

'32 OUTLOOK REASSURING. MOSES SAYS

Senator Consults Financial Leaders in Washington as to Prospects.

HOOVER AT DESK DESPITE HOLIDAY

House Bill to Increase Capitalization of Federal Land Banks Boosted By Senators.

CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 26 (AP)—United States Senator George H. Moses said today that recent conversation with financial leaders at Washington had given him a reassuring view of the nation's business prospects in 1932.

"I found them much more optimistic to the future of American business than the general news reports from New York would lead one to think," he said. "One of the foremost of these financial leaders found discernible many very direct indications of an upturn and he was very definitely of the opinion that by the end of 1932 the nation would be well back to the level of business activity which preceded the crash."

Senator Moses expressed a doubt congress would approve that section of Secretary Mellon's tax program which would enlarge the number of federal income tax payers by bringing into the group those earning smaller incomes than are now taxable.

The senator predicted there would be some increase in the income tax levies in the higher brackets and also said certain "nuisance taxes" probably would be restored. He believed congress would approve the Hoover reconstruction corporation plan.

HOOVER STUDIES PROBLEMS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Despite the holidays for federal employees in the capital today, President Hoover returned early to his desk to consider possible additional action on his economic program.

It was said the president would confer again during the congressional recess with leaders of both parties upon this program.

A member of the executive secretariat, Theodore Joslin, said Mr. Hoover.

FOUR MEACHAM MEN ARRESTED ON ELK CHARGE

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—Four Meacham residents were arrested by state police and county officers Thursday on charges of illegal possession of elk meat, bringing to nine the number so charged in the past two weeks.

Those arrested were William Schreckhise, Raymond Schreckhise, Guy Coulson and William Travis. The officers said they confiscated five sacks of fresh meat, a pair of horns and an elk hide, as well as a quantity of beer.

Four Warner this week pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing elk meat and was fined \$25 and sent to jail for 30 days.

McLean Rites Held At Covington, Ky.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 26 (AP)—Funeral services were held today in St. Patrick's Catholic church, Covington, Ky., for Marian McLean, 6, kidnapped and slain several days ago by a degenerate. The crime remains unsolved.

Among the many mourners at the services were Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McLean, parents of Marian, reunited by sorrow over her death, after a year and a half of separation.

The mass was solemnized by the Rev. Thomas J. McGaffrey, who said it was sung "in honor" of Marian, and not "for her." Six little girls, Marian's playmates, were the pallbearers. Burial was at Latona, Ky.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Rain in the west and snow and rains in the east portion tonight and Sunday; heavy snow in the mountains; moderate temperatures; southeast gales offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—32 above.
Minimum: 29 above.
Condition: Cloudy, snowing.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 39, minimum 29 above. Range—10 degrees.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER DEC. 26, 1931
Maximum 26, minimum 7 above.
Condition: Clear, Range 19 degrees.

Quiet Christmas Is Observed In La Grande Area

No One Missed By Santa Claus—Elks Party Feature of Friday Events in This City.

Christmas day passed happily in La Grande, with no one missed by jovial old Santa Claus, and with the annual B. P. O. Elks Christmas party at Washington and Depot coming as a climactic event for hundreds of children.

The La Grande band opened the program near the Elks temple shortly before 11 o'clock and after a few selections, hundreds of children were treated to gifts. Previously the Elks had completed distribution of many baskets of provisions to needy families in the community, assuring them of a Christmas dinner.

The night before the city firemen finished distribution of more than 600 toys, and at many of the churches, Christmas programs were held. The Lutherans had an early morning program Christmas day and the Christian Sunday school had its tree and program last night, both with large attendances.

Snowless Christmas Day
From a weather standpoint, the day was not exactly satisfactory to many, who felt that Christmas was incomplete without a generous covering of snow on the ground. The maximum temperature was 39 above, representing a range of 10 degrees from a minimum of 29. This morning snow started falling, although many trapped.

The blaze had gained headway when the fire was discovered and roomers on the upper floors were

Five Dead, 17 Are Missing In Hotel Tragedy

SPRINGFIELD, Mass., Dec. 26 (AP)—Five persons were killed early today in a fire that swept the five story new court hotel. Only 17 of the 41 known occupants had been accounted for, however, and police expressed the belief that others also had lost their lives.

Search for more bodies was slowed up by the fear of collapse of floors and walls. Damage may reach \$100,000.

The dead are Samuel Knight, janitor of the building, his wife and two-week-old baby and an unidentified woman. Knight's body was found near a door, indicating that he was rushing for help when overcome, while those of his wife and baby were found in a bed. All deaths were due to suffocation.

Later a fifth body, that of Robert North, about 60, an employee of the place was found on the floor.

Mrs. Helen Ward Will Be Buried Here On Sunday

Mrs. Helen Ward, wife of J. Charles Ward, passed away Thursday evening. She was survived by her husband, one son, Robert; and one daughter, Ruth; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shumann, of La Grande; and by four brothers, William Shumann, of Billings, Mont.; Herman Shumann, of Minnesota; Edward Shumann, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Charles Shumann, of La Grande.

Mrs. Ward was a member of the Lutheran church and the Ladies aid of the Lutheran church and a member of the So-Ne-He club. She had been a resident of La Grande for the past eight years.

The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock from the chapel of Walkers Funeral Home with Rev. Edwin Bracher, pastor of the Lutheran church, in charge of the services. Burial will be in the family plot in Baker cemetery.

James Barham Is Called to Beyond

James Barham passed away at his home in New Meadows, Idaho, Wednesday evening. He was well known in La Grande, having lived here for two years with his daughter, Mrs. George Wright. He is survived by his widow and one son, E. S. Barham, of Riggins, Idaho; three daughters, Mrs. J. H. Clay, of Riggins, Idaho; Mrs. William McKesson, of Los Angeles, Cal.; and Mrs. George Tass, of La Grande; by three sisters and four brothers and several grandchildren.

The funeral will be held at the Methodist church in New Meadows Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock and another service will be held at the Methodist church in Weiser, Idaho, Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock with Rev. Mr. Quinn in charge of the services, and burial will be in the Weiser cemetery. Walkers Funeral service has charge of the arrangements.

Dempsey Has Offer Of \$500,000, Report

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—Jack Dempsey, former world's heavyweight champion, is quoted by the Telegram as declaring he has a "bona fide offer" of \$500,000 to meet Max Schmeling, present champion. He named "Max Schmeling" as his opponent in his contemplated comeback attempt.

YULETIDE IN NATION WARM, LIKE SPRING

Baseball Played in Minnesota, Lawn Mowing Takes Place in Chicago.

NATURE SEEMS TO HAVE DATES MIXED

Unusual Number of Automobiles on Highways Result in Large Death Toll on Friday.

By the Associated Press
Baseball in Minnesota, lawn mowing in Chicago, pansies, violets and even strawberries in the middlewest—these showed how the weather wind was blowing in America today.

Only the calendar, with its usual mathematical precision, realized it was late December. Nature in many places on the continent got its dates mixed and behaved like spring. Balmey breezes blew across the prairie provinces of Canada. At Fort William, Ont., they couldn't play hockey. The weather was too mild for ice making.

No Snow in Ketchikan
At Ketchikan, Alaska, up in Santa Claus, haitwick, they used Southern cotton as a substitute for snow. They had to. Nature had left them out in the warm.

In Mora, Minn., where it should be cold, they played baseball. The east was a bit chilly, but the wind's whistle there was really worse than its bite. Show there was none. The prediction for tomorrow was "warm-er" in most eastern spots, and the

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Hand 525—Jacoby tried five clubs and was set one. Net score Culbertson 14,455.

Hand 526—Lightner succeeded at a little slam in hearts, getting game and rubber. Net score Culbertson 16,455.

Rubber 88, hand 527—Culbertson contracted for four hearts and made five, getting game. Net: Culbertson 16,625.

Hand 528—Lenz made game at four spades. Net score Culbertson 16,505.

Hand 529—Culbertson contracted for three no-trump and made five, getting game and rubber. Net score, Culbertson 17,210.

DEATH TAKES A. WRIGHT; ILL SEVERAL DAYS

Ambrose Wright, pioneer resident of La Grande and a respected business man of the community, died at four o'clock this morning at his home at Willow and Cove after a comparatively short illness. His death came as a sad shock to his large circle of friends over the valley.

Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 p. m. at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary with Rev. Edwin W. Bracher in charge. Burial will take place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Mr. Wright, who was born in Wisconsin, May 18, 1864, came to Oregon in 1887. He was 67 years, seven months and eight days of age. He leaves his widow, Anna; a brother, Chris Wright; and a nephew, Pete Wright, all of La Grande, besides other relatives and friends.

California Humbles Georgia Tech In Charity Game at Atlanta Today

ATLANTA, Dec. 26 (AP)—Using a vicious attack, the University of California's Golden Bears defeated Georgia Tech 19 to 6 in their intercollegiate post-season game for charity here today, and thereby boosted a notch higher the far west's 1931 margin of superiority over the south.

California led 7 to 0, until the last quarter when Tech scored a touchdown but failed to convert. The Bears came back in the same period to clinch the contest with two more scores.

Some 10,000 persons in the stands saw Ben Cherry, Tech fullback, take California's kickoff and return the ball to Tech's 27-yard line. The Georgians were unable to break through the California wall and punted.

Bears Score 7 Points
California quick-kicked and Tech

Japanese Reply To Powers Will Explain Position

Will Be Couched in Polite Terms But Will Make No Promises, Reports Today Indicate.

By James P. Howe
TOKYO, Dec. 26 (AP)—Japan's reply to the latest diplomatic communications concerning the city of Chinchow, accompanied by a lengthy statement of her position in Manchuria, will be delivered tomorrow to the ambassadors of the United States, Great Britain and France.

In view of the fact that Secretary of State Stimson is understood to have frankly expressed apprehension regarding bandit hunting activities in that area, it was said authoritatively that the Japanese government also will be quite frank in its answer, approved by Premier Inukai and Minister of War Araki.

It was understood the statement stresses the point that Japan is making every effort to avoid hostilities at Chinchow and still has hopes that the lawless elements will be removed by some means other than force.

Makes No Promises
It emphasizes the importance of Japan maintaining peace and order in Manchuria but tells the three powers in polite terms that Japan makes no promises to alter her stand in Manchuria as long as Japanese lives and property continued to be menaced by outlaws, although appreciating the anxiety registered.

A war office communiqué said the Chinese at Chinchow had completed defense lines west of the Taling river, in the region of Tachuan, and at other places. Chang Hsueh-liang's troops number 84,000. Including irregulars, all well supplied with ammunition, the communiqué said.

It added, 8,000 Chinese have been driven from Kia-yuan and Tiehling, but the Chinese

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Raap Confesses Lebam Robbery

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—Sheriff V. T. Jackson announced today that V. H. Raap, held in jail here, has confessed he robbed the Lebam, Wash., postoffice several months ago, and implicated R. H. Williamson who likewise is a prisoner. Raap was arrested at Chelaha shortly after the Lebam robbery but escaped jail after slugging the jailer and taking his keys and pistol.

Federal inspectors and county officers said they have been unable to link Raap and Williamson with more than 20 other recent safe robberies in Oregon and Washington.

Deputy Sheriff At Harlan, Ky. Killed

HARLAN, Ky., Dec. 26 (AP)—Owen Sizemore, deputy sheriff and mine guard, was killed in a fight that followed distribution at Chevrolet late last night of literature which Sheriff J. H. Blair said today was designed to accuse coal miners for the general strike called by the national miners union for Jan. 1.

Sheriff Blair said he believed Virgil Hutton, 37, unemployed miner whom he accused of shooting Sizemore, was wounded by Deputy Sheriff Dixon as he fled. Posses were sent into the hills in search of Hutton.

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HOOVER SHOPS AT "FIVE AND TEN"



Even President Hoover shops for Christmas gifts at the "Five and Ten." Here you see him, left, with Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover Jr., mingling with the crowd in a Washington, D. C., five and ten-cent store, buying inexpensive gifts for his grandchildren, Peter, 4, whose official name is Herbert Hoover III, and Peggy Ann, 5.

Pope Calls For Protestant And Catholic Union

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 26 (AP)—A call for the union of Protestants and Catholics the world over was issued by Pope Pius XI today in an encyclical entitled "Lux Veritatis."

"The encyclical, meaning 'the light of truth,' and dated on Christmas, commemorates the fifteenth hundredth anniversary of the council of Ephesus, which condemned the doctrines of Nestorius, patriarch of Constantinople."

The pontiff addressed to Protestants a paternal exhortation to follow the example of Catholics in invoking the protection of the Virgin Mary as a mediator and intercessor with God and said that if it was believed Jesus Christ was God, she who bore him must be called the mother of God.

If Mary is the mother of God, he continued, she must fill every grace and be adorned with every privilege. Therefore, he said, those who venerate her life must imitate her. The objection which Protestants bring forth against the federation of men, he said, is thus very clearly answered.

The pope made a special appeal to the eastern churches. He said they venerated Mary as the Roman Catholics do and recalled that they maintained themselves for many centuries in the unity of the apostolic see of Rome and that at the council of Ephesus they saluted the pope as the "custodian of the faith."

The pontiff appealed to them to return to what he described as their ancient common father, who 15 centuries ago united with them in an admirable harmony of mind and heart in proclaiming the divine maternity of the Virgin.

In inviting dissident churches to return to the fold of Rome, the pope cited history to show that the Catholic church always had been the central authority. He recalled that after the bitter controversy of Ephesus in that most grave extremity, the entire Christian hierarchy recognized the supreme authority of the bishop of Rome.

On the question of the divine and human nature of Jesus Christ, he said that the proof and illustration of the dogma that the two natures were embraced in one person had been taken from the sacred revelation of scripture and from tradition.

Two persons in Christ were not spoken of, he said, but only one person—even as the Savior is called both man and God; man who is born, nourished, suffers and dies, and God who works the greatest miracle by his own power.

E. O. N. Instructors Figure in Meetings

Several members of the Eastern Oregon Normal school staff will have parts in the program of the Oregon Educational meetings in Portland next week.

John Miller will serve as chairman of the resolutions committee. Miss Kate Houck is a delegate to the representative council which convenes Monday and she also will address the geography section. Miss Margaret Carstairs is chairman of the geography section and Miss Arta Lawrence will address the primary education section.

A luncheon for E. O. N. alumni will be held at the Heathman hotel Tuesday noon.

Refuses To Make Plea For Clemency

PARIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—George Gauchet, who refused to make a plea for clemency, died on the guillotine at dawn today for the slaying of an aged jeweler. He was 25.

"It would take a miracle to save me," he told his lawyer, "I deserve to die." He refused the sacraments, confession and communion but attended mass before the knife fell. A crowd attempted in vain to witness the execution, twice breaking police cordons.

OREGON LEADS IN PRUNE PRODUCTION

Second to Washington in Cherry Yield—Farm Value of Crops Given

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (Special)—Oregon led the Pacific Northwest states during 1931 in the production of prunes. Government figures released this week reveal that the Oregon prune crop (for fresh use) totaled 21,500 tons, compared with 10,500 for Idaho and 11,750 for Washington, and the prune crop (dried) for Oregon amounted to 27,000 tons compared with 3,750 for Washington and none for Idaho.

In cherries, Oregon with 9,000 tons was a close second to Washington with 10,000 tons. Idaho produced 8,000 tons.

Oregon also led in production of strawberries, with 5,930 acres to Washington's 7,880.

The farm value of various fruit crops in Oregon in 1931 follows: apples \$2,282,000, pears \$1,390,000, peaches \$246,000, prunes (fresh use) \$430,000, prunes (dried) \$2,225,000, cherries \$540,000, grapes \$60,000.

EXPLOSION OF LOCOMOTIVE IS FATAL TO TWO

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 26 (AP)—With a roar heard for miles, the locomotive on the Southern Pacific's west coast limited exploded near Richvale, Butte county, yesterday, killing Joseph Stume, the engineer and Walter T. Stone, fireman. None of the holiday passengers on the train was injured.

Investigation to determine the cause of the explosion, which occurred as the train rolled at a speed of only 25 miles an hour, was under way by Southern Pacific officials. Belief was expressed the boiler exploded, but the cause was not ascertained.

Passengers were frightened as the blast tore away the locomotive and sent its tender down the tracks a mile at terrific speed, but the automatic air brakes brought the train to an almost perfect stop.

Stume's body was found close to what remained of the engine, and Stone's had been hurled some distance. Both men had apparently been killed instantly. They lived in Sacramento.

Relief engines were rushed to the scene and brought the train to Sacramento, where it continued to Los Angeles.

TO GET PRISONER

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 26 (AP)—Sheriff Ralph Jennings of Jackson county left last night for Denver to assume custody of Albert W. Reed, who will be returned to Oregon to answer to first degree murder charges in connection with the slaying at Ashland last month of Victor Knott, special policeman.

Turkey Swallows Knife, Attacks Man And Then Escapes

LAURENSBURG, N.C., Dec. 26 (AP)—W. L. Roper, poultry man, was recovering today from an attack by a turkey on which he attempted to demonstrate "the right way to kill one."

P. J. Jones, a physician, bandaged up Roper, who attempted to penetrate the bird's brain with a knife. The turkey swallowed the knife, attacked the poultry man, and then walked off.

EXCHANGE OF DEBT VIEWS UNDER WAY

France and Great Britain Reported in Tentative Agreement.

ATTITUDE OF U. S. VERY IMPORTANT

Press Says Europe Between Hammer and Anvil—Germany Cannot Pay.

PARIS, Dec. 26 (AP)—With France and Great Britain in tentative agreement, an exchange of views was taking place today among governments signatory to the Young plan relative to an international reparations conference at the Hague on Jan. 18.

The French government is awaiting the reaction from other countries—expected to be favorable—before making an official announcement. A cabinet meeting scheduled for today to discuss the Basel report and the proposed conference was postponed until next week.

U. S. Attitude Sought
It was learned authoritatively that some nations have been unofficially attempting to find out whether the United States is likely to accept a reduction in debts due her in proportion to any cuts in German reparations. Official circles hold that the American attitude is likely to prove an important factor in the parity.

The newspaper Ami Du Peuple said Europe was finding itself between the hammer and the anvil—between a Germany which refused to pay and an American which exacts payment.

The attitude of the United States will exert a powerful if not a decisive influence on the meeting, in the opinion of the widely read organ, Le Temps.

"Without the aid of the American adjustment of intergovernmental debts cannot be usefully examined," the paper said, "and in that case, one must proceed on the narrowly limited domain of the Young plan."

"The Germans deceive themselves if they imagine the question will be put otherwise at the governmental conference than at the consultative committee's meeting at Basel."

The Journal Des Debats expressed the belief that "the American policy and the feebleness of the former allies in Europe regarding Germany have created an absurd and dangerous situation."

U. S. PARTICIPATION UNLIKELY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—Participation by the United States to the extent of sending an official delegate to a world conference on German reparations was regarded today as unlikely in view of the consistent attitude of the American government that reparations and war debts are not directly interrelated.

There was a lack of official information or comment on such a conference but it was assumed Washington might be asked to send an unofficial observer, even should the conference be confined to Germany and those nations directly affected by reparations payments.

It has been anticipated in official circles that the reparations powers probably would find it necessary to meet in view of the report made by the Basel committee as to Germany.

AUTO HIT BY TRAIN; DEATH TOLL AT NINE

CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 26 (AP)—A party of nine returning to their homes after a Christmas celebration here was wiped out early today when their automobile was struck by southern passenger train in the outskirts of Charlotte.

Five men, two children and a woman were instantly killed, the other passenger, Mrs. Loma Cox, died about two hours after she was taken to a hospital.

The northbound passenger train crashed into the light touring car, traveling with side curtains up, at a grade crossing on Dowd road in the southwestern section of Charlotte. Fragments of the car were scattered for a distance of two blocks.

Besides Mrs. Cox, the identified dead were: John Love, R. O. Sharpe, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Holton, and C. E. Cox.

Sub-Committee To Hear Repeal Bills

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—A senate judiciary sub-committee was created today to hold hearings on measures for the repeal and modification of prohibition.

Chairman Norris chose five members, headed by Senator Blaine, Republican, Wisconsin, to hold hearings shortly after Christmas on the various prohibition bills before his committee.

Other members are: Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho; Herbert, Republican, Rhode Island; Ashurst, Democrat, Arizona, and Walsh, Democrat, Montana.