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THE WEATHER

Oregon: Fair and cold tonight and Tuesday. Freezing temperatures in the interior tonight.

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GIVES RULES
THAT CHECK
GERM SPREAD

Dr. Mildred McBride, U. S. Bureau of Health, Here, Research Work

DIPHTHERIA CAN
BE PREVENTED

Tells of Measures That May Be Taken to Avoid Contagious Diseases in the Community

1. Keep warm and dry.
2. Go to bed early.
3. Avoid crowds.
4. Don't cough unless face is covered.
5. Be careful of exposure.
6. Avoid expectorating on sidewalks.

Dr. Mildred McBride, of the United States bureau of health, who is here for a few days doing medical research work, today gave the above general rules to follow to prevent the spread of contagious diseases. "These precautions, if followed, will prove effective in reference to practically all contagious diseases," she said, "whether it is influenza, diphtheria or some other disease that is being guarded against."

Dr. McBride, who is visiting Dr. Lewis Wilson while in La Grande, will remain here until Tuesday. Tomorrow at noon she will speak before the chamber of commerce, at which time she will discuss prevention of contagious diseases, particularly in reference to diphtheria.

Tells of Immunization. Discussing diphtheria today, she said that "there is no reason why anyone should have either diphtheria or smallpox with modern immunization measures available."

She said that besides the permanent immunization for diphtheria, there is a prophylactic treatment which will act temporarily, which is used in cases where persons are exposed to the disease. "In New York, there is practically no diphtheria or smallpox cases any more, as immunization is required," she said. "If the person objects to this treatment, he may be sent to jail until he is willing to be immunized."

Dr. McBride said that there are white-bellied physicians in the east who have never seen a case of smallpox, because of widespread vaccination. She was in the office of Dr. Park in New York for some time and has a large amount of experience in prevention of contagious diseases.

In giving her general rules to prevent spread of these diseases, Dr. McBride called attention to the fact that well persons can carry germs in their throats, noses and mouths and thus act as carriers unknowingly, endangering others.

Dr. McBride's office are in Portland and she is also associated with the state board of health and the Oregon State Medical society.

ARREST THREE
ON CHARGE OF
ROBBING STORE

William Goeck, Charles "Chuck" Wilson and Brady Haneck were arrested yesterday by the police on a charge of robbing Spencer's store at Union, according to the police records, which also stated that Goeck confessed to the officers. The case has been turned over to District Attorney Carl Helm.

Wilson, officers report, was sentenced to three years in the state penitentiary some time ago on a charge of burglary and then paroled.

MRS. ELMER McMANUS VERY ILL AT HER HOME

Mrs. Elmer McManus, who is seriously ill at her home, is in about the same condition today. It was reported this afternoon. A false rumor to the effect that Mrs. McManus had died, received general circulation in La Grande during the morning.

COLDEST NIGHT
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17—(AP)—The United States weather bureau reported the coldest night of the season today when the thermometer dropped to 42 degrees below zero.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—22 above.
Minimum—22 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 31, minimum 24 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER DEC. 17, 1927
Maximum 27, minimum 19 above.
Condition: cloudy.

Shopping Crowd
Saturday One Of
Largest Of Year

Christmas Rush Starts in Earnest in La Grande; Volume of Buying Normal Reports Say

The annual Christmas rush started in earnest in La Grande Saturday with one of the largest crowds of shoppers in many months, and today is well under way. Stores throughout the city report large crowds, with a considerable volume of buying.

One store estimated that of the hundreds of shoppers during the day, about 25 per cent were from out of town points. Some merchants reported a slightly less volume of business this year than last, but 1927 was a particularly good year. They say that the volume of Christmas business so far this year compared favorably with normal seasons throughout the city.

Package Business Normal
Not only did the Christmas rush start in earnest in the stores, but it also got under way in the post office. Postmaster Ralph Horton said. Four extra men are being employed to handle the extra work, two clerks and two carriers.

"The Christmas business on the opening of the rush period seems to be of a normal character, as far as we can observe," Mr. Horton said today. He expects the peak of outgoing packages to be reached Thursday and Friday and the number of in-coming packages are expected to continue to increase until the day before Christmas, with the chances that Saturday and Sunday will be the heaviest.

In reference to the post office observance of the holiday, Mr. Horton said that the building would be closed all day Dec. 25. Special deliveries will be made and first class mail will be sent out, but no package mail will be distributed or accepted. The windows will be closed during the entire day.

Four La Grande
People Injured
In Auto Wreck

BAKER, Ore., Dec. 17 (AP)—Jerstad Blackburn, of La Grande, was in a local hospital today with cuts about the head and left arm, suffered when an auto he was driving was wrecked near here, Sunday evening. His injuries were not serious.

Mrs. Blackburn, John Barton and Herman Miles, all of La Grande, passengers in the car suffered only minor cuts and bruises.

L. H. S. Musicians
Are Selected To
Play In Spokane

Five La Grande High school girls and boys have been chosen to play in the 2nd piece student orchestra at the Northwest Superiors' conference to be held in Spokane, Wash., in April, according to announcement today by W. W. Nussbaum, music director of the La Grande school.

The students are: Jennie Nielsen, Kille Blanchard, Stanley Zundel, Adolph Siegrist and Wayne Nussbaum.

The names of the La Grande students were submitted to the executive committee for the orchestra at the headquarters and word of the acceptance of all five of them was recently received.

The students will learn the music which will be played, before they go to Spokane. The program will include the following: "No. 1. Symphony," "In Phrygia," by Massenet; "To a Wild Rose," by MacDowell; "Carmen" suite No. 1, "Military March" by Schubert, and "Valse Triste."

From the orchestra a few of the players will be chosen to play in the national high school orchestra.

Wrist Watch Taken
From Judge's Home

House breakers are not respectful of judges.

This, anyhow, is the conclusion of police officers. Saturday night some one entered Judge C. M. Humphrey's residence before 10 o'clock and the municipal official reports that a wrist watch was stolen.

Take Home Nearly
40 Turks Sunday

The pre-Christmas rush about for turkeys held at Long Trees yesterday in the La Grande chamber of commerce. Walter Jones, C. M. Humphrey and the municipal official reports that a wrist watch was stolen.

ANNIVERSARY
OF AIRPLANE
IS OBSERVED

Wright Brothers Made First Flight in Kitty Hawk, N. C., in 1903

TWO INVENTORS
HONORED TODAY

Capital Reminisces Over Heavier Than Air Feats Performed Since First Test Succeeded

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—The capital reminded today over the 25 years of heavier than air flying as the Wright brothers, one of them now dead, were being honored at Kitty Hawk, North Carolina, where the first airplane flight was made.

Airminded people recalled the days of a little more than twenty years ago when the two young bicycle shop operators of Dayton, Ohio, came to Washington to convince a skeptical government that they had built a machine which would lift itself and two men into the air and keep there for an hour.

The brothers had been making more or less successful air tests for several years before they finally submitted their machine to the government.

First Passenger
Major General George O. Squier, later head of the signal corps, was one of Orville Wright's first passengers, and today he admits that the nine minutes' trip he took "scarred him to death."

Just a bit more than 20 years ago our fliers were making themselves known. They were Captain Thomas S. Baldwin, with a dirigible, Henry Farman, a Frenchman, with an airplane; Orville Wright, who was perfecting his plane preparatory to governmental tests, and Wilbur Wright, who was starting the French with record breaking air journeys at Le Mans, France. The American government was becoming interested in the subject of aviation and Orville came here to sell a plane to the war department but failed to do so.

The test was made in the vicinity of Fort Myer, Virginia, and Shotters Hills, near Alexandria.

UNION-WALLOWA
TOURNEY DATED

Teams of Two Counties to Play in La Grande on Feb. 22 and 23

Meeting at Elgin Saturday afternoon, school authorities of Union and Wallowa counties, voted against deciding on a team's eligibility to enter the annual district basketball tournament on percentage standings. The group voted to hold a sub-district tournament, with teams from Union and Wallowa counties entering in La Grande on Feb. 22 and 23, at which time teams will be selected to represent the two counties at the championship tournament on Feb. 23, Mar. 1 and 2.

District No. 3 is divided into five sub-districts, each to send teams to the district tournament, and Union and Wallowa counties, exclusive of North Powder and Union, are designated as sub-district No. 1. It was announced today that the La Grande High school basketball schedule is partly completed. A few games are not yet certain and will be dated later but the following games have been agreed upon:

Enterprise here Jan. 5, Joseph here Jan. 11, Union here Jan. 12, Baker here Jan. 25, Pendleton there Feb. 1, Wallowa here Feb. 2, Imbler there either Feb. 8 or 9, Union here Feb. 15 and Baker there Feb. 15.

The Tiger basketball squad has been practicing regularly and the turnout has been excellent, it is said.

NEW CASE OF
DIPHTHERIA
IN LA GRANDE

One new case of diphtheria was reported in La Grande over the weekend when the two and a half year baby child of J. B. Orizer, who was living in the Weaver's apartment, became ill. The child was taken to the city hospital and the apartment was placed under quarantine. It is reported that 15 persons who lived in the apartment were immunized to prevent any spread of the disease.

Below records show that the diphtheria quarantine was lifted from the George Reid home at 2794 North Third over the weekend. Mr. Reid accompanied to the district last week.

CLOSE GUARD
OVER HOOVER
IN URUGUAY

Several Minor Demonstrations Take Place in Montevideo

EVERY PRECAUTION
IS ORDERED TAKEN

Government and President-elect Minimize Importance of Disturbance—Arrests Are Made

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 17—(AP)—President-elect Hoover was being closely guarded today by police squads who will maintain their watch throughout his stay in Montevideo.

The Uruguayan authorities, although minimizing the importance of several minor demonstrations which took place last night nevertheless desire to take no chances with their distinguished visitor.

There were several meetings of radical groups here just before Mr. Hoover's visit and last night some groups in the streets along Mr. Hoover's route and in front of Government House, where the president-elect visited, shouted acclamations for Sandino, the Nicaraguan rebel leader, and for Sacco and Vanzetti.

Several Detained
Discussing the incident today, the local chief of police said that five or six local radicals had been detained for stationing themselves in front of Government House shouting, "Viva Sacco Vanzetti." He asserted that this should not be considered as a serious matter or construed as making any danger for Mr. Hoover, adding that reports of communist plots and demonstrations were unjustified.

Members of the Hoover official party also felt that no importance should be attached to the affair. Nevertheless the government as well as the municipal authorities, desiring to take every precaution, have thrown cordons of mounted police around the hotel where Mr. Hoover is stopping. Plainclothes men also mingled with the crowds in the lobbies and corridors.

Receives Callers
Mr. Hoover has his quarters in an entire upper floor where today he received distinguished callers. The entire scene was extremely picturesque as visitors constantly arrived while police in plumed helmets and gray uniforms gave a touch of color.

Leaving tomorrow on the U. S. S. Utah, Mr. Hoover will conclude his South American tour with a three days stay at Rio Janeiro, sailing for home Christmas eve.

LOCAL PEOPLE
GET CHRISTMAS
TREES SUNDAY

Yesterday must have been "Christmas Tree Day."

Hundreds of fir trees, ranging in size from 12 to 22 feet, were cut and taken to the one brought in by the Elks committee for the community program. The Elks here, however, will not be raised until Dec. 18, it will be necessary to get another tree, it was announced this morning.

Scores of La Grande people went into the hills yesterday, each with a hatchet or axe, and returned later with the fruits of their tree-hunt. Some came into town with six or more trees. The vehicles appearing as veritable forests.

The state highway commission owns from three to 500 feet of timber land along the side of the roads, and it is against the law to cut trees on the property. However, there was no criticism of people breaking this law yesterday, it is said, as the majority of the trees were taken from private lands after securing permission from the owners.

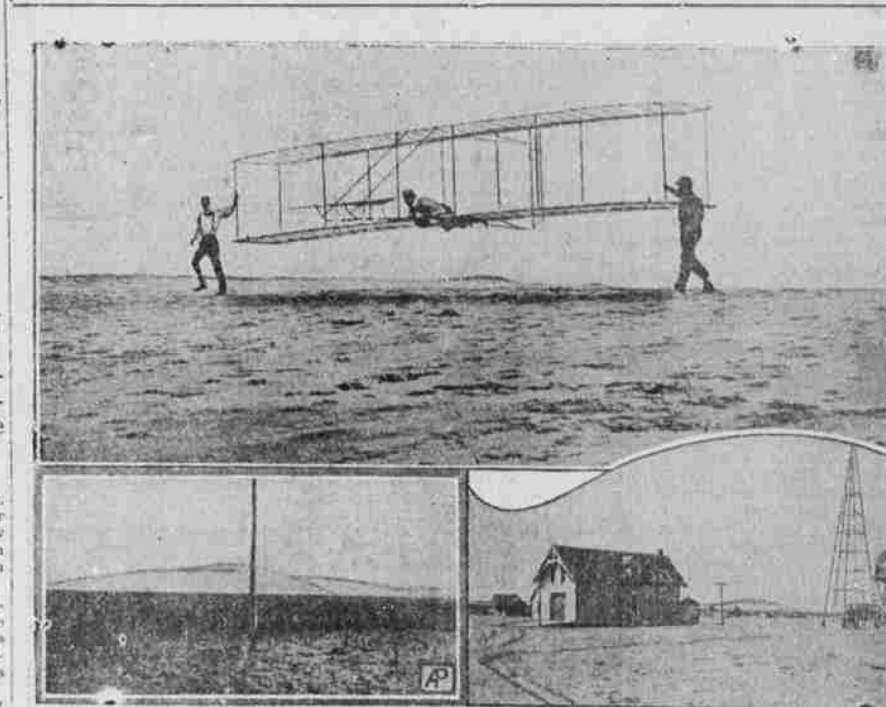
Chamber to Have
Yuletide Program

A special Christmas program has been planned for tomorrow's noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce, according to Charles A. Malheur, secretary. The meeting will be in the Sunnyside Inn.

The program will include a talk by the Rev. J. George Wale on "Christmas," a song entitled "The Babe Divine," sung by R. J. Dyck, a talk by H. L. Ross on "The Christmas Tree," and a talk by Dr. Mildred McBride of the U. S. bureau of health on the prevention of contagious diseases. Dr. McBride will speak in particular of diphtheria.

Charles T. Wrightman, manager of the Varney Air Lines, with headquarters at Boise, Idaho, may be in La Grande tomorrow. Mr. Malheur said. In that event, Mr. Wrightman will speak in the chamber members on "Grande as a Regular Air Mail Stop."

YEARS CHANGE SCENE OF WRIGHTS' FIRST FLIGHT



Orville Wright, the world's first airplane pilot, found things changed in the little sea shore village at Kitty Hawk, N. C., when he returned today for the twenty-fifth anniversary of his first flight. Natives who looked upon the Wrights as "fools" when they launched their gliders from Kill Devil Hill (above) prepared a warm welcome. The hill, which can be seen in the background of the picture (lower left), taken from the scene of the first flight (marked by pole), has moved 600 feet since 1903. The scene at the coast guard station (lower right) is typical of the area.

County Pioneer
Dies Due To Flu
And Pneumonia

The epidemic of influenza took another victim in La Grande last night when Frank S. Johnson, 67-year-old Union and Wallowa county pioneer, died at his home in the 1st Glen district. He had been a resident of this county for 44 years.

Pneumonia following the influenza was responsible for his passing on. The deceased was born Oct. 29, 1861 near Stiles, Davis county, Iowa and in March, 1873, the family moved to Indian Valley, California, coming to the Grande Ronde valley in 1882.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Summerville chapel and burial will take place in the Summerville cemetery. The body is at the Bohlenkamp mortuary.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, a daughter Sylvia, a son Frank Jr., and two step-children, Martin Childers and Mrs. Mayne Jones. He is also survived by the following: brothers and sisters, George, at Stiles, Kan.; Grant, of Florida; Glenn, of Clintwood, Va.; Mrs. Sylvia Herring, of Taylorsville, Cal.; Mrs. Maude Garrett, of Glendora, Cal.; and Mrs. Lizzie Wimer, of Lake City, Cal.

County Officials
Attend Conventions

A number of Union county court officials are attending conferences meetings in Portland this week. Kenneth McCormick left Saturday night for Portland to attend a convention of the county clerks of Oregon to be held three days this week.

County Judge U. G. Couch, W. R. Ledbetter and W. W. Stevens, county commissioners, left at that time to attend a county judges' and commissioners' convention in the Rose City.

Carl Helm will attend a district attorneys' convention in Portland the latter part of the week.

EDUCATORS TO
ATTEND MEET
IN PORTLAND

The annual Oregon State Teachers' association conference will be held in Portland Dec. 27 to 29 and will be attended by five Union county public school officials, it was announced today.

Those who expect to attend the conference are: E. A. Sayre, superintendent of schools for Union county; J. T. Langfellow, superintendent of La Grande schools; Roy Conklin, superintendent of schools at Union; K. E. Arant, superintendent of Elgin schools; and Miss Mae Cleave, teacher of the eighth grade at Elgin.

The delegates were elected to attend the convention, by October when the Wallowa and Union county teachers' institute was held in La Grande. Four delegates, including one class room teacher, were elected. Mr. Sayre is an ex-officio delegate and is a member of the executive committee. He received notice of the appointment recently from H. E. Knowl, of Pendleton, president of the association. The presidential committee will meet the first day of the conference.

The meeting is to be held in the Lincoln High school building. Last year it was attended by 7000 teachers from all parts of Oregon.

CONDITION OF
KING IN DOUBT

Slight Gain Made Sunday—Reports Not So Bright Today

LONDON, Dec. 17 (AP)—King George lost a little ground this afternoon. The evening bulletin, timed 8:15 p. m. said:

The king has this afternoon been somewhat restless and the progress recently noted has not been continued during the last few hours.

LONDON, Dec. 17—(AP)—It was stated officially in Buckingham Palace at 3 o'clock this afternoon that the slight improvement in King George's condition previously noted continues.

LONDON, Dec. 17—(AP)—News from Buckingham Palace concerning the condition of King George continued favorable today.

While it seemed too early to conclude that the king definitely was on the road to recovery, he not only was holding his own, but the physicians report said that a slight improvement noted in his condition on Sunday was continuing. To this the period of natural sleep that the king had in the late hours of last night, was doubtless a valuable contributory factor. The morning bulletin said:

"The king had a fair night with some natural sleep towards morning. The slight improvement in his Majesty's condition noted yesterday continues."

It was signed by Sir Hugh Higgby, Sir Stanley Hewitt, and Lord Dawson of Penn.

Later a statement from an authoritative quarter confirmed the public impression in this respect. This statement intimated that the king's condition improved the last night as morning that His Majesty, for the first time since his illness became serious, had passed 24 hours without a sedative. This is regarded as encouraging as the natural sleep which the king was reported as having had is exactly what is wanted to enable him to build up his strength.

SEVEN MISSING IN FIRE

HAZARD, Ky., Dec. 17—(AP)—Search for the seven persons missing in the Collins hotel fire of Saturday night from which three bodies have been recovered, was renewed today with a detachment of Kentucky national guard on duty. The property loss was estimated at \$250,000. It was feared that several of those unaccounted for might be dead.

La Grande Boy,
Six Years Old,
Alone on Trip

The youngest passenger who boarded the 8:30 train for Portland last night, although only six years old, was Billy Carroll, of La Grande, who is six years old.

Billy went down to the train with his mother, Mrs. Carolyn Carroll, although he really didn't need anyone to take care of him, for he carried the ticket himself.

Billy was scheduled to arrive in Junction City, Ore., this morning at 11:44 a. m. to visit. Making a \$25 trip trip all by himself at six years of age is an accomplishment. Billy's mother teaches at Greenwood school.

Bishop Speaks
At Episcopal
Church Sunday

The Rt. Rev. William P. Remington, bishop of the Eastern Oregon diocese, was the speaker at the St. Peter's Episcopal church yesterday before a large congregation.

Bishop Remington, who delivered sermons in La Grande only occasionally, delivered a very good sermon, according to members of the church.

A special service anticipating Christmas was held at the First M. E. church last night before a large crowd. "The Life of Christ in Story and Song" was presented. Passages were given by the Rev. Vernon Hall, beginning with the Annunciation and songs appropriate to such were sung by the choir. Eighteen choruses numbers were given and there were also two excellent solos, sung by Sherwood Williams and Paul Knutsen. The choir sang, "The Ninety and Nine" was sung by the chorus and soloists. Paul Knutsen was the inquirer. Sherwood Williams the shepherd. Mrs. E. E. Tyler and Miss Marie Baxter the angels. The choir and the Sunday school will give a program next Sunday evening at the hour of the regular service.

Another outstanding program of Sunday was at the English Lutheran church where a pre-Christmas program, consisting of Dr. Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man" was presented. The Christmas story was illustrated.

Services in other churches were very interesting and very well attended, commensurate with the kindness in La Grande at present.

9-Day Celebration
Follows Wedding

BEAUGRADE, Dec. 17—(AP)—A nine-day wedding celebration has just ended here with the estimated guests amounting to 45 houses. Six cows, 44 pigs, 15 calves, 1200 fowl, and some 80,000 quarts of milk and refreshment were among the provisions consumed by the 350 invited and 2,500 uninvited guests.

Two Electrocuted
Over The Weekend

SELMA, Ala., Dec. 17 (AP)—Miss Elizabeth Purser, 11, nurse at the Alabama Hospital, was electrocuted here while operating an elevator in the hospital.

The girl was heard to scream while the elevator was still in motion, but was dead when attendants shut off the electricity.

RAY, FLORIDA, Dec. 17 (AP)—Miss Albert Epprecht, 22, mother of crime about a month old, was killed by an electric shock received when she touched a wire while the elevator was still in motion, but was dead when attendants shut off the electricity.

STANTON, Mich., Dec. 17—(AP)—James Desnoes, 15-year-old confessed slayer of Miss Florence Carter, Sheridan, Mich., school teacher, pleaded guilty when arraigned today before Circuit Judge Royal A. Hawley on a homicide charge.

BOLIVIA AND
PARAGUAY ON
EDGE OF WAR

Unofficial Reports Tell of Killing of 100 in the Border District

MOBILIZATION IS
SAID UNDER WAY

Deep Concern Felt in Two Nations; Efforts for Peace Still Being Made, However

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 17—(AP)—Unofficial advice of the fighting in the border district Chaco state that more than 100 Paraguayan soldiers have been killed. The Bolivian losses were described as light. It was added that Bolivian troops had captured 30 wagons loaded with provisions and munitions, a large tractor and numerous prisoners.

The foreign office authorized all legations to say that the army was not being mobilized. It was added that the clashes at the forts in the Chaco region were participated in only by border garrisons.

ASUNCION, Paraguay, Dec. 17—(AP)—Partial mobilization of Paraguayan forces has been decreed. The clashes affected by the decree are those between 18 and 23 years of age. They must report for duty before tomorrow. Both chambers of parliament being in recess, the decree was read before the council of ministers by President Guggiar. The action was described as being considered necessary to provide for defense.

Before the decree was made public, advice from the Paraguayan forces in the border region of Chaco, stated that Bolivians had seized four forts, three of which were later recaptured by Paraguayan troops. The commander said that six Paraguayan soldiers had been killed in the encounter, as well as seven Bolivian officers, many Bolivian soldiers and unformed Indians.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 17—(AP)—The Paraguayan legation to Peru stated that Bolivian troops have marched against the Paraguayan fort General Aguero. "In view of these facts," the legation's statement said, "measures in accordance with the situation will be taken."

Later despatches from Asuncion reported a number of clashes of recruits had been mobilized by Paraguay and there was deep concern in Lima over the situation. The general feeling was that unless effective steps were taken quickly, formal war between Paraguay and Bolivia was only a matter of hours.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17—(AP)—Notification that Paraguay had received the offer of the Pan American conference to assist in mediation between Paraguay and Bolivia, and an indication that it would be accepted was given the state department today by Dr. Juan Ramon.

THREE FLIERS
BURNED WHEN
PLANES DIVE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17 (AP)—Douglas Baldwin, of Los Angeles, flying instructor, and Harry Weismuth, also of Los Angeles, a student pilot, were killed when the wing of their plane broke in mid-air, and the machine fell. Both bodies were badly burned when spectators reached the scene.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 17 (AP)—Ford Perry of Akron, Ohio, was burned to death and Harry G. Sider of Kenmore, near Akron, suffered serious injuries when the airplane they were driving from Akron to Cleveland crashed near new Bedford and was destroyed by fire. It is believed engine trouble caused the crash.

6 SHOPPING
DAYS TILL
CHRISTMAS

The folks who have their shopping done can shout out loud, hurrah! But those who haven't better hot light to the task today.