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OREGON: Unsettled with rain west and probably local snows east portion tonight and Friday; colder east portion tonight.

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COMMISSION FINISHES ITS YEAR'S WORK

Street Ordinance Passed to Become Effective After 30 Days

MELVILLE WILL TAKE OATH JAN. 2

Step Taken Looking Toward Sale of $19,827.76 Block of Local Improvement Bonds

The 1928 La Grande city commission wound up its year last night with the passage of one of the most important ordinances in months and with further steps toward the sale of bonds in the amount of $19,827.76 to provide for payment for eight improvement districts (mostly sidewalk) completed this fall.

Last night was Commissioner W. K. Gilbert's last regular meeting, although he will remain in his position until officially succeeded by Victor R. Melville, who was elected commissioner in the November election. Mr. Melville takes the oath of office next Wednesday night. At the same time Commissioners A. T. Hill and Charles Playle, who were re-elected for a third two-year term, will take their third oath of office.

Effective in 30 Days

The ordinance passed last night provides for regulation and licensing of persons using the streets for the transportation of large, heavy or dangerous loads or structures, for repair of any damages done by such persons and relieving the city of any responsibility for damages that may occur. The ordinance, which does not become effective for 30 days, has a considerable amount of "teeth," providing for a maximum fine of $300, a maximum jail sentence of 90 days, or both.

Must Post $1,000 Bond

The ordinance requires that permits will be issued for use of the streets only after an investigation and approval by the city manager, who is given authority to designate routes. The applicant will be required to post $1,000 bond to protect the city against any damage and another provision requires a penalty of $10 a day for any blockade of streets in excess of 10 days unless by special permission of the city commission.

If a permit is refused by the city manager, the applicant may appeal to the commission. In each case, the person receiving the permit must clean up the streets after using them.

The ordinance also provides that no house more than 27 feet high may be moved unless special permission is granted by the commission. Another provision prevents piercing pavement within a certain distance of water mains, drains, cables, etc.

Ask Approving Opinion

During the meeting last night the city recorder, J. E. Stearns, was authorized to communicate with Teal, Winfree, McCulloch and Shuler, of Portland, and ask for a bid on providing an approving opinion on proceedings in connection with the sale of the $19,827.76 worth of improvement bonds. When such an opinion has been recorded, the bonds will be advertised, it is said.

C. R. Buell was granted a dance hall license covering a six-month period.

The city manager reported that during the last week the street de-

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ARMY TO HAVE TREE, PRESENTS FOR CHILDREN

The Salvation Army will entertain members of its Sunday school and poor children of the city at a Christmas tree entertainment at the hall tonight, according to Capt. Pack.

The Sunday school will furnish the program and presents will be given to all Sunday school members. The other children will receive presents, oranges, apples, candy and nuts.

With the party tonight the Christmas program of the Army for this season will be concluded. Baskets of dinners, fuel and clothing were given for gifts.

Everyone is invited to attend the tree and program.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—42 above.
Minimum—35 above.
Condition—Cloudy.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 47, minimum 27 above.
Condition — Partly cloudy; rain .04 of inch.
WEATHER DEC. 27, 1927
Maximum 37, minimum 29 above.
Condition—Rain .05 of inch, snow one inch.

44 University Students From Union County

La Grande Has 36 Young Men and Women in Eugene Institution, Elgin, Union Each Have 3

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Dec. 27 (Special)—Union county has 44 students enrolled in the University of Oregon; 36 from La Grande, three from Elgin, three from Union, and two from North Powder. All four classes at the university, senior, junior, sophomore, and freshman, are well represented in the group that came from Eastern Oregon at the beginning of the fall term.

Activities on the campus and on student publications seem to hold interest for many of the Union county students. Heading the list of those most active is the name of Miss Dorothy Eberhard, of La Grande, daughter of C. R. Eberhard, and also that of William Haggerty, of Union, son of W. O. Haggerty.

Vice President

Miss Eberhard is a sophomore and one of the few women students in the university taking pre law. At present she is vice president of the sophomore class, and is a member of both Kwama and Temenides, sophomore women's honor society and Eastern Star respectively. Miss Eberhard is a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority.

Four years on the staff of the Oregon Daily Emerald, student news publication, associate editor of the Oregana last year, and associate editor of the Emerald at the present time is William Haggerty's bid for fame. "Bill" is a senior in the school of journalism and is a member of Sigma Delta Chi, men's international professional journalism fraternity and also of the order of the Emerald "O". He also served on the staff for junior weekend last spring. His social fraternity is Theta Chi.

Two freshman girls from La Grande, Lois Nelson and Dorothy

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Niece of Local Woman Sings For Her Over Radio

Wouldn't you be surprised if on a starry Christmas night in the Rose City when you were listening to a radio, to hear your name come floating through the air and be broadcast to the world? Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith, of La Grande, were surprised in just that way.

They were at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Edward Arrowsmith, in Portland, where they were visiting. It was 11 o'clock. Suddenly the announcer said' "The next two songs, to be sung by Miss Margaret Harvey, are dedicated to Mr. and Mrs. Harley Smith, of La Grande."

The Smiths were surprised and thrilled, for who wouldn't be, when one's very own niece, a blues singer of Portland, would send two songs across the midnight air for a Christmas greeting?

Miss Margaret Harvey, the young singer, who is said to be on the way to recognition for her voice, is well known among the younger set in La Grande, where she has visited. She is a student at Grant High school in Portland. Every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday nights she sings over the radio at the broadcasting station of the Multnomah hotel. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Harvey.

Plans Completed For O. S. C. Dance

Plans have been completed for the annual Oregon State college holiday dance which is to be held tomorrow night at the Sacajawea inn, and which the committees say will be a very successful affair, judging from present indications.

Vocal solos by Tom Bruce will be a feature of the evening. Decorations are in charge of Ted Heidenreich, Irene Spencer and Gwendolyn Buchanan.

Freida Kloptenstein and Dallas Jacobsen are in charge and are being assisted by Marjorie Reynolds and Mr. Bruce.

Patrons and patronesses for the dance will be: Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Brady, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Reynolds, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Pierce, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Sherwood, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hanks, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Reynolds and Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Epling.

High school students, parents of Oregon State college students, alumni, and students are invited to attend.

Hartenbower Has Low Beacon Bid

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Bid for 14 revolving beacons and one code beacon to light the Portland-Seattle airway were received by Robert Warnock, superintendent of lighthouses. The Hartenbower company, Boise, was lowest of three bidders. All bids will be forwarded to Washington where award will be made.

MILLS PLAN NOTHING NEW, DORAN SAYS

Volstead and Many Government Dry Officials Not Enthused

SOME PRAISE IS GIVEN BY OTHERS

Prohibition Commissioner Doran Says School Boy of Palo Alto Should Have Won

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27 (AP)—Andrew J. Volstead said today that he was not particularly impressed by the Mills plan to make prohibition effective.

"Major Mills (winner of the Durant $25,000 prize for a program of prohibition enforcement) is entitled to a good deal of credit for not proposing a reorganization of the service," said Mr. Volstead, author of the federal enforcement act. "The prohibition forces have been organized almost to death. It has been the bane of the service almost from the very start."

Mr. Volstead, now legal adviser of the northwest prohibition enforcement district, said the prohibition bureau already is operating along the same lines of "stopping the source" outlined by Major Mills.

"Major Mills suggestions along other lines do not impress me as particularly new. The prohibition

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MORE ACTS FOR NEW YEAR SHOW

Interesting Midnight Matinee Program Promised By Legion

At 12 o'clock midnight on New Year's eve in La Grande most all social functions in the city will cease so that persons engaging in them will be able to attend the midnight matinee at the Arcade theater which is to be sponsored by the La Grande post of the American Legion.

Several new features have been added to the program for that eventful night. A lecture on "The Lost Arts," will be given by Ted Christiansen. Ray Williams describes Mr. Christiansen as "newly appointed dean of fine arts of the Eastern Oregon Normal school."

Ralph (Deacon) Winters, representing the parson from the swamplands, will sing. Mr. Winters will be remembered last year as singing "Mary Lou," which was said to have "brought down" the house.

Bedtime stories will be told by Dr. Ray Murphy, who will tell the stories just before the close of the program.

Judge Hugh Brady is to be interlocutor, acting in that capacity as he successfully did last year, according to Mr. Williams.

The brothers Pole and Lima Bean are to perform and Elwood Gwilliams, Ray Williams and Normal Deslet will sing. Mr. Williams and Mr. Deslet are to be end men.

Merrill Conley, student at Whitman college, will entertain with vocal selections.

All Highways In Eastern Oregon Are Open Today

La Grande Has Warm Mid-winter Day While Western Oregon Experiences Snow and Rain

One of the warmest days in mid-winter in several years in the Grande Ronde valley occurred yesterday when the mercury climbed to 47 above. The minimum for the day was 27, which was registered during the early morning hours.

This came while Central and Western Oregon were experiencing winter weather, with snow and rain in abundance.

Today promised to be even warmer with a temperature of 42 above at 7:30 a. m., following a night when no freezing weather was experienced. The minimum during last night was 35 above. The weather forecast for tonight and tomorrow, however, indicates colder temperatures in this part of the state.

Highways Open

Contrary to reports printed in a Portland newspaper, all state highways in this division—which embraces most of Oregon east of the Cascades—are open and in fair shape. It was reported in Western Oregon last night that the Blue Mountain highway had been closed, which was erroneous.

The Old Oregon Trail, the John Day and the La Grande-Wallowa lake state highways are all open, according to Oscar Cutler, of the state highway departmental offices here. "We are having no difficulty whatever in this division at present," he stated this morning. The only snow reported near here yesterday occurred between North Powder and Haines and the fall was light.

SNOW IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—First snow of the season fell here last night in large damp flakes. Moderating temperature removed most of it. Outlying districts still had a blanket this morning, but in the business section there was no trace remaining. The Columbia River highway was cleared of several inches of slush by county snow equipment and was reported safe for travel today by the Oregon State Motor association.

Twelve inches of new snow at Government Camp made chains imperative on the Loop highway, open to Swim.

The highway to the south was clear as far as Hornbrook, Cal., where the tourist is advised to put on chains until reaching Redding. Northern routes are open.

FOUR INCHES OF SNOW

CORVALLIS, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Four inches of wet snow was on the campus of Oregon State college this morning. Some telephone and power lines were broken by weight of the snow, disrupting service briefly.

Carrier Boys Have Christmas Dinner

Carrier boys of the La Grande Observer were guests at a Christmas dinner last night at the La Grande hotel. There were 22 boys, Clark Paddock, circulation manager; H. F. Matthews, business manager, and F. B. Appleby, publisher, in attendance.

The boys were: Maurice Beck, Horton Andrews, George Denny, Henry Jensen, Pat Mortier, Nolan Braden, Kenneth Webb, Carl Hansen, Vincent Donovan, Van Rendel, Mike Zupan, Pat Kilby, John Williams, Charles Erickson, Gerald Burnett, Robert McMillan, Charles Young, Donald Stellman, Albert Lilly, Lavon Price, Dawain Turner and Derwood Shafer.

Lee S. Blevin, Who Escaped Trial Here, to Face Jury in Charlotte

Lee S. Blevin, alias Hinton Forbes, whose history during the last two years reminds one of dime novel thrillers in some respects, must start his long trek back to the Southeast to face a jury.

This was learned today when an Associated Press story from Portland was received here to the effect that Federal Judge Bean ordered him back to Charlotte, N. C., to stand trial on a Mann act charge.

Woman Saved Him Here.

The story recalled to local police officers his arrest here during September, when only the refusal of a woman to testify against him prevented him being tried on a charge of a grave nature.

On Sept. 9 Blevin was arrested by the local police who alleged that he threatened the life of Della Yates with whom he was living, at the point of a revolver. She, however, refused to make a complaint against him.

He intimated that he had had trouble in the South and officers here wired first to Bristol, Tenn., and then to Elizabethton, Tenn. The first telegram was answered to the effect that he was not wanted in Bristol. Elizabethton officers wired for his description and it was sent, but, this last telegram never being answered, he was finally released from the La Grande jail because of lack of evidence.

Della Yates was described at the time, according to police records, as being a "quarterbreed Indian". Two children were with them when they lived in La Grande, which was only a short time.

The remainder of Blevin's story follows in the Associated Press story from Portland:

"Lee S. Blevin, 32, ordered back to Charlotte, N. C., today by Federal Judge Bean to face Mann act charges, told in sobs his story that he took Della Yates, 20, from North Carolina to Tennessee in 1927 to aid her in obtaining work.

Gun Battle With Officers.

"Blevin fled from the Blue Mountain county near Charlotte in October, 1927, after fighting off a party of mountaineers organized to lynch him, he told federal officers. Believing he killed one of his enemies in the fight, Blevin came to Oregon, working as a dairy helper at Ontario, Ore., until his arrest December 21. Mrs. Blevin and three sons followed him to Oregon, but during the year the couple separated Blevin supporting the children who are in school at Pendleton and Ontario. Blevin protested to Judge Bean that he fled only because he feared mob law and did not believe he would have a fair trial in North Carolina."

SIX KILLED EARLY TODAY AT CROSSING

Train Plows Through Automobile in Oak Park Near Chicago

FLAGMAN ACCUSED OF NEGLIGENCE

Near Tragedy Occurs at Hesperia, Cal.; Gas Explosion in Key West Is Fatal to One

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—Six persons were killed early today when a Soo line train struck an automobile at a grade crossing in Oak Park.

The automobile, carrying seven passengers, had stopped as one train sped by, and then had gone ahead, directly into the path of the other.

The dead were:

Henry Olsen (driver), Berwyn, Ill.

Mrs. Henry Olsen.

Halvor Olsen.

Mrs. Halvor Olsen.

Their son, Arnold 7, and daughter, Virginia, 11.

Another son, Howard, 4, was taken to a hospital, possibly fatally injured.

The bodies of those killed were mangled, the train striking the touring car squarely in the center. One boy was decapitated.

Passengers Help

The train stopped several hundred yards away, and many passengers hurried back to assist in recovering the bodies. Five of those in the automobile were killed outright. Henry Olsen lived a few minutes, but died before he could be given medical attention.

The warning bell had started to ring, witnesses said, as the Olsen car started across the tracks, and other machines had stopped to await the passing of the train.

A charge of criminal negligence was placed against Joseph Bohatry, 47, flagman at the crossing. Bohatry refused to make a statement, but admitted, police said, he failed to lower the crossing gates.

TRAGEDY AVERTED

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 27 (AP)—The presence of mind and ability of Engineer A. C. Long of Los Angeles, piloting the "Missionary" famous Santa Fe overland train, is credited with averting a serious disaster when the "Missionary" was derailed at Hesperia, 35 miles north of here, early today. Only one person, W. H. Burbage of Winslow, Ariz., a Santa Fe attorney, was hurt seriously. He suffered an injury to his hip. A half dozen others who received attention of physicians included Mrs. F. J. Mackie, wife of the assistant general manager of the road. The "Missionary" was Chicago bound from Los Angeles.

Assistant General Manager

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CONDITION OF KING GEORGE NOT SO GOOD

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A bulletin issued by the medical staff of King George at 8:20 p. m. tonight said:

"During today his majesty's condition has not been so satisfactory. There has been a disinclination to take nourishment and the strength has been less well maintained. The pulse remains steady."

Tax Refunds Are Made to 168,501

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The treasury's annual list of tax refunds, covering the fiscal year ending last June 30, when $142,293,567 in illegally and erroneously collected taxes was returned to 168,501 individuals and corporations, made its appearance today at the capitol.

President Shoots Pheasants, Turkeys

SAPELO ISLAND, Ga., Dec. 27 (AP)—Sallying forth in wide sombrero, breeches and high boots, President Coolidge this morning bagged three pheasants and two wild turkeys in his first shooting expedition of his mid-winter vacation on the spacious estate of his host, Howard E. Coffin.

Plans for today's shooting were hurriedly made when a bright sun dispelled the chill salty breezes of the preserve.

NEGRO LYNCHED

HATTIESBURG, Miss., Dec. 27 (AP)—The body of Emanuel McCallum, negro automobile mechanic, was found dangling on a rope from a tree limb today near the Rightsboro Hill gravel pit. A coroner's jury returned a verdict of death by "hands unknown" and no arrest has been made.

THE PILOTS

Here are two men, whose football teams—claimants for the 1928 national championship—will fight it out New Year's day at Pasadena. Above is C. M. (Nibs) Price, coach of California, and below is Bill Alexander, Georgia Tech coach.

NEW THEORY ON MAN'S EVOLUTION

W. G. Brehmer Believes Body Instrumental Outgrowth of the Brain

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—A theory of automatic development of all living creatures, including man, from minute living particles associating in water was presented to the American Association for the Advancement of Science today.

The theory did not attempt to explain creation of life, but began with already living particles of atomic size. It traced their growth to the production of nerves, brains and thinking beings.

The author was William G. H. Brehmer, of New York, speaking at the sectional meeting of the American Society of Zoologists.

He said that modern science has demonstrated that the "ultimate particles of matter are intensely energetic. Among these particles he noted that "individual water molecules seem to have an unusual desire to form partnerships with each other and with almost all kinds of environal particles."

An illustration of this affinity was given in the large amounts of water in living bodies. Because of the affinity and the intense energy of molecular particles, a few moles of water and some other element clung together at the beginning of life, forming a nucleus that possessed more energy than the water about it.

The speaker suggested this nucleus continually attracted more substances of growth, in the form of living particles and water, to its outer ring, and gradually developed a "central government, thrusting itself to the outer surface in the form of long processes, sensory nerves. These nerves would detect the energy in light, sound waves and chemicals," and finally, he said, the controlling center would develop into a brain.

"The brain," Brehmer said, "is not so much a higher organ within

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HAMILTON AND NORBLAD WILL STUDY BUDGET

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Ralph Hamilton, of Bend, and A. W. Norblad, of Astoria, respectively conceded to be speaker of the house and president of the senate at the next legislature, will be in Salem for a day soon to make a study of the budget now being prepared for the next two years. They will confer with Governor Patterson and with Budget Director Sam A. Koser. They will probably be accompanied by Senator I. E. Staples, of Portland, who is to be chairman of the senate wing of the ways and means committee.

Purchaser Held Guilty of Crime Under Condition

Decision of Federal Judge in Philadelphia Seen As Additional Obstacle to Bootlegging

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 27 (AP)—Alfred E. Norris, New York broker, was today fined $200 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition law in the transportation of liquor.

The fine was imposed by Federal Judge William H. Kirkpatrick who ruled that the purchaser of liquor is guilty of violating the law if transportation enters into the agreement to buy.

The decision was regarded as highly important by the local federal authorities as the defendant raised the question that under the 18th amendment and the Volstead act it was no crime to purchase liquor.

Norris was indicted with Joel D. Keeper, of Philadelphia, so-called "society bootlegger," who is serving 18 months in the federal penitentiary for violating the prohibition law.

PROHI CHIEF PLEASED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The decision of Federal Judge Kirkpatrick in Philadelphia that a purchaser of illegal liquor is guilty of violation of the prohibition law where transportation enters into the sale was hailed by Prohibition Commissioner Doran today as an important step toward preventing bootlegging.

In the majority of cases such liquor has to be transported, he said, "and the involving of the purchaser in the law violation will do much toward preventing such purchases."

710 Flu Deaths In 58 Cities In Week of Dec. 22

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Fifty-eight cities today reported to the census bureau that 710 deaths from influenza occurred during the week ended Dec. 22. The figures compared with 475 deaths from influenza in 62 cities during the previous week.

Cities reporting on influenza deaths for the week ended Dec. 22 included:

Portland, Ore., 9; Salt Lake City, 4; San Diego, 8; San Francisco, 9; Oakland, Cal., 7; Seattle, 15; Spokane, 11; Tacoma, Wash., 3.

In the same cities there were 1,272 deaths from pneumonia during the week ended Dec. 22. Cities reported for the previous week showed a total of 1,297 deaths.

The weekly deaths of both influenza and pneumonia 78 cities reported to the bureau has increased as follows:

For the week ended Nov. 3, influenza 51, pneumonia 57; November 10, influenza 78, pneumonia 587; November 17, influenza 91, pneumonia 687; November 24, influenza 195, pneumonia 791; December 1, influenza 203, pneumonia 853, and December 8, influenza 291, pneumonia 1,009.

The Oregon board of health report for Union county for the week ending Dec. 22, follows: Diphtheria 2, scarlet fever 3, influenza 156, pneumonia 3 and mumps 5. For Wallowa county: Influenza 46, smallpox 1, pneumonia 1.

And Down In Guatemala They Milk the Trees!

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—"Milk from contented trees," might well be a slogan in Guatemala.

Samuel J. Record, wood technologist on the staff of the Field museum, has returned from Central America, bringing a sample of milk and wood from the Guatemalan cow tree.

The milk is palatable and tastes and looks much like cow's milk, Record said a "dairy" of cow trees would be practical. He added, however, that the tree might be used more profitably in the manufacture of chewing gum.

Oregon Teachers Warn Legislature

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27 (AP)—Warning to the legislature that the two-mill elementary school tax should not be removed until some other definite permanent income for school support is provided, was contained in a report by the legislative committee to the Oregon State Teachers' association today.

Miss Julia A. Spooner, Portland, was advanced today to the office of president, succeeding H. E. Inslow, of Portland.

JACKIE COOGAN ILL

BERLIN, Dec. 27. (AP)—Too much Christmas excitement proved the undoing of Jackie Coogan, youthful American film star, and he was in bed today with a light case of influenza.

EXPECTS TO CHECK CRIME IN CHICAGO

Swanson, Successor to State's Attorney Crowe, Gives His Remedy

DON'T LOOK FOR MIRACLES, HE SAYS

103 Bombs Thrown Up to Dec. 1 and More Than 500 Have Been Slain Since First of Year

By Allen L. Dalrymple
(Associated Press Staff Writer)

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—John A. Swanson, a six feet two giant whose 200 pounds seem cramped in the office of the state's attorney which he assumed this month, put Chicago crime under the microscope today, analyzed its causes and prescribed his remedy.

"Don't look for miracles," said the man who was swept into office as the voters' protest against rampant crime. "Citizens themselves must show some of the backbone of which they expect of me and my assistants."

He spoke of the bombings that have destroyed thousands of dollars worth of Chicago property; he talked of slayings, of hoodlum rule, of gangsters and gunmen; and he picked each felony apart, seeking its basic cause.

Had Narrow Escape

The state's attorney strode nervously about the small office in the criminal courts building. He spoke particularly of bombings, for he himself narrowly escaped death when a bomb was tossed at him a few weeks before the primary election last April.

The "immense revenue collected by organized crime" is, in the state's attorney's opinion, the principal obstacle in Chicago to law enforcement.

"A great share of this immense revenue, running into millions, is collected from liquor law violators, racketeers, commercial vice leaders and gamblers, and is spent for protection," he said. "The patrolman of a beat is 'fixed'. The state's attorney's office must conduct its own investigation, and that takes time."

The attorney paused at a window and gazed toward the Chicago river, said to contain more secrets of past crimes than the river Seine. He pushed his spectacles onto his forehead.

"Why do we have more bombings in Chicago than other cities? It is a peculiar psychology, this bombing. Why we of Chicago seem to suffer more from this form of terrorism I do not know.

Dynamite Easy to Get

"Dynamite is not hard to obtain. Workers have no great difficulty in sneaking sticks from jobs where they are employed. And it can be bought without a great deal of red tape.

"We hope to shut off the source of dynamite to the racketeers and blackhanders."

Up to December first, 103 bombs were thrown in Chicago this year.

More than 500 persons have been slain in the city since January 1. As to the reason for the wholesale homicides, State's Attorney Swanson, who was born, reared and has lived his entire life here, balked in explanation.

"Give me time," he parried. "I have been in office a comparatively few days and I will be able to tell you more about that later."

The new holder of the prosecu-

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POPULATION OF CHICAGO GIVEN AT 3,215,000

CHICAGO, Dec. 27 (AP)—Chicago is further intrenched as the second city of the United States with a population of 3,215,000, figures compiled by the Chicago Association of Commerce show.

This figure represents an increase of 15,000 over the 1927 population.

The association estimates metropolitan Chicago will have a population of 4,500,000 Jan. 1, 1929, or 100,000 more than last year.

Metropolitan Chicago includes the territory within 35 miles of the Loop.

Icy Streets Cause Serious Injuries

VIENNA, Dec. 27 (AP)—A rainfall followed by a period of intense cold made the streets of Vienna so slippery last night that nearly 150 persons suffered more or less serious injuries through falls.

The Allgemeine Krankenhause the city's biggest hospital, alone treated 68 cases of fractures, dislocations and bruises while other hospitals also had many cases of broken legs and arms.

Among the seriously injured was the famous Hungarian countess Paul Esterhazy, who fractured her pelvis.