

CALLS FOR ADDITIONAL BUDGET CUT

Senator Harrison, of
Mississippi, Introduces
Resolution Today.

REPORT MADE ON BISHOP CANNON

"Apparent Violations" are
Cited — Johnson Continues
Fight in Senate
Against Moratorium.

IN WASHINGTON
Senator Johnson, of California, continues his battle against the Hoover moratorium.

President Hoover signs resolution to provide \$200,000,000 for veterans' bonus payments.

Congress to begin work on reconstruction corporation early next month.

Senator Harrison introduces resolution asking additional \$300,000,000 cut in budget estimates.

Campaign funds investigating committee gives report on Bishop Cannon's activities.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — A resolution calling upon the senate appropriations committee to reduce appropriations for the next fiscal year \$300,000,000 below budget estimates was introduced today by Senator Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi.

The resolution was in line with the program for cutting appropriations agreed upon a week ago by the Democratic policy committee of the house and senate.

It would express "the sense of the senate" that the committee should make the cuts in the budget recommendations.

REPORT ON BISHOP RECEIVED
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — The senate was informed by its special campaign funds investigating committee today that Bishop James C. Cannon, Jr., collected more than \$100,000 in the anti-Smith Democratic campaign of 1928, but reported

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U. P. REPORTS
HIGHER INCOME
DURING MONTH

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — At least one prominent trunk line reporting for November today was able to show an increase in net operating income over the like period of 1930.

The Union Pacific system reported net of \$3,397,734, as compared with \$3,181,893 for the same month of last year. The gross operating income, however, showed a substantial decline, indicating that the improvement in net was accomplished through slashing maintenance and operating expenses. Gross for the month was \$11,557,930, as reduced from \$15,649,019 for November, 1930.

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Farmer Drives Fifteen Miles To Play in Band

La Grande Organization
Made Up of Men From
Practically Every Walk
of Life — All Loyal.

By Raymond O. Williams
(Publicity Director)
Men from practically every walk of life make up the personnel of the La Grande band. Here they are drawn together for a common cause. They find the band a medium whereby their musical endeavors may be blended together and form notes of harmony which bring joy to the hearts of their many listeners. Here not only harmony in a musical sense exists but also a harmonious mental attitude of the members towards each other is prevalent and a spirit of one for all and all for one exists.

One can best appreciate the cosmopolitan atmosphere of the members of such an organization by attending one of their rehearsals. There you have a chance to see just who the members are and how they enjoy their work. Last Monday night at rehearsal there were enough farmers, who had come in from the country, to make a ruble band for Alice and they threaten to do this if the La Grande band is not kept intact.

Along with the farmers were mill hands, roadworkers, druggists, merchants, tourist camp operators, carpenters, brick layers, automobile

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Owls, With Win
Over Baker, To
Play Pendleton

The Jack Allen Owls, La Grande independent basketball quintet, defeated the Baker Blue Jays at Baker last night 34 to 14 in the first game of the season for the local cagers.

Led by Clive Moore, who started at forward and found up at center, scoring a total of 19 points, the Owls demolished the game throughout. In the first half they scored 21 to Baker's 9 and in the second 13 to 5.

Baker's team, however, was weakened somewhat by illness which broke into the regular lineup.

Wednesday night at 8 p. m. the Owls will make their first home stand, facing the Buick Wizards from Pendleton, represented as a crack organization and likely to give the La Grander a keen battle.

Games also have been scheduled with the Jack Allen team of Pendleton, the Standard Oil All-Stars of Walla Walla, the Holix Red Devils, and several others. The schedule with Baker, Holix and Walla Walla calls for home-and-home games.

The local five has its eyes on the 1931-32 Eastern Oregon Independent

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Howard Owsley
To Captain '32
Football Team

Football letters, numerals and stars were awarded to 97 La Grande High school students at an assembly this morning, and at the conclusion, the first string lettermen met and elected Howard Owsley, center, as captain for 1932. Owsley's fine line play was a feature of the Tiger team throughout the season just past and in 1930 he played a strong game in the same position.

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TYPICAL GIRL



She's a typical "Girl of Today." That's what judges of a contest held in Sweden decided after viewing her photograph and those of 150 rival contestants. Yes, her name is Gretchen — Gretchen Carlson.

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Students of Central Grade
School Present Pageant
"O Holy Night."

A tableau, as beautiful as an old Italian painting, depicting the scene at the manger following the birth of Christ, was reproduced and formed the setting for the Christmas pageant, "O Holy Night," which was presented by the teachers and pupils of the Central school for the benefit of the Central Parent Teacher association last night at 7:30 at the high school auditorium.

Robert Stevens, first grade, welcomed the guests in an appropriate little talk, after which the 1B and 1A grades sang an action song, "A Mending Ben," under the direction of Miss Vina Conley.

Mrs. James McNamee sang "Canticle of Noel" during the intermission.

The stage setting was arranged by Mrs. E. A. McEachern, principal, and Robert Wakefield, faculty member of the school. "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks" was the opening scene. Dorothy Campbell was the reader, and Kenneth Crawford, Carl Hansen, Joseph Feik and four Handicks were the shepherds.

A chorus of 40 voices from among the pupils of the 8th grade accompanied the scene.

"We Three Kings of the Orient Are" was the second tableau, with Howard Webb, Donald Browning and Billie Geibel as the kings. "Silent Night" was an exceptional tableau, with Virginia Campbell representing the Madonna, and Louise Maria Williams and Francis Clark as the angels. A chorus from the third and fourth grade sang "Silent Night." Miss Campbell read the story of the wise men, and the chorus sang "Little Town of Bethlehem."

"Away in a Manger," a Christmas hymn, was sung by the second grade, after which the finale was sung including "O Come All Ye Faithful," and "Joy to the World."

"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" was sung as the processional by a vocal chorus.

The school world's Christmas tree, decorated with Virginia Campbell and Miss Blanche Spears, was an interesting feature of the program, in which children from all nations

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NAME LANGREN
PRESIDENT OF
LUTHER LEAGUE

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U. S. POSTAL AUTHORITIES NAB ROBBERS

Two Held in Jail at
Coquille While Officers
Question Them.

ONE AN ESCAPE FROM LEBAM CELL

More Than 20 Safe Robberies in Coos, Douglas and Curry Counties Lead to Arrests.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 22 (AP) — V. E. Raap, 35, and Roy H. Williamson, 34, were being held in jail to Coquille today while state and county police and postoffice inspectors questioned them about a series of safe robberies in Oregon, Washington and northern California.

Police said Raap was arrested Aug. 19 in connection with a postoffice robbery at Lebanon, Wash., and that he escaped from jail in Chehalis Sept. 27, when he slugged the jailer, took the official's keys and pistol and locked him in a cell.

Two men who were with Raap and Williamson when they were arrested at Winchester Bay last night, were held as accomplices.

Many Safe Robberies
Thirteen safe robberies have occurred in Coos county in the past two months, while Douglas county has had five, and there have been several in Curry county.

W. F. Case, postal inspector, who worked with Douglas and Coos county officers in arresting the men, said postal department operatives have trailed Raap and Williamson since Raap's escape.

The men were recently located in an isolated cabin at Winchester Bay.

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Old Man Winter
Formally Arrives
At 11:30 O'Clock

A few hours before the Old Man Winter formally arrived, the weather was not so cold as it is now.

Believe it or not, the autumn season did not end until 11:30 o'clock this morning!

Incidentally, in reviewing the fall period this year, it is interesting to note that it contained six weeks of "wintry weather" with the minimum colder than was recorded here at any time during the winter of 1930-31.

However, the autumn season wound up with a fairly warm flourish, with consecutive maximums of 49, 51, 41 and 44 above for Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

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Snow at Klamath
Greets The Winter

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GIRL'S BODY FOUND TODAY IN CINCINNATI

Six-Year-Old Marian McLean Discovered Dead in Tenement Basement

FIEND IS BLAMED FOR CHILD MURDER

Coroner Reports Tot Had Not Been Dead Long — Clothing Torn, Blue Mark on Forehead.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 22 (AP) — A basement in a tenement building today yielded the body of six-year-old Marian McLean who was kidnapped six days ago. She had been attacked and murdered.

The body, bearing evidence of strangulation, was found by Charles Bischoff, an occupant of the tenement, when he went into the cellar to fire the furnace.

From all appearances it had not been there long. Bischoff having been in the basement last night to fire the furnace. It was not there then, he said.

Face Tear Stained
The tear-stained face of the tiny body indicated the child had cried considerably before she was killed.

Coroner M. Scott Kearn said the child had not been dead long. Her clothing was torn and there was a small blue mark on her forehead.

No other marks were visible on the tiny form, but officials were certain she was attacked before she was slain. Marian's body still was clad in the blue chinchilla coat she wore when her mother allowed her to go into the street last Thursday after a long illness. A few hours later she had disappeared.

Theory Upheld
Discovery of the body upheld the theory of police officers, expressed several days ago, that the girl had

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Schools Prepare
For Christmas
Program Dec. 23

Wednesday will be a big day in the lives of school children, for it not only means that it is the last day of school in 1931, but also that Christmas is only one day off. All the city schools in La Grande will close tomorrow afternoon for a holiday to continue until Jan. 4.

Entertainments for the grade school children are being planned at the Willow, Central and Greenwood schools, with each room supplying its own program. Plays, musicals, parties and other forms of entertainment have been planned, and many of the rooms will also have Christmas trees.

The parents are invited to attend the programs. At the Riviera school the pupils are presenting a Christmas program for the benefit of the Parent Teachers association at 1:45.

The program at the Willow school will start at 1 o'clock, with the first grade presenting a half hour's program at that time, at 1:30 the second grade will perform and so on throughout the afternoon, in order to enable the parents to attend all the programs.

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BILLIONAIRE?



Seventy-four - year - old Stefano Bonifacio hopes to exchange his job as a park sweeper in Union City, N. J., for the life of a billionaire some day. He has laid claim, in his name and that of five relatives, to 75,000,000 pounds sterling which King Francesco Claudio Bonnet of Madagascar transferred to London from the Indian Bank of Calcutta 100 years ago.

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PASSENGERS ON
LINER DRENCHED

Storm Hits Tuscania in Mid-Ocean — Injuries Fatal to One Woman.

GLASGOW, Dec. 22 (AP) — One woman was fatally injured and 35 other passengers less seriously hurt when a storm struck the Anchor liner Tuscania in mid-ocean last week, passengers from the ship said today when they disembarked here.

The ship left New York Dec. 12 for Belfast and Glasgow. The name of the dead woman was Mrs. Sarah Rodger, an American. Her body was taken off the ship at Belfast, passengers said.

They told a tale of terror. The vessel was struck, they said, by a gigantic wave which swept many of them off their feet. The ship was turned around head-on once on Tuesday and once again on Wednesday, they said, by the force of the gale.

Crew Prevents Panic
On Wednesday night, they said, many of the third class passengers were in the accommodation companionway when a tremendous sea swept over the vessel, hurled men and women arising in the swirling waters on the deck and only the coolness of the crew prevented a panic.

"We had heavy seas all the way from New York," said John McGuire, of Pife, a passenger, who returned home for Christmas. "Wednesday night it was really bad."

He was standing with several other passengers in the accommodation companionway when we were horrified to

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"BIG FOUR" IS
SERVED WITH
WAGE NOTICE

CHICAGO, Dec. 22 (AP) — The "Big Four" brotherhoods of railway employees were served yesterday by members of the association of western railroads with 30-day notices of a 15 per cent wage reduction.

The action was taken in conjunction with the other railroads of the nation in line with a decision reached by the presidents at their conference in New York last Friday.

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Lindsay Found Guilty But Will Escape Gallows

Jury in Seattle Returns
Verdict of Second Degree
Murder — No Pre-
meditation Established.

SEATTLE, Dec. 22 (AP) — Everett Frank Lindsay knew today he would escape the gallows for the murder of his wife, Audrey Elizabeth Lindsay. The confessed wife slayer was found guilty of second degree murder by a superior court all-man jury last night on the fifth ballot after three hours and 15 minutes deliberation. The jury had received the case at 4:15 p. m., after Prosecutor Robert M. Burgunder had asked the death penalty and Lindsay's attorneys pleaded self-defense.

No Appeal Planned
Under the law, he may be sentenced from 10 years to life imprisonment. His attorneys, B. Gray Warner and Oscar A. Zabel, indicated no appeal would be taken. They thanked each of the jurors.

Only a few minutes before the jury came in Lindsay told a detective "I guess I'll swing all right."

Burgunder said that in the 10 years he has been in various county prosecutors' offices he has never asked the death penalty before, but he felt Lindsay deserved hanging.

The defense insisted the state failed to establish the element of premeditation, necessary in first degree murder. Lindsay's story was that his wife threw hot coffee in his face the morning of the murder, which so enraged him he killed her with a hammer.

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Hoover Forgets
Cares To Greet
Son And Family

By John F. Chester
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (AP) — President Hoover spent today the cares of chief executive duty for a moment today to become just a grandfather, welcoming two blue eyed, blond haired children into the White House.

He stepped onto the open portico as soon as their automobile swung into the grounds. Within a minute he had an arm around young Peggy Ann, with an affectionate kiss for her, and a pat for Peter Hoover, who clung to his leg.

A cold, misty day and heavy falling rain failed to prevent Mr. Hoover from giving an affectionate welcome at Union station to his son, Herbert Jr., his wife and the two children when they arrived from the west.

"Hello, granddaddy," cried Peggy Ann, age 7, as she rushed onto the White House portico, and the cry was echoed by Peter.

The president and first lady and their sons and grandchildren exchanged more greetings inside.

Then the entire party romped from the White House to the president's office, with Peggy Ann and Peter clinging to their grandfather's hands as they walked.

The chief executive had breakfasted earlier with his younger son, Allan, who arrived late last night from Los Angeles. He walked back to the White House with them all and joined in the conversation with the rest of the family late.

Peggy Ann and Peter lost no time in making the White House their own.

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OLD LEADERS STEP OUT OF THEIR POSTS

Entire National Government Cabinet, Ministers, Etc. Resign Today.

NANKING AMAZED AT GROUP ACTION

Former President Leaves
For Farm Home — Japanese Troops Capture Fukumen Near Mukden.

NANKING, China, Dec. 22 (AP) — China's fast-shifting political stage underwent an additional shakeup today when the entire national government cabinet, ministers and vice ministers, tendered their resignations as a unit.

The capital was astounded by the news of the resignations.

Former President Chiang Kai-Shek left suddenly by airplane for his native town of Fenghuo, in northern Chekiang. His departure was carried out quietly. Even his associates here did not know of it. Only this morning he had indicated to party leaders who are convened here to form a new government that he intended to attend the sessions and assist in setting up the new regime.

Reason a Mystery
The reason for his leaving remained a mystery tonight. The belief was expressed in some quarters, however, that a number of the leaders who are slated to come here to assist in forming the new government declined to do so unless General Chiang departed.

Nanking was buzzing tonight with rumors of renewed splits among the party chiefs which some observers said, might make the likelihood of the formation of a new government remote.

The resignations of the cabinet members were turned in despite appeals by General Cheng Ming-shu, acting head of the executive Yuan, that they carry on their duties. The ministers declined and the government machinery is now at a complete standstill.

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INCREASES IN
SALARIES MADE
BY AUTO CO.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 22 (AP) — An increase of ten per cent in salary has been granted by the Willow-Grand company here to all office employees who have been receiving less than \$100 a month.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (AP) — The Travelers Insurance company of Hartford Monday declared an extra dividend of \$2 together with the regular dividend of \$4. A similar extra dividend was declared a year ago.

An extra dividend of 50 cents was declared Monday by the directors of the Standard Cap and Seal corporation. A similar extra dividend was declared at this time last year.

Vatican Library
Roof Falls; 1 Dead

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 22 (AP) — One person was known to have been killed and at least four were reported missing today when the roof over a wing of the Vatican library fell through two floors of the building.

The accident occurred a few minutes after the library had been closed for the day. Four of the victims were workmen who had been engaged in a job on the main floor, and the other was an employee of the library.

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