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OREGON: Rain west and local
rains and snows east portion to-
night and Saturday, moderate tem-
perature.

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WORK BEGINS
AGAIN AT E. O.
NORMAL HEREWarmer Weather Results
in End of Two-week
Halt in ConstructionFOUR MORE FAIR
DAYS ARE NEEDEDEastern Part Two-story
Structure Is Ready for
Tile, Which Is Enroute
to La Grande

The new two-story Eastern Oregon Normal school under construction in La Grande is beginning to take on imposing proportions and soon it will be seen from many parts of the valley from its location on the hill above Conardale.

With the coming of warm weather following the brief cold spell, work was resumed yesterday on the building following an intermission of two weeks.

If the weather continues fair in four days all the concrete for two walls will have been poured. Except in the central portion of the building all the concrete as far as the roof line is poured, says Hubert Giet, superintendent of construction.

"As soon as the walls are completed we expect no more delay, as cold weather will not interfere. The building, no doubt, will be ready in ample time for the opening of the summer session of the normal school," Mr. Giet states.

Granite Stone Received
Granite stone for the steps, entrances and buttresses has been received from Helena, Mont., he says.

All the steel trusses have been hoisted to the second story ready to set into place as soon as the concrete walls are finished.

The eastern portion of the building is now ready for the roof and the tile for its construction is expected to arrive next week. The roof of the building will be composed in some portions of red tile and in other portions of regular roofing. All parts of the roof which show are to be of the red tile, Mr. Giet says.

Cement, sand and gravel are mixed in the big concrete mixer located at the plant. The forms are made, the steel tied in and the concrete then poured around the steel, thus making a fire-proof, reinforced concrete wall.

Use Heating Equipment
A big sheet from pipe by the building contains a fire which is used to heat the sand and gravel before it is mixed into concrete. Thus heated there is no danger.

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MERCURY HITS
53 ABOVE HERE
ON THURSDAY

Tuesday night the minimum temperature in La Grande was 27 above zero, which may also be called five degrees below freezing point, which is 32 above. With sun-up the mercury started a record-breaking climb that did not stop until a peak of 52 above was attained early yesterday afternoon. Fifty-three above is a respectable maximum for mid-spring and mid-autumn, but for mid-winter it is extraordinary for this part of the state.

Ordinarily the holiday season in La Grande finds two or three days at least of sub-zero weather but this year is proving an exception. During the last half of the month of December, 1927, the highest mark reached in the 16 days was 41 above and the lowest registered was six below zero. So far this month the coldest weather in La Grande was five above zero.

Since Wednesday night the weather has not gone below freezing point, although it dropped to 32 above last night, resulting in a slippery coating on sidewalks and pavements this morning.

However, the warm weather won't last, according to local prophets. "We'll pay for this in January," they pessimistically assert.

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—An inch and a half of snow fell in this region last night and was holding fast this morning despite a bright sun. The mercury dropped to 22 degrees above zero during the night.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—25 above.
Minimum: 22 above.
Conditions: partly cloudy.
WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum: 53, minimum: 33 above.
Conditions: partly cloudy, rain, 94 of inch.
WEATHER DEC. 28, 1927
Maximum: 22, minimum: 27 above.
Conditions: traces of snow, rain, 91 of inch.

Men's Club Has
University Meet;
Students Speak

Organization Decides Sororities and Fraternities Do Much More Good Than Harm

Completing one of the most interesting meetings of its year, the Presbyterian Men's club last night agreed that fraternities and sororities in higher institutions of learning do much more good than harm. This decision came following a round table discussion and several talks on the subject.

The meeting, which was well attended, was held at the H. R. Hanna home.

Wesley Brewerton, president of Psi Sigma Kappa at the University of Washington, was the first speaker of the evening, giving a complete history of fraternities, outlining opposition to them and the struggle of the early days of the organization. In his opinion there are many fine things that offset what objectionable features there might be, including character building training available in no other way.

Defends Sororities

Lola Nelson, Psi Beta Phi pledge at the University of Oregon, took an common criticism against sororities and answered them. She outlined the average daily routine of sorority members, told of the punishments that are exacted at the slightest violation of rules, and said that state and federal governments could obtain better law enforcement by adopting the strict rules used in the sororities. All sororities are under the supervision of the national adult organization. Miss Nelson also declared that sororities do not breed selfishness.

Tom Bruce, Sigma Nu pledge at Oregon State college, sang two vocal solos and was accompanied by Robert Guild, Chi Psi pledge at the University of Oregon.

Round Table Discussion
Following this came a round table discussion, led by Douglas McE, of Stanford university, the Rev. Lelf H. Awe, Richard Claycomb, E. E. Hurley, Joe Richardson and Lee Reynolds.

All speakers emphasized the persistent efforts of the fraternities and sororities to keep up the grades of their members, explaining that grades required of these students are much higher than required by university and college authorities.

State Deposits
Half Million On
Vets' Aid Bonds

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—State Treasurer Roy said today that the state is depositing with its fiscal agency in New York \$505,315 to pay principal and interest on Oregon veterans' state aid bonds due January 1. This will reduce outstanding veterans' aid bonds to \$27,500,000. The total amount issued was \$29,000,000.

On April 1 the state will retire \$862,500 in highway bonds, reducing the highway debt to \$31,854,250. The original issue of highway bonds was \$38,700,000.

Tickets Will Go
On Sale Tomorrow

Tickets for the Midnight Matinee to be given New Year's eve at the Arcade theater by the La Grande post of the American Legion, will be on sale beginning tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock at the Glass Drug store.

The sale will continue at the store until 7 o'clock Monday evening, the night of the performance.

Employees of Store
Receive Bonuses

Five employees of the local J. C. Penny company store participated in the Christmas bonus checks distributed by the company this year, according to M. M. Hunt, manager. The woman employee receiving the largest bonus for sales volume was Miss Louisa Waldroff. Other participants in bonus checks were Mrs. Daisy Nelson, Miss Lydia Prouty, Miss Gladys Smith and Mrs. Lee Warnick.

Bonus checks distributed among the 1621 Penny stores now in operation total \$112,367. Mr. Hunt said this system has been in operation in the organization for many years and the individual bonuses are based on salary and years of service.

INJURED BY TRUCK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—A woman on the head with a step by a robber, Miss Alice Mullman, 21, was suffering today from severe lacerations of the skull. She fought with the robber who attacked her last night and recovered her purse.

STUDENTS OF
23 COLLEGES
'PAN' LIQUOR

Gambling, "Women" And Cars Also Declared to Be Demoralizing

QUESTIONNAIRE
ANSWERED BY 674

Dr. Melvin A. Brannon, of Montana University, Tells Oregon Teachers of Findings

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—Liquor was declared the most demoralizing influence in college life by 47 per cent of men students and 56 per cent of women students in 23 American universities and colleges who replied to questions sent out by Chancellor Melvin A. Brannon, of the University of Montana. He told the Oregon State Teachers association today of replies received from 437 men and 237 women students.

Twenty-one per cent of the men gave gambling, and 16 per cent said "women."

Criticize Automobiles

Fifteen per cent of the women students declared automobiles to be the most demoralizing influence, 14 per cent said smoking and 12 per cent answered "fraternities." Freedom of conversation and the public prints, with great increase in divorce and loosely knit domesticities, have given the youth of today much more knowledge of one side of life than his parents had at his age, said Dr. Brannon. "Youth changes from age to age, and because youth does change the age changes," he said.

Other speakers today were H. E. Inlow, Pendleton, retiring president; Mrs. W. W. Gabriel, Portland, president of the Oregon Congress of Parents and Teachers; Dr. W. M. Proctor, Stanford university; and W. H. Sanders, Augusta, Me.

Elect Officers
Late yesterday Miss Julia A. Spooner, Portland, was elected president of the association; R. H. Turner, city superintendent of Dallas, vice president; and E. P. Carlton, secretary.

The three trustees elected are:

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BILLION DOLLAR
SUIT IS STARTEDHague Court of Justice
Receives Huge Claim of
Archduke Albrecht

BUENAIRES, Dec. 28 (AP)—Suit for the recovery of property valued at \$1,000,000,000, and once belonging to the Archduke Frederick, richest member of the House of Hapsburg, has been instituted before the permanent court of international justice at The Hague. The claim was brought by Archduke Albrecht, pretender to the Hungarian throne, on behalf of the Archduke Frederick who is his father and was field marshal of the Austrian army during the war.

The property in dispute consists of royal palaces, castles, villas, estates, antiquities, paintings, jewelry, furniture, guns and other objects belonging to Frederick in Italy, Yugoslavia, Czechoslovakia and Rumania which was requested by those states under the peace treaties.

If the claim should win Frederick would be the richest royal personage in Europe. He is represented by counsel at the trial on the grounds that The Hague tribunal is incompetent to pass upon the suit. Yugoslavia claims that the status of the property has already been settled by the treaties of Neuilly and St. Germain.

Men Who Conquered Grand Canyon
Find Scow Used by Idaho Couple

PEACH SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 28 (AP)—Out of the wilderness of the Colorado river country came today a story of a brave but futile hunt for Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Hyde of Hanks, Idaho, who attempted to "shoot" the river's foaming rapids and were swallowed up in a mysterious disappearance.

The two searchers, Emory and Elizabeth Koll, who 17 years ago rode a boat down the Colorado for the first time and lived to tell the tale, reached here with a story of the finding of the Hyde scow in an effort which almost brought them death in the rapids. Ten days ago two army aviators located the scow by flying up the Grand Canyon and shortly afterward the Koll brothers began their search.

They said the scow was found floating in midstream, held by a taut rope which had wedged under the rocks lining the rapids. Inside the boat, neatly piled, were personal effects of the

More Fighting
Reported From
South America

Bolivians Recapture Fort Vanguardia And Advance 12 Miles Into Paraguayan Territory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—A note advising the state department that Bolivian troops had recaptured Fort Vanguardia, where the clash occurred which precipitated the present Bolivian-Paraguayan controversy, and that Bolivian forces had advanced 12 miles into Paraguayan territory, was transmitted to the state department today by the Paraguayan charge d'affaires, Juan Ramirez.

No overnight advice regarding this alleged military operation had as yet reached the Bolivian legation.

AFGHAN WAR INCREASES

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Daily Mail today printed dispatches from Lahore, India, saying that full evacuation of Kabul, Afghanistan would be made as soon as possible. In the meantime, advances reaching Moscow told of further victory of government troops in their drive against the rebels.

The Lahore dispatches said that scores of Kabul were fast becoming depleted. Many persons were still awaiting rescue and no airplanes were able to leave because it was snowing.

A German woman was killed when she got in the way of a troop carrying plane which landed from Baghdad, and was struck by the propeller. The plane was broken and the plane laid up, making a second one damaged and unfit for use at the British legation.

The dispatches said that the building (presumably the legation building) had been subjected to heavy fire and its rooms were barricaded. Lack of heavy casualties was attributed mainly to the failure of rebel shells to explode.

STRIBLING AND
SHARKEY WILL
FIGHT FEB. 27

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Dec. 28 (AP)—Definite announcement was made here today by Tex Rickard that W. L. (Young) Stribling, of Macon, Ga., and Jack Sharkey, of Boston, will fight on Feb. 27. The winner probably will meet Jack Dempsey, it is said.

DEMISEY IN UTAH
SAIT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 28 (AP)—Jack Demisey arrived here at 12:15 p. m. today from Los Angeles and told the Associated Press that as far as he knows now the only chance of his being in the same ring with Jack Sharkey and Young Stribling would be as referee of their prospective bout at Miami, Fla., in February.

**Toy Is Still In
Child's Throat**

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 28 (AP)—With "no change" in the condition of Frank Brooks, 4-year-old baby, hospital physicians today continued efforts to build up his strength so an operation could be performed to remove a toy motorcycle lodged in his throat.

The 13-month-old child swallowed the toy nearly two weeks ago.

**Spends \$13 Each
Week on Horse;
\$2.10 on Wife**

CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Mrs. Simon Koslov wants to know if there is any justice in her husband's spending \$13 a week to support his horse and only 25 cents a day to support Mrs. Koslov.

Koslov is a bread peddler, earning \$25 a week, his wife said in answering his petition for divorce.

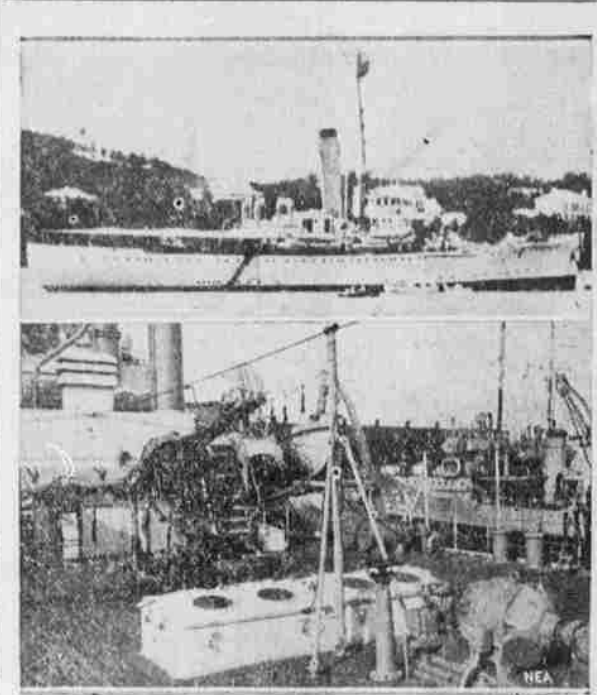
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TO WAR ON RUM RUNNERS



The coast guard cutter Chelan, first of a new type of turbo-electric cutters, and one of two for Pacific coast waters, recently went into commission at Seattle, for relief work. The Tahoe, a similar vessel, will be stationed at San Francisco. Below, a deck view of the Chelan, showing the anti-aircraft gun mounted aft, which may hold in check those rum runners who use seaplanes.

Second Epidemic
Of Flu Feared
By U. S. Officer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Another outbreak of influenza more severe in nature than the disease now prevailing is regarded as a possibility later in the winter by Surgeon General Canning. He said that he viewed the situation at present as serious, but declared that the present wave is mild in character and that there is an apparent absence of complications.

There is little likelihood in the opinion of the surgeon general that the disease will not spread over the Atlantic states as it has the west and parts of the south.

"This seems to be a typical influenza epidemic," he said, "and it is similar to the 1918 outbreak in the middle of the first year." Deaths in the 1918 wave of influenza were 500,000 in excess of the normal number from the influenza.

Women in Prison
Give Vaudeville

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Dec. 28 (AP)—A vaudeville show originated and presented by women inmates of the prison was presented before a few officials of the institution last night.

A "Happer band" provided the music. Clara Phillips, humor player, danced and footed a sassy shag, and a forger in a pink dress attempted a recitation. Dorothy Michayke, actress who was convicted of embezzling the funds of her husband's murder, acted as the schoolmistress on a carefully rehearsed country school act.

Among other principals were Myrtle Kinney, famous woman burglar; Eleanor Walling, girl bandit; Erna Janscheck, baby slayer; and Louise Peete.

Calls From Java
To Swedish Town

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 28 (AP)—The anxiety of Crown Princess Josephine Charlotte, who is staying with her grandmother, Princess Ingelborg of Sweden, while her parents are traveling in the Far East, occasioned one of the loudest telephone calls that ever came to Sweden.

From Banarsing on the island of Java the young mother yesterday called up her former country home, Edholm, in the Province of Ostergothland, where the family is spending the Christmas holidays. The answer was: "All well."

Husband Accused
Of Wife Slaying

CANTON, O., Dec. 28 (AP)—An affidavit charging William C. Heldman, Lorain furnace salesman, with the murder of his wife, Mary, 21, on the night of Dec. 12, was filed by Thomas T. C. McQuate, today before Justice of the Peace Donald M. Smith.

Heldman told authorities his wife shot herself to death the night of Dec. 12 with the same gun she had used just a week previously to end the life of Vernon E. Pease, 25, Canton coal dealer. Heldman had obtained a confession to the Pease slaying from his wife at her home at Lorain earlier in the day and he was bringing her to Canton to turn her over to authorities, he said.

His death occurred in their automobile just as they reached the outskirts of Canton.

His Majesty Is
Gaining Ground,
Bulletin SaysImprovement, However,
Only Makes Up for Part
of Slump Experienced
Yesterday

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—The following bulletin was issued tonight on King George's condition: "The king had a restful day. The slight improvement noted this morning is maintained."

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—King George has regained some of the ground which he lost yesterday, but his condition was fraught with anxiety and in well-informed circles it was thought that His Majesty still has a hard fight for life ahead of him.

The king's physicians reported this morning that while the condition of the affected lung region had definitely improved, his general condition has not shown the same progress. In other words weakness and a deficiency of recuperative power persist to a serious degree.

A lengthy consultation was held this morning by five of the noted specialists who have been attending His Majesty. It was devoted partially to a general review of the progress that he has been making.

Consider New Measures
More strikingly, however, it was revealed that new measures had been considered and adopted for remedying the situation caused by the failure of the patient to respond in a better degree to treatment designed to build up his strength and to pull him through to convalescence. There was no hint at this time as to what these measures would be.

It was evident that one difficulty which bothered the doctors had been overcome to some degree as it was stated that the king was taking nourishment more readily. Today's bulletin marked the resumption of an official morning statement as for the past Christmas, that issued in the evening, had been given out.

Family With His Majesty
An important feature of the bulletin was the statement that the king's general condition does not show the same progress. It is His Majesty's general condition which is the physicians' chief concern and it will not be until this shows a considerable improvement that it was stated, any more definite progress can be made.

All of the royal family except the Duke and Duchess of York were at the palace last evening. Princess Mary who had been expected to go to Leeds to be with her husband, Viscount Lascelles, stayed in London. The Prince of Wales gave his beloved horses a rest and was at the palace until midnight. The Duke of Gloucester and Prince George were also there.

It was understood that the Duke and Duchess of York would return today from Northamptonshire where they went on Wednesday.

BEIGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 28 (AP)—King Alexander has been confined to his room with a cold but he was able to receive Premier Korushetz yesterday.

Five Murdered
In Gastonia, N. C.,
Son Is Arrested

GASTONIA, N. C., Dec. 28 (AP)—J. W. Vandenberg, a farmer, his wife and three of their children were killed and their bodies burned early today in their home near the town of Dallas, five miles from here.

A 17-year-old son of the couple is held in the Gaston county jail suspected of having slain the five and set fire to the home in an effort to hide the crime. Police said they had been informed that the son had become angered about something shortly after midnight. It was believed that the body of the son was still in the home.

The bodies were brought to Gaston this morning and an inquest will be held during the day.

No Peace Award
At Wilson Dinner

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—The annual dinner of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial foundation will be held at the Hotel Astor tonight but no award for international peace and friendship will be made as has been customary. The dinner will mark the 72nd birthday anniversary of the late president.

Frederick H. Ingersoll, governor-elect of New York, who was assistant secretary of the navy under Wilson, will be the principal speaker.

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NEW CABINET
SELECTIONS
COME LATERPresident - elect Declares
He Will Pick No One
Before ConferencesEXPECT MELLON
TO BE RETAINEDHoover With Two Months
Remaining Before In-
auguration, Faces Very
Strenuous Period

ABOARD U. S. S. UTAH, Dec. 28 (AP)—With the labors of his presidential campaign and his goodwill trip through Latin-America behind him, Herbert Hoover faces another strenuous period during the less than two months which remain before his inauguration.

The president-elect has before him no inconsiderable task. He has the selection of his cabinet, the mapping of the policies of his administration and the preparation of his inaugural address. To write this address, one of the most important of his career, which he will deliver at his inauguration March 4, Mr. Hoover will go from Washington to Florida in the middle of January to take up his residence on the quiet Miami estate on an island near Miami.

While Mr. Hoover has mapped out this speech, his first state paper, in a general way, its actual writing will require some time as was demonstrated during his political campaign. He likes to give his full attention to the preparation of an address, treating his words until they suit him in the smallest particulars.

Mr. Hoover naturally has been giving his thoughts to his cabinet, but if he has even any definite selection of members, then entirely to himself. Even his closest advisers on the Latin-American tour assert he has given no indication of his appointments.

Mellon May Stay
The general belief is, however, that Secretary Mellon will remain as the head of the treasury department and possibly one other member of the cabinet of President Coolidge will be retained.

The president-elect himself has stated that he will make no final cabinet selections until he has had an opportunity to confer with friends and republican party leaders after his arrival in Washington.

It was reiterated today that Mr. Hoover will make no effort during his stay in the national capital to influence legislation pending before the present session of congress and that the calling of an extra session of the new congress depends upon what the present short session does, especially with respect to farm legislation.

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Amundsen Story
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