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WALLOWA HIGH SCHOOL BURNED DOWN WEST IN GRIP OF COLD WAVE

LARGE AREA AFFECTED BY SUDDEN DROP

Willamette Valley Experiences Some Frosty Temperatures.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN STATES HAVE SNOW

La Grande Has Crisp Winter Weather; Coldest Days Since 1919 Yesterday and Today.

With clouds overcasting the sky in La Grande and the Grande Ronde valley, indications are that the worst of the cold spell of the past two days is over so far as this section is concerned although reports from the coast and the intermountain section indicate that most of the country west of Chicago is still in the grip of the extremely cold weather.

The lowest temperature in La Grande was reported at 5:30 this morning when it was 22 degrees below zero, this being the coldest since the 1919 cold spell. At that hour the thermometer began to climb towards the zero mark and early this afternoon had reached four above in spite of the absence of sunshine.

From Meacham came reports of extreme cold, the temperature there being 29 degrees below zero this morning.

Cold on Coast.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—The cold wave continued throughout Oregon today with a slight prospect for moderation during the next 24 hours. The temperature here and throughout the Willamette valley ranged about the same as yesterday morning. The minimum here was 17 above, between three and four o'clock.

At Salem and Albany it was 15 above, at Eugene 16. Below zero weather prevailed in eastern Oregon. At Baker 14 below was recorded and at Umatilla 11 below.

Mercury Drops.

CHICAGO, Jan. 19.—The cold wave, bearing snow, reached outward today from the Rocky mountains, leaving behind the coldest weather known in Washington and Oregon since 1919. Below zero weather is prevalent in newer western states.

SPOKANE, Jan. 19.—Eastern Washington and Oregon, northern Idaho and western Montana were shivering Wednesday with the mercury at the lowest point since 1919, according to officials of the Spokane weather bureau.

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Produce Man Charged With Theft of an Engine

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Jan. 19.—Charged with stealing a White Motor Sports of West Allis, Wis., proprietor of the Milwaukee Produce company, was sought tonight in connection with what was described as a daring attempt to make off with a carload of cheese. Details were related to the police by John Heasley, a butcher, who said "Sporritt, single handed, had

Mother Saves Two Children from Death in Fire by Taking Them Out of Window This Morning; Home Entirely Destroyed

CONFESSES TO MAIL ROBBERY THIS MORNING

Negro Truckman Stole the Pouch Said to Contain a Half Million Dollars.

(By Associated Press)
ELKHART, Ind., Jan. 19.—Dan Ingram, negro truckman, of the New York Central today confessed to stealing a mail pouch here yesterday reported to have contained five hundred thousand dollars. Ingram said that he and George E. Scroggs, a white man, plotted the theft and agreed to split the loot. He did not know what Scroggs did with the pouch. Scroggs was also arrested.

DOUGLAS DRAWS ITS JURORS

ROSEBURG, Jan. 19.—For the first time in the history of Douglas county, women have been drawn for the Circuit Court jury. Following out the new law, approved by the voters of the state at the last special election, the county court has selected three hundred and thirty jurors, of which number ninety-two are women.

Women chosen for jury duty have the right of refusing to serve and whenever they are summoned for this service they will find attached to the summons a blank upon which they may decline to fill the place for which they are called. In the event of such refusal new jurors must be drawn as service on the part of women is not made compulsory. All of the women drawn give their occupation as housewife, while the men chosen are mostly farmers, although some of the other occupations are included.

Forgets What She Said at Previous Trial of Arbuclle

Chief Witness for Prosecution Recalled Because of Her Lack of Memory on Stand.

(By Associated Press)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—Miss Zey Prevoost, chief prosecution witness, was suddenly recalled from the witness stand today in the trial of Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle, charged with manslaughter in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress, when the prosecution declared it was surprised at her testimony. She testified that she did not remember a number of salient points of her testimony at the previous trial.

POINCARÉ ANNOUNCES HIS POLICY

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 19.—"Respect for treaties that fixed the peace terms" is the platform Premier Poincaré decided to present before the chamber of deputies today.

His declaration blames "shameless propaganda" for the picture drawn abroad of France "tainted with a sort of imperialistic madness." He declared that France insists conditions of the Cannes protocol be accepted or rejected by the delegates prior to any discussion, so that none of the stipulations of the treaty be debated, even directly.

Poincaré received an ovation from the chamber when he announced his policy of firm treatment of Germany and strict execution of treaties. He declared that he expected the proposed Anglo-French treaty would be concluded and that France desired to maintain friendly relations with the United States.

POPE INDISPOSED.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Jan. 19.—Pope Benedict was indisposed yesterday, suffering from a cold.

Loss on Home of L. C. Henderson on First Street Is Over \$8,000.

This morning at about 7:30 a fire alarm was turned in and the fire department rushed to the scene. By the time they had arrived the place, which was owned by L. C. Henderson, at 2111 First street, was completely ablaze and nearly past saving. The first hydrant the department tried was frozen up and a new line of hose had to be laid and by the time they were in action the house was practically destroyed. Apparently the fire was started by too large a fire in the dining room. Mrs. Henderson, being the only one up, rescued her two children, a boy of about 14 and a girl of about 11, through the bedroom window just before the arrival of the fire department.

The house and furniture and all personal property was a total loss. The house had just been bought by Henderson and was insured for \$2,000 and the other property for \$1,000. Considerable loss not covered by insurance was sustained.

The alarm was turned in too late to enable the fire department to arrive in time to extinguish the blaze although the hose cart had just been equipped with a new hose, enabling one man to direct the stream instead of three or four as was formerly necessary. They returned from the fire at about ten o'clock.

GIANT SCHOOL.

(By Associated Press)
ROCHESTER, N. Y., Jan. 17.—Plans announced today provide for what local officials think would be the largest single school building in the world.

It will cover 334 acres and will have 211 rooms. Its estimated cost is \$4,000,000.

AMERICAN LEGION IS CARRYING ON

New Members Being Signed up in a Large Number by Local Post of National Service Men's Society.

The American Legion drive for new members and renewal of old memberships is on in full swing. The Legion headquarters in the Foley Hotel building reports new members coming in all the time. While committees are working the town and the mails are being used, it is requested that any service man who wishes to join step into the headquarters and sign up. Receipt cards will be issued at that time.

The membership fee this year is \$2.50. This entitles the member to all the benefits of the Legion including the "American Legion Weekly," which is one of the snappiest magazines on the market.

The Legion has had a wonderfully successful year, especially in Oregon. The Legislative Committee at Washington has secured the passage of many bills for the aid and hospitalization of disabled service men.

Tomorrow night an oyster feed will be held at the Eagles' Hall. This feed is for all ex-service men.

BULLETINS

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—The far eastern committee of the Washington conference adopted two resolutions dealing with Chinese railways. They also adopted public and secret agreements relating to China.

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Jan. 19.—The condition of Pope Benedict, suffering from influenza, is reported unchanged. His temperature was high yesterday but is reported diminished today.

FIGHTING OF FLAMES WAS HAMPERED BY EXTREMELY BAD WEATHER LAST NIGHT

LOS ANGELES ROCKED BY AN EARTHQUAKE

Temblors Numbered Nine; Angelicans Rush to the Streets Panic-stricken

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 19.—Earthquake shocks were reported from several southern California points last night caused little damage other than the breaking of a few window panes in residential districts near the coast, cracking plaster on the ceilings and rattling dishes on cupboard shelves, according to local residents. No further shocks were reported today.

The temblors which followed in rapid succession, numbered nine, and sent residents of Los Angeles and other points affected hastily from buildings into the streets.

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 19.—Professor Clawson, head of the department of geology at the University of California, and the man who recently announced a method for predicting earthquake shocks, said today of the Los Angeles concessions: "Unless San Pedro felt the shocks any stronger than Los Angeles, they could not have been caused by guns. From reports I have seen it would appear more likely that local earthquakes were responsible."

FANS DISAGRE WITH REFEREE'S DECISION

Because of an alleged foul blow Kid Karcher was given a decision over Mickey Dempsey last night. The first round was a toss-up, both men landing punches. In the second round Dempsey landed and Karcher rolled over, in apparent agony, claiming a foul. After announcement by Dr. Vohrs as to the landing of the blow, the judges, Tom Johnson and Jim Stephens disagreed, Johnson claiming no foul. The referee, who is said not to have seen the "foul," decided in Karcher's favor.

The sentiment of the audience was in favor of Dempsey and probably two-thirds, so far as could be ascertained, felt that there was no foul and that the fight should have continued.

230-POUND DANCER.

(By Associated Press)
ORANGE, N. J., Jan. 19.—When Mrs. Flora Davis, who admits she weighs 230 pounds, was found dancing on the street corner, she was arrested. She danced all the way to the police court, and told the magistrate she "just had to dance to the music of the universe." "First time I ever heard of bottled music," said the judge. "Fifty dollars fine."

Overheated Furnace Is Believed to Have Been Cause of \$50,000 Blaze Early This Morning; Loss Partly Insured.

WALLOWA, Jan. 19.—At one o'clock this morning the high school building here burned to the ground, the loss of building and contents amounting to \$50,000, \$34,000 of which is covered by insurance.

The fire is believed to have started from the furnace which is thought to have become overheated during the night. The structure was a two-story and basement brick building erected in the year 1910.

The basement of the building was occupied by the manual training department and the first grade room. There were three recitation rooms on the ground floor and the offices of the principal and superintendent. On the second floor were the art and domestic science departments and the general assembly room and library.

Announcement was made this morning that the schools would be closed until Monday, by which time other buildings will have been secured and equipped to serve temporarily until a new building has been erected. The extreme cold made fighting the fire difficult but the volunteer fire department fought hard in a vain attempt to check the flames.

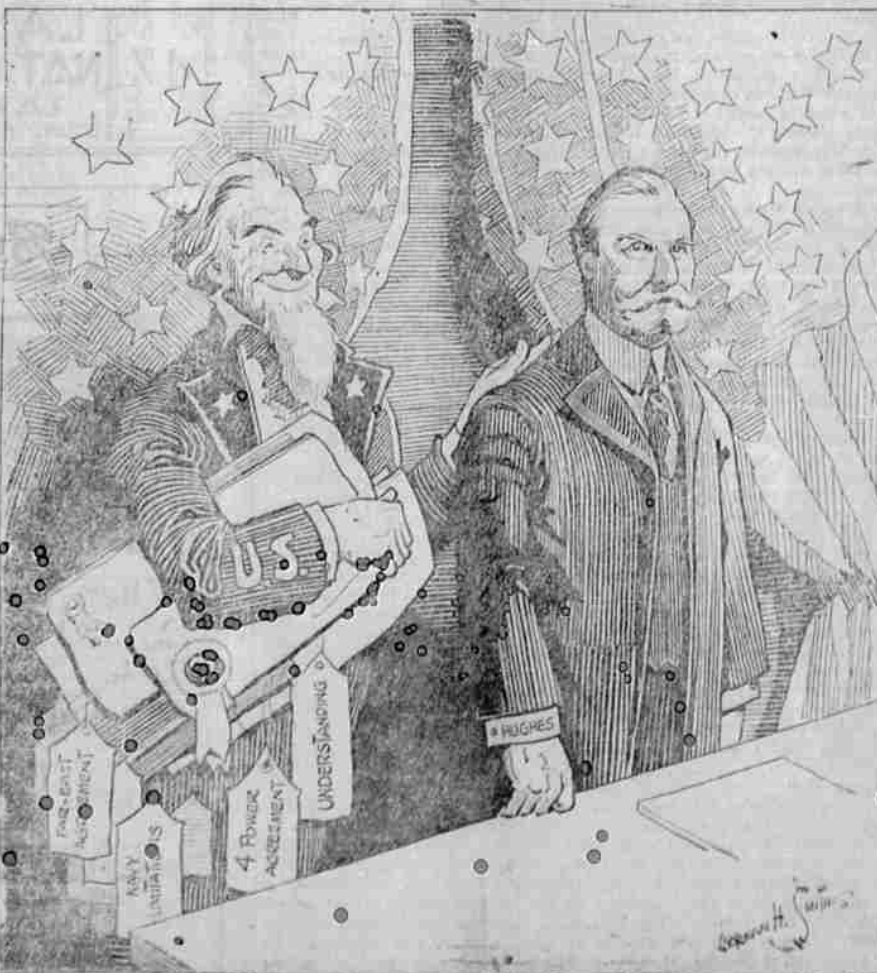
WIVES OF AFRICAN PRINCE BUY 300 TRUNKS OF GOWNS

(By Associated Press)
KAMERUN, Nigeria, Jan. 19.—When the Emir of Katsina, ruling prince of 500,000 Nigerians, returned here from London with his eight wives it required a day to unload the party's baggage. Among their effects were 300 trunks filled with gowns of the latest Parisian styles. Even the dusky servants were bedecked with the finery of civilization.

Judge and Former Governor Among the Indicted Bankers.

(By Associated Press)
ST. LOUIS, Jan. 19.—Seventeen indictments were returned today against seven directors of the closed Day and Night bank here and Arthur C. Meininger, cashier, on charges of receiving deposits after the institution was insolvent. Former Governor Major and Judge William A. Allen, of the court of appeals, are among the indicted.

WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT



Boys Disappear From Their Homes at Union

Gay & Naif of Union arrived in La Grande today on No. 17 seeking their son, a lad of about fourteen years of age who disappeared last night in company of another boy named Floyd Hendley. The boys took some train last night but it is uncertain as to where they went. Reports have it that they were seen last night but they cannot be verified. Mr. Hendley returned to his home today on No. 24.



Tonight and Friday fair with occasional cold.