

ZERO WEATHER TAKES TOLL

HUNDREDS HEAR BAND CONCERT

Standing Room Taken Up Sunday Afternoon at Arcade Theater

VOCAL SOLO AMONG POPULAR NUMBERS

Encore Follows Encore After Schubert's "Song of Love" During Last of Recital.

Citizens of La Grande paid the municipal band, directed by Andrew Loney Jr., the highest compliment possible yesterday by furnishing the largest crowd...

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FANS HUNTING TELEGRAPHER

Some one somewhere in La Grande is experimenting with wireless telegraphy and causing much disturbance in radio circles here...

Post-Christmas Cantata Presented at M.E. Church

A post-Christmas musical stirred a large crowd at the First M. E. church last evening with solos, duets and chorus numbers selected from two cantatas...

Cherrys On Trip Around The World

Letter Tells of Boarding "Belgenland" at New York and the Start of Cruise.

"The wind was blowing and the snowflakes were falling as we left our hotel and took a taxi for the "Belgenland" on the night of November 25," according to A. B. Cherry...

Cruise is Started

"A ripping wind was sweeping across the Hudson and through the drafty shafts of the piers when the "Belgenland" sounding her siren promptly at twelve o'clock...

At nine o'clock Thursday morning we went to breakfast and were given a temporary seat at regular seat assignments were not made until eleven o'clock.

Fined \$50 For Having Unopened Booze Bottle

Ernest Hines purchased a bottle of liquor, put it in his pocket, and then was arrested before he even had a chance to sample the stuff, according to the police.

Predicts Coal Strike Will End in Ten Days

WASHINGTON, O. (By the Associated Press).—A prediction that the anthracite coal strike will be settled within 10 days was made Sunday night by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor...

Went Down



Mabel Langford, society girl, who joined a dope ring to save her sweetheart from the pen only to find the man wasn't worth it.

PLANS STUDY OF MARKETING

The Union county Pomona grange, under the lecturer's department, is planning to take up a special study of marketing and marketing conditions between now and the next regular meeting...

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AGCORD IN SYRIA NOT ARRIVED AT

Peace Delegation at Sueda Apparently Fails in Its Mission

RUSSIAN TROOPS ATTACK DARKBAD

London Circles Stirred by Report That Soviet Is Secretly Plotting Against India.

DAMASCUS (By the Associated Press).—The Syrian-Druse delegation, headed by Emir Emine Beyhan, which recently visited Sueda...

Apparently it has been impossible to reach accord regarding Syria taking over territory annexed by the Lebanese in 1920...

RUSSIA AGAINST INDIA?

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—A report from Afghanistan that Russian troops have made an unprovoked attack upon and captured the Afghan post of Darkbad has given concern here if the report proves to be true.

It is believed in official circles that the Russian action will be regarded as a significant step toward the realization of the movement which Russia is alleged to be secretly making toward India.

Movies Oust Matadors In Southern Republic

MEXICO CITY (By the Associated Press).—American movies have scored another international victory.

Bull fighting, long the favorite show here, has slumped into second place by comparison with the screen.

Mexicans now spend four times more money on movies than on matadors. A film not made in the United States is something of a curiosity.

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Crippled by the loss of her rudder December 1, and after repeated attempts by other steamers to tow her, the Orava made her way to Japan with a jury rig, composed of two haulers dragging astern.

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PERSHING WILL QUIT ARICA JOB

General to Return to the United States Because of Ill Health

FRIENDS ALARMED AT HIS CONDITION

His Withdrawal Not Expected to Remove Government from Tacna-Arica Situation.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Because of failing health, General John J. Pershing expects to return within the next month from Arica, Chile, where he is representing President Coolidge in the Chilean-Peruvian arbitration over Tacna-Arica.

His physician recommended that he start home not later than January 15. Details of the general's illness are not known here, but reports reaching Washington somewhat alarmed his friends.

There has been a marked increase in his blood pressure, and complications resulting from infected teeth.

FLORIDA FRUIT IS DAMAGED BY COLD WEATHER

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (By the Associated Press).—The United States meteorologist here stated today that temperatures in Northern Florida have been low enough to damage fruit, and advised that all fruit on trees in this section be picked today.

He predicted the freeze which extended last night to Alachua and Lake counties would reach well into Central Florida tonight.

A temperature of 24 degrees above zero was registered here early today.

Barbaric Bob Brought Here to Fight Shingle

LONDON (By the Associated Press).—A "barbaric" look has been imported from Barb by the hairdresser in an effort to knock out the shingle.

This is the funniest effect which has yet been introduced since women started bobbing their hair. It requires a skillful professional manipulator to produce it, and it is far beyond the ordinary barber who has reaped a fortune from the booby effect.

President's Father Is Confined to Bed

PLYMOUTH, Vt. (By the Associated Press).—Colonel John C. Coolidge, the president's father, is confined to bed today because he lost the use of his right leg due to faulty circulation.

His personal physician said the patient's condition is not to be considered as serious.

Railroad Brotherhoods To Ask Increase in Pay

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Negotiations between the "Big Four" railroad brotherhoods and railroads of the country will be started here shortly after the first of the year, union officials here said Sunday. The unions are asking increases to restore the peak scale, which was cut by a 12 per cent decrease in 1921 by order of the United States railroad labor board.

All 15 standard railroad union organizations probably will negotiate for increases, it was said, in most cases the old contracts expire December 31.

More than two million railroad workers will be affected by the negotiations. The railroads granted an increase of about 5 per cent last year and the train service unions are reported to be considering asking for an additional 7 per cent raise at this time.

Confessing to Triple Murder



This exclusive photograph shows F. M. Snow, of Stephensville, Tex., confessing in the Tarrant county (Tex.) jail to the murder of his stepson, Bernie Connally, Mrs. Snow and her mother, Mrs. S. A. Old. He cut off the boy's head and threw it into a cellar, he said, and then shot the women and burned their bodies in his fireplace.

BOGUS MONEY RING BROKEN

ELIZABETH, N. J. (By the Associated Press).—Police here were informed today that seven alleged international counterfeiters in New York have been arrested as the result of the apprehension here yesterday of Frank Weigand on similar charges.

Weigand, former New York jeweler, was taken into custody at his home by three secret service agents.

Federal officers said that the eight arrests and three additional ones they expected to make would dispose of a band of counterfeiters whose activities have extended throughout the United States and Canada.

CRASH FATAL TO FREIGHTER

VANCOUVER, B. C. (By the Associated Press).—In a profound fog 30 miles north of here the Lady Cynthia, a passenger liner, last night rammed and sank the Co-wichan, a freighter.

The Cowichan sank 11 minutes after the crash. The Cynthia picked up her 14 passengers and 21 members of the crew.

Holiday Trade Breaks Records, Check Shows

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press).—Holiday trade of record breaking proportions reached its peak last week in a last-minute rush of Christmas buying, stimulated by generous distributions of dividends, bonuses and other reminders of prosperity.

Although statistics measuring the volume of business are not yet available, preliminary reports from many sources indicate an increase of 10 to 20 per cent over last year's sales.

TRAIN KILLS THREE BOYS

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (AP).—Three boys, two of them brothers, were killed instantly Sunday at Bridgeville, near here, when they were struck by a passenger train on the Pennsylvania railroad, while returning from Sunday school.

The dead are Isaac Hanna, 14; George Deep, 12; and Joseph Deep, 9. A 5-year-old brother of the Deep boys, who was also in the group, had a narrow escape.

30 DEATHS CAUSED BY COLD WAVE

Property Loss Runs into Millions; Poor Suffering Greatly

WEATHER BUREAU EXPECTS REACTION

Freezing Temperatures Reach as Far South as Northern Florida and Northern Mexico.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Deaths attributed to cold are distributed as follows: Chicago 13, Kentucky 3, New York city, Hensselaer, N. Y., Baltimore 2 each; Philadelphia, Worcester, Mass., Yonkers, Toronto, 1 each.

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press).—Astronomers, with their eyes on sun spots and other solar phenomena, and weather prophets who recently warned of bitter cold weather in the latter part of December, have seen their prediction come true.

Nearly 30 deaths have been attributed to the cold wave that swept almost the entire country. Property valued at several million dollars has been destroyed by fire and the cold has caused great suffering among the poor and homeless.

REACTION IS FORESEEN

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—A reaction from the biting cold weather which has been prevalent over almost the entire United States is predicted for tomorrow by the weather bureau.

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BUTLER AGAIN IN U.S. SERVICE

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press).—Brigadier General Spedley Butler today withdrew his resignation from the marine corps. Although under leave which he has been serving as director of public safety at Philadelphia and which will not expire until December 31, Butler immediately reported for duty. He will return to Philadelphia for a few days to arrange private affairs, and then come back here. Late in January he will go to San Diego to take command of the marine base there.

Girl Joins "Dope Ring" To Rescue Sweetheart

NEW ORLEANS (NBA special).—The lights on the wharves of old New Orleans gleam fitfully across the dark flood of the restless Mississippi. They light the passage of countless ships—carriers of the freight of a nation's inland empire. And, at times, they touch the dark form of one of those ships of night that carry contraband cargo, the ships that slip in silently, laden with tragedy and evil.

But never have they seen a more tragic chain of events than those which make up the story of Mabel Langford.

For Mabel Langford is the girl who left a home of wealth and culture to lose herself in the dark byways that hedge to the waterfront. She did it because she loved a man, and then, at last, she found that the man was a wolf in sheep's clothing.

How It Started Mabel Langford is the daughter of an old Louisiana family living in the northern part of the state. She is a college graduate and mingled in the most exclusive society circles. She was to have been married to a young man who lived in Meriden, Miss.

Just before the day set for the marriage Miss Langford went to visit her fiancé's family. While she was there, a strange man came to call on her. He was a federal narcotics agent. He told her he wanted to save her from disgrace by informing her that her fiancé was a "dope-smuggler," that the federal agents had sufficient evidence to send him to prison.

Miss Langford was a girl of spirit. She got the federal agent to take her to his superiors. And with them she made a bargain; that if they would agree not to prosecute her fiancé, she would find out who the real heads of the narcotic-smuggling ring were and get evidence that would enable the government to send them to prison. The officials agreed. And so Mabel Langford left her home, came down to New Orleans waterfront byways and mingled with the dope peddlers. She fulfilled her promise. In a short time she turned in evidence that sent the leaders to the penitentiary. Her sweetheart was saved. And then he ran away and married another girl.

Mabel Langford was heartbroken. To forget—that was her sole aim. So she came to New Orleans again, this time becoming a member of the federal prohibition enforcement agency. Down to the dark waterfront she went once more.

Who the Gum King "I won myself a place of confidence in the heart of the underworld's rum ring," she says. "I even lived in the old plantation mansion, far uptown looking out over the Mississippi River, where cargoes of alcohol were taken off swift run boats, and overnight with, inlets and snails and, cork, were transformed in the rooms of that old mansion into 'choice imported liquors.'"

"I learned that one man, known only to his associates as 'Mr. W.' is the gum king of New Orleans and directs a traffic totalling millions."

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