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The Weather

Portland, (AP)—Rain or
snow tonight and Sunday.
Colder in Eastern Oregon.

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COUNTERFEIT PLOT UNCOVERED

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THOUGHT TO
BE ROBBERMan Held by Baker Offi-
cers Believed Robber
of Hill's StoreCHIEF HAYNES
BACK IN CITYMosset and O'Dey Also
Thought Members of
Inland Empire Criminal
Ring.

"I believe Robert H. Mosset, alias Robert H. Mosko, is the man who perpetrated the Hill department store robbery last Sunday," remarked Chief Haynes, La Grande chief of police this morning to a reporter of the Evening Observer. "Although Mosset will not talk and it will be nearly impossible to positively identify him until H. E. Watkins can go to Baker for that purpose, I believe that the Baker officers are holding the right man."

Mr. Haynes and Sheriff Lee Warner returned from Baker last evening where they spent yesterday.

The officers believe that Mosset and Lunn O'Dey, facing a shoplifting and narcotic law violation charge at Baker, are in reality members of an Eastern Oregon, Western Idaho and possibly Southeastern Washington criminal ring, specializing in shoplifting and narcotic traffic. That the ring has been operating in La Grande, Baker and Boise, the officers feel practically sure.

Mosset, or Mosko, is believed to be a hardened criminal, or in the common vernacular, a "bad egg." He answers generally and descriptively of the man that robbed Hill's department store and was in La Grande a short time ago at which time he registered at a local hotel as Robert H. Mosko.

Upon arrest he advised O'Dey to (Continued on page 5)

2 JEWISH WOMEN
KILLED, 50 HURT,
AT JEWISH BALL

BUDAPEST. (By the Associated Press)—A bomb hurled yesterday among a crowd of dancers at the Jewish women's charity ball in Chongrad, Southern Hungary, killed two women and wounded 50.

The bombers are suspected as being members of an anti-Semitic "awakening" Magyar association.

Many women were injured by being trampled in a rush for the doors.

Aggies Lost 21 to 19
To St. Ignace Team

SAN FRANCISCO. (By the Associated Press)—The Oregon Aggies basketball team was defeated last night by St. Ignace college, 21 to 19.

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Mother, In
Ute, Iowa,
Kills BabesWoman Runs Amuck;
Mind Is Blank Con-
cerning Tragedy.

UTE, Iowa. (INS)—Mrs. Fred Vaux who is under hospital care for hours about her face and neck, sought in vain for an answer to the question, "Where are my babies?"

Her three months old baby and Eldon, 15 months, are dead after the mother's insane frenzy converted the smallest child into an oil-soaked torch and imprisoned the older brother with his sister Irene, aged six in a closet filled with blazing clothing.

The mother's mind is blank concerning the tragedy.

Fred Vaux, father of the victims, said he was working in the barnyard when his wife wrapped the baby in blankets and laid it on the bed where she poured kerosene over the clothing, setting it afire.

Then she poured oil on the clothing in the closet, setting it ablaze and locked Eldon and Irene in.

The girl broke the lock and escaped, while the father broke the closet window and got Eldon out, but he died from the burns as the father attempted to reach the baby's blazing form on the bed with a rake. The bed was too far from the window and the flames had gained great headway, making it impossible for the father to enter the room.

CRAIGHEAD,
LUNEY FINEDNorth Powder Men Are
Found Guilty of Vi-
olating Prohibition Law

John Luney and George W. Craighead, of North Powder, first arrested on the charge of possession of intoxicating liquor, were found guilty in the justice court before Justice Hugh Brady of a violation of the prohibition law, a lesser charge than the one first preferred against the men, and were fined \$40 and costs each.

According to the story some boys at North Powder while sleighing in the neighborhood of the Powder river road, near the old Foster cabin, arrived at a cache of one gallon of liquor hidden under a bunch of tumble weeds. The boys reported the find and people in the neighborhood notified the authorities. Members of the sheriff's office, according to the North Powder version, arrived and arrested the fathers of two of the boys who had proceeded to the spot to investigate. They allege that while in the act of lifting one of the kegs, they were taken by the deputies. Both Craighead and Luney deny ownership of the liquor but sufficient evidence was produced to find them guilty of the last charge placed against them.

31 MOROS SLAIN
IN CLASH WITH
FILIPINO GUARD

MANILA. (By the Associated Press)—Thirty-one Moros were killed in a clash with 60 soldiers of the Philippine constabulary at Matondo, Island of Mindanao, December 18, according to a dispatch delayed until today.

No casualties occurred among the constabulary.

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REVIEW OF
BUSINESS IN
YEAR GIVENRailroads Did Well—En-
joyed Prosperous Year
Says Review1924 BUSINESS
GENERALLY O. K.Automobile Industry Had
Best Year in History;
Oil Market Was Un-
settled.

NEW YORK. (AP)—Business in the United States during 1923 was good in most lines, with the outlook for 1924 regarded as encouraging by many business and banking leaders. While opinion is divided as to the extent which domestic business has suffered by the unsettled economic condition of Europe, there is a unanimity of opinion among industrial executives that a satisfactory solution of the troublesome reparations problem would stimulate business and increase industrial activity in this country.

Fred from the heavy expenses entailed by the prolonged shopmen's strike and the loss of revenue from the miners' strike, which caused enormous losses in 1922, the railroads generally en-

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WOODROW WILSON
SEES DEMOCRATS
VICTOR IN 1924

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THE LATEST BIG NOISE IN THE POLITICAL BARNYARD

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No Comment
By Officials
On Void TaxAction of Court Voiding
Tax Supervision Met
With Silence Here.

SALEM. (AP)—Officials are speculating today on what effect the supreme court decision yesterday quashing the tax supervision and conservation act will have on all millage tax acts, as the decision, as applied to Clatsop county, holds the county market road act unconstitutional, but at the same time holds this act cannot be exempted from the six per cent tax limitation amendment of the state constitution.

Despite the action taken by the state supreme court yesterday in holding that the tax supervision and conservation commission was void due to a defective title, in all counties in Oregon, with the exception of Multnomah county, Earl C. Reynolds, secretary of the local commission, consisting of J. E. Reynolds, Henry McGoldrick

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BULLETINS

Missionary Freed.

PEKING. (AP)—E. W. Schmalz, American missionary attached to the reformed church in the United States, who was kidnapped by bandits last November, was released December 20, according to delayed advices. Four women accompanying him at the time were permitted to resume their journey.

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Church To Be Self-Supporting



Architects drawing of house of worship Chelsea Methodist Episcopal church plans to erect on Broadway. The building, other than the actual church edifice, will be income-producing. Central tower is to be twenty-four stories high.

Church Will
Cost Millions

Great New York Methodist Edifice Will Be Self-Supporting.

NEW YORK. (U. S. S.)—A great church building which will rear its lofty head higher into the clouds than the famous Woolworth building, will cost \$4,000,000, and will support itself, is projected by the Chelsea Methodist Episcopal church. It was announced by Rev. Christian E. Rehner, pastor of

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U.S. Athletes
Still Forge
To The FrontReview of International
Sporting Events Dur-
ing 1923 Given.

NEW YORK. (AP)—America once more ruled the heights of international sports competition in 1923, but Uncle Sam was hard pressed to capture a major share of the laurels in one of the most colorful seasons in years.

America scored 26 victories, Great Britain 12 and France two in events where leading talent contended for honors, but this country's margin was not so decisive as these figures might indicate, and considerably less so than in 1922 when the Eagle left small room for argument.

The United States gained clear-cut laurels in five branches of international competition. Britain was triumphant in four and France in one, through Miss Suzanne Lenglen's supremacy in women's tennis. This country's forces swept the fields in men's tennis, boxing, polo, professional billiards and horse racing, while the Lion growled victoriously in track athletics, court tennis, rowing and fencing. America also held an edge in golf, though Britain regained some of the royal and ancient prestige lost in 1922.

Most of the battles of 1923 were fought out abroad, and proof of the powerful opposition encountered by America is the fact that

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E. Y. CLARKE'S
REQUEST WILL
NOT BE HEEDED

WASHINGTON. (AP)—Action of E. Y. Clarke, former high official of the Ku Klux Klan, in making public a letter to the president prior to its presentation at the White House was criticized Friday by a spokesman for President Coolidge, who asserted that such a course tended to indicate that the communication was written more for publicity purposes than for consideration by the executive.

Mr. Coolidge, the spokesman said, was thoroughly familiar with the methods of those who seek publicity by directing a letter to the president or some other official. The spokesman indicated that no attention would be given to Mr. Clarke's letter other than the routine acknowledgment of its receipt forwarded Friday to the former Klan official.

The letter was made public here Thursday through Edgar Butler, secretary to Mr. Clarke, to the White House.

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BOGUS BILL
PLOT FOUND
BY SLEUTHSFive Persons, One Wom-
an, Arrested by Secret
Service AgentsCOUNTERFEIT
NOTES PASSEDAgents Unearth 900 Bo-
gus Bills Near Chica-
go; Homer and Mae
Sweeney Give Evidence

CHICAGO. (AP)—Counterfeit ten dollar federal reserve notes, of a face value of more than \$500,000 are being circulated between the Atlantic coast and the Rockies, according to federal secret service men who recently unearthed 900 bogus bills in an underground cache near here.

Five persons, including a woman, have been arrested in St. Louis, Chicago and St. Paul. The government operatives are searching every middle western city for the source of the money.

The buried bills were found near a road house after the location had been told by Homer Sweeney, arrested with his wife, Mae Sweeney.

His wife was arrested in St. Louis after passing two hundred ten bills in a single day.

Sweeney said that he bought the bills for ten cents on the dollar according to detectives.

The names of fourteen persons who have distributed bills are said to be known. The operatives said these were disclosed by Sweeney.

The bogus notes appeared simultaneously in Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and other midwestern cities and a few weeks later others appeared in New York and Omaha.

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AMNESTY IS
GIVEN REBELS

AUSTIN, Tex. (AP)—An amnesty of 15 days has been granted to Mexican revolutionary generals by President Obregon, according to J. L. Schleimer, who arrived here Friday from Mexico city to confer with Governor Pat M. Neff of Texas as a representative from the Mexican president.

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