struggle began, only 50,000 were left when the city finally surrendered, and these were sold into slavery by the victorious Romans.

Carthage was condemned by the most solemn imprecations to "lie desolate forever."

It has come near doing it.

It was Cato who whipped the Romans into fury against Carthage, croaking hoarsely every time he arose in the senate that famous line that every high school student remembers: "Delenda est Carthago." (Carthage must be destroyed.)

Cato had made a tourist trip to Carthage and was so impressed by the city's prosperity that he came to the conclusion that Carthage must be destroyed if Rome was to remain secure.

So he came home and started his historic campaign.

CARTHAGE was destroyed all right, but the Punic wars so

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Legislation Drafting Ban Issued by F. R.

Administrative Units Told to Leave Such Work to Congress; Forecast of Bills Given.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—President Roosevelt was reported in informed quarters today to have forbidden administrative departments to draft legislation for submission to congress.

Congressional leaders, asking their names be withheld, said the chief executive had advised them he had adopted a "definite policy" of leaving the jobs of bill drafting up to the senate and house committees.

The president's forthcoming message to congress, they said, merely will make "affirmative suggestions" for legislation.

Mr. Roosevelt's decision presumably would prevent future bill drafting by such government officials as Thomas C. Cochran and Benjamin Cohen, who have been credited with writing much new deal legislation. This practice has been criticized by anti-administration congressmen.

There have been other indications the president intends to recommend only broad principles at this session and let congress work out the details. He told his press conference yesterday such would be the case with expansion of the social security program.

Revamping Bill May Win
It also was understood on Capitol Hill he would leave parliamentary strategy on the government reorganization program to his house and senate leaders. He discussed it yesterday with Representatives Cochran (D., Mo.) and War-

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INSANE MOTHER SLAYS OWN CHILD

WATERBURY, Vt., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Sheriff Henry C. Clawson announced today Mildred Bowers, 38-year-old widow, had confessed bludgeoning to death her six-year-old daughter, Carolyn with a 15-pound iron mallet.

The woman, in what State's Attorney Webster E. Miller described as an apparent fit of insanity, struck the child because "she felt two older children would be better taken care of if she did something to Carolyn."

The woman's husband died about a year ago.

No charge was placed against Mrs. Bowers immediately but she was placed under the surveillance of nurses.

The other children are Priscilla, 13, and Marilyn, 10.

TURKEY SHIPMENTS MAY SET RECORD

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Approximately 340 carloads of turkeys representing about 10,200,000 pounds have been shipped from Oregon this season. Handlers said the movement probably would establish a record.

The figures were compiled from November and December statistics and did not include previous movements.

A shortage of birds, especially hens, continued here with prices still advancing. An active market was reported at 30 cents for hens and 27 cents for toms.

Offerings have been limited at the higher prices and retailers have taken only a few birds at a time.

Several persons already are held in Eugene, Salem, Portland and Vancouver, Wash., jails.

Paul Brownfield, service station operator, remained in jail here, unable to furnish \$2000 bond.

TOWN MOVING IN GOLD SEARCH PLAN

MARYSVILLE, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The town of Hamonton prepared to move building by building and resident by resident today from the place it has occupied for thirty years, to make way for an \$500,000 dredger seeking gold.

The dredger, launched yesterday by the Yuba Consolidated Gold Field and capable of digging gold gravels 150 feet below the surface of the earth, will move in on Hamonton next May.

In Huge Swindle



At top Arthur Musica, alias George Vernard, and, at bottom, George Musica, alias Dietrich, brothers of the self-slain F. Donald Coster-Musica, who, with a third surviving brother, are held by federal authorities in the swindle involving millions of dollars pirated from the McKesson & Robbins Drug corporation.



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SINGS ABOUT DADDY UNWARE HE'S DEAD

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Mory Martin, 22-year-old Texas redhead who rose to stardom in her first Broadway show, felt something was wrong last night when she danced in to the wings after singing her hit song "My Heart Belongs to Daddy."

But she went just the same, when Veteran Actor Victor Moore, told her what the audience already knew—that her own father, Preston Martin, an attorney, had died in Weatherford, Tex.

Word of his passing was withheld from her more than 12 hours by her secretary, who was fearful the shock would be too great if she were told before the performance. Members of the cast "Leave It to Me" helped keep the secret.

Tonight the vivacious little actress will perform her usual role, a routine that includes a burlesque of a strip tease dance as well as the sentimental song about a "sugar daddy."

She said she would be unable to attend the funeral.

"I can't leave the show now—dad wouldn't want me to," she said.

PLEDGE BREAKER HAS TO PAY WIFE \$5,000

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Drinking was a costly habit for T. Jack Stauffer, Sacramento sportsman.

A superior judge, granting a divorce to Mrs. Esther D. Stauffer, yesterday ordered Stauffer to pay her \$5,000 which Stauffer promised to forfeit if he broke an abstinence pledge made several years ago.

Stauffer's reply that his wife "induced" him to take liquor did not sway Judge Peter J. Shields, for Stauffer had made his pledge in the form of a promissory note.

"The very large judgment must shock the conscience until supported by more substantial evidence."

A new trial was ordered.

TINY RADIUM CARGO VALUED AT \$200,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The bureau of standards began unpacking today a one-fifth ounce cargo received in a half-ton wrapping.

It consisted of \$200,000 worth of radium for the National Cancer Institute shipped by truck from New York. The bureau will subject the radium to tests for about six months.

Ickes Draws Attack From Nazi Journal

Secretary Trying to Bring on War, Angriff Asserts; Criticism Also Hits Cummings.

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Propaganda Minister Goebbels' newspaper Der Angriff accused Secretary of Interior Harold L. Ickes today of seeking war and the disruption of relations between the United States and Germany.

"Instead of keeping order in his own land, he conducts anti-German agitation which is aimed at nothing else than war," the paper said of the United States official who declared during a radio symposium November 14, referring to the Nazi anti-Jewish violence, that "the time comes when neither man nor nation can live without the decent respect of their fellow-men."

"Ickes is frankly the evil spirit present in American policy," Der Angriff said.

"If it is now represented in Washington that Ickes spoke as a private person, we must ask: What shall we think of a democracy in which a minister never is in agreement with the chief of state?"

"In any case we are of the viewpoint that the president was not without responsibility when one of his cabinet members makes that kind of agitation and the speech finds its way to the public and gives the press an opportunity to attack us."

"Or shall we believe that President Roosevelt is in political isolation?"

The newspaper added that the viewpoint Ickes spoke without authority "seems childish to us."

(The National Zeitung of Essen, the newspaper of Field Marshal Goering, directed an editorial attack against Secretary Ickes on November 16, and against "concessions of the American government to American Jewry.")

(Mr. Ickes on Nov. 23 suggested Alaska as a haven for Jewish refugees.)

SNOW WELCOMED AS DROUGHT BREAKER

LAMAR, Colo., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Long overdue snowfalls, which ranged up to seven inches brightened the winter crop outlook in the one-time dust country and adjoining areas today.

Winter's welcome onslaught erased visions of a return of the vast palls of wind-borne dust that snuffed out winter wheat hopes in the southwestern "dust bowl" in 1934-35.

The storms covered much of Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma and parts of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

In Arizona, where three months of drought had depleted seriously the contents of water reservoirs, two days of rain and snow copiously fulfilled prayers for moisture offered in Mormon churches Sunday.

Southern California, meanwhile, was finding relief today from a five-day deluge that brought 10.70 inches of rain in the San Fernando suburb of Los Angeles. Waters of the Los Angeles river began to recede last night after preparations had been made to evacuate 600 persons from homes in the Canoga Park section. Trees were uprooted by a 15-minute storm at Pasadena last night. Snow ranged up to 16 inches in the San Bernardino mountains.

Because of the snows in Colorado and stormy weather extending across Wyoming and Utah, United Air Lines cancelled all flights between Denver and the west coast yesterday. Service eastbound was maintained.

DRUNKEN DRIVING BRINGS FINE OF \$100

A fine of \$100 was imposed in city court today upon A. E. Karlinger, who pleaded guilty to a charge of drunken driving. Arrangements were made to pay the fine. His license to drive an automobile was revoked for a period of one year. A 30-day jail sentence was suspended due to a physician's certificate stating that confinement would prevent medical treatment now being received by the defendant.

Youth (Plus) Won



Youngest queen ever selected to rule the Pasadena Tournament of Roses is Barbara Virginia Dougall, above. She is 17.

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MEXICAN-GERMAN OIL DEAL RUMORED

Yield of American-Owned Wells Involved; Daniels Called to Report.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Another phase of German-American relations came to the forefront today with arrival of Joseph Daniels, ambassador to Mexico, to report on whether Mexico is selling Germany oil seized from American-owned wells.

Daniels came here to confer with Sumner Welles, acting secretary of state. Nearly a month ago Welles asked him to investigate reports Mexico had entered into a deal with Germany to supply up to \$25,000,000 worth of petroleum.

It was made clear then the state department had no concern in Mexican sale of its own petroleum, but any disposition of American petroleum before an adjustment is reached with the producers would cause deep concern here.

The Mexican government last March took over all Mexican property of American and British oil companies after they had refused to accept a supreme court verdict in a labor dispute. American losses have been placed by the companies concerned at about \$150,000,000. Mexico places the valuation much lower.

British demands for compensation were placed at \$100,000,000.

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63 'REASONS' FOR DEPRESSION GIVEN

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 21.—(AP)—If W. J. Hamill can't solve the next depression it won't be for a lack of reasons.

The 69-year-old retired teacher of accounting had gathered 63 reasons today to which assorted experts have ascribed recent economic setbacks.

The list includes such "reasons" as over-production, surpluses, women in business, Wall Street, the "brain trust," weather cycles, installment buying, low farm income, European unrest, the automobile, wrong kind of money—

"Landlordism," the World War, underconsumption, monopolies, growth of corporations, the unbalanced budget and fulfillment of the Biblical prophecy of Timothy in his second epistle: "In the last, men shall be lovers of themselves, covetous, haughty, proud,"

21 Republics Lined Up For Cooperation

Resistance Will Be Made Even Against Menace of Force and Political Propaganda.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The principal delegations to the Pan-American conference agreed today on a declaration of cooperative action against aggression, including a ten-day dispute on words between the United States and Argentina.

The declaration, highly reliable conference informants said, provides for consultation against aggression, the menace of force, and subversive political propaganda.

Argentina won her point in that European or other non-American nations were not named specifically. The United States attained its purpose, however, delegates said, in obtaining a declaration to which all the 21 American republics could subscribe.

Many of the delegates held it was fear of propaganda incursion by European totalitarian, dictator states which inspired the resolution in the first place; that even if it did not specifically contain the phrase "aggression from without" its warning was evident.

A most reliable source said the United States, Argentina, Brazil, and Peruvian delegation chiefs agreed to a final draft at conferences lasting until early morning.

Home Approval Needed
The Argentine insistence the declaration be against all aggressors was based on the contention the United States might one day alter the good neighbor policy and be herself a potential aggressor.

The resolution now awaits the approval of home governments and, with the principal dispute settled, likely will be adopted unanimously.

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Canned Dried Prunes Meet Ready Sale, Riddle Cannery Finds; Test For Best Adapted Types Planned

A test by the Riddle Valley cannery to determine types of dried prunes most suitable for canning will be made starting Dec. 27 and ending through the month of January, L. A. Smith, manager, announced today. Mr. Smith recently started canning dried prunes and has found ready sale for this new product, he reports.

Although canning of the dried prunes is a very new process, the demand, he states, is growing much more rapidly than production.

Test runs to date, however, reveals that many prunes received at the cannery cannot be processed. In fact from prunes delivered by nine growers, only four had fruit which could be canned satisfactorily.

Mr. Smith is of the opinion that the reason some prunes may be processed satisfactorily while others are not suitable may be due to methods of drying, the fact that fruit was not ripe enough when dried, or, possibly, due to the type of soil on which the prunes were grown.

Cooperation Asked
The cannery manager is asking cooperation of growers in making tests to endeavor to eliminate possible future failures. Growers are asked to either deliver direct or by mail to the Riddle cannery, one or two pound samples. Mailed

packages should bear the name of the grower, the type of dried used, and information concerning the type of soil.

The cannery will make a test run each Tuesday during the month of January and will determine from these tests the prunes most suitable for canning, and also may discover facts which will aid the grower in providing fruit which will meet the requirements of this new market outlet.

"The canned dried prunes is a most delicious food product," Mr. Smith declared, "and, doubtless, within a few years, we will have a market which will take a large part of the surplus dried fruit. We can give assurance that dried fruit found acceptable for canning next season will bring a premium price to the grower."

He is urgently requesting the cooperation of growers in making the tests. No charge will be made for the tests, he stated.

Mr. Smith also reports the award of a \$5 prize to Mrs. Elizabeth Rigby, one of his cannery employees, for excellent workmanship during the tomato canning season. The prize was awarded by Mac's Market, which recently contracted with the Riddle cannery for a large part of its output. The prize being given on a basis of the most workmanlike pack during the past season.

3 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT
BUY CHRISTMAS SEALS