

RAIN, FLOODS IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Rivers Overflowing Their Banks With Some Property Loss.

BLIZZARD ADDS TO DIFFICULTIES

Storm Rages in Area Between Ashland and Crescent Lake—High Tide Hits Seaside.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28 (AP)—The most destructive storm that has visited Southern Oregon and Northern California this year was on the way today and transportation and communication systems had large crews in the storm-bound country taking count of the havoc. High winds and heavy snowstorms had blocked railroads and taken down miles of telephone and telegraph poles.

Railroad service was expected to be near normal tonight if further snow did not block the canyons of the southern mountains.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28 (AP)—Flood by one of the heaviest rainfalls ever witnessed in Northern California, virtually every stream and river in the upper end of the state was rising today.

Many of them overflowed their banks yesterday, including the Sacramento river, which poured water toward Chico, and inundated lands near Colusa.

Rain fell steadily Saturday night and Sunday morning, reaching a high at Kennett, Shasta county, of 9.88 inches in 24 hours. Kennett is on the upper Sacramento river watershed.

Other sections of Northern California, as well as the central part of the state, heavy precipitations were recorded, rivers and streams in all watersheds were taxed to capacity to carry the load.

Eel River Overflows
In Humboldt county, the Eel river overflowed its banks, sweeping away several summer cottages, and inundating large areas of farm land.

Sonoma county reported the Russian river and some of its tributaries flooding surrounding districts. No monetary damage was reported, however.

The Napa river took a sudden rise, and swept away a shack occupied by Otto Bronke, 70, and it is feared Bronke had been drowned. His shack was located two miles from Napa.

Martin county shared in the excess water situation. Theaters reported flooded basements, as well as business establishments.

In Alameda county, some 40 homes were threatened.

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Sixty Men Get Work Here Due To Donations

McAllister Reports on Local Relief Plan—Total of \$2845.15 Collected in Two Months.

The plan of aiding the city's unemployed through the winter months through donations of one day's pay per month or whatever amount can be spared, is proving very satisfactory so far, it was announced by City Manager Angus McAllister today.

In fact, the plan is working out much better in La Grande than it is in some other Northwestern cities, he observed.

At present total donations have amounted to \$2845.15 (for November and December) and of this \$1982.13 has been spent. During the two months an average of 20 men have been working every week and through use of the "stagger plan," employment has been given to approximately 60 La Grande men. Twenty-one were at work last week, and 10 different men were on the job this morning.

Crews are still getting out between 50 and 60 loads of gravel daily, most of which is being placed on northside streets.

"The plan is doing a lot of good," Mr. McAllister said today, "and there is enough money on hand at present to provide for two more weeks disregarding future donations. In other words, we are two weeks ahead of the game and La Grande people are responding in a most gratifying way in aiding their own unemployed men."

Employees of the Sawtooth stores have donated 100 per cent, he said, and substantial donations have been received from other sources.

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Fellow Detroit Man Strikes At Ford's Policies

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—An attack upon the employment policy of Henry Ford was made before the American Economic Association today by a fellow Detroit man.

S. M. Levin, of the College of the City of Detroit, said the automobile manufacturer "not only utterly failed to co-operate with Detroit charities, but has shown open hostility to the welfare of his city."

Levin said Ford has termed charity degrading, but that "thousands of his employees are denizens of soup kitchens."

To less efficient workers who are forced out and hired back at lower rates, Levin charged, Ford "shows no mercy."

A federal labor board to devise plans for absorbing workers displaced by machines or by other industrial changes was recommended.

Sumner H. Silchester, Harvard professor of business economics, made the suggestion in a speech before the American Association for Labor Legislation, one of 11 societies allied with the American Economic Association. They opened a four-day session today.

Receives \$619,000,000 Less
John P. Fry, secretary of the American Federation of Labor's metal trades department, asserted at the same meeting that wage earners in 1928 received \$649,000,000 less than the preceding year.

M'FADDEN'S SUGGESTION NOT FAVORED

Pennsylvanian Would Have U. S. Take Territory as Debt Payment

FRANCE, ENGLAND DISLIKE PROPOSAL

No Official Statements Made But Reaction Is Not Favorable to Ceding Possessions.

LONDON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Congressman Louis T. McFadden's suggestion that England pay part of her debt to the United States by ceding colonial possessions brought from one responsible quarter today the terse comment, that "the time is long past when loyal British subjects can be asked to cede a foreign power for a monetary consideration."

There was no official comment and the afternoon newspapers which printed Mr. McFadden's suggestion refrained from editorial discussion.

PARIS SCORES ATTITUDE
PARIS, Dec. 28 (AP)—The Journal Des Debats referred today in its leading article to the suggestion by Congressman Louis T. McFadden that France and England pay part of their debts to the United States by ceding their colonial possessions in waters close to that country.

"Never before," said the article, "have Americans been so badly informed on Europe and so badly disposed toward their former associates."

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IMBLER SCHOOL DISTRICT VICTOR

Judge J. W. Knowles Decides Against County School Superintendent

By Mrs. Ray Wilson
(Observer Correspondent)
IMBLER, Ore., Dec. 28 (Special)—The mandamus action filed last summer by school district No. 11 (Imbler) against County School Superintendent E. A. Sayre, as a county official, has been settled in favor of the Imbler school district.

This action was the result of a controversy between the Imbler school board and county officials over payments due from the county high school tuition fund.

Each high school keeps a daily attendance record. At the close of the school year in June, the clerk renders a report to the county school superintendent showing the total cost of the high school for the year and the total number of days attendance. Thus the cost per day per student is arrived at and multiplied by the total number of days attendance of students who reside outside the district.

The millage to be levied against the school was the subject of the controversy.

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SHIP, TUG IN COLLISION IN THAMES TODAY

Woolwich, England, Dec. 28 (AP)—The steamship American Trader was in collision in the Thames today with a tug and the tug sank immediately. All members of the latter's crew were missing and were believed to be drowned.

Gandhi Speaks To 50,000 Of His Followers

Willing to Sacrifice Lives of a Million People if India's Liberty Can Be Secured.

LOSSIEMOUTH, Scotland, Dec. 28 (AP)—Prime Minister MacDonald, using scathing terms, denounced agitators in India tonight in one of his most outspoken statements on Indian affairs.

By James A. Mills
BOMBAY, India, Dec. 28 (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi, in his first speech after his return from London, told a crowd of 50,000 white-capped nationalists in an open field today he would not flinch from sacrificing the lives of a million people as the price of India's liberty.

In the last fight members of the nationalist congress had to face lathis (staves), he said, but the next time they may have to face bullets.

"If the fight is inevitable I will expect every son and daughter of Mother India to contribute his mite," Gandhi said. "However, I will not abandon attempts to save the nation from a fiery ordeal. If, on the other hand, there is no single ray of hope I shall not hesitate to call upon you to bear any amount of suffering."

Struggles With Constable
It seemed clear Gandhi was struggling with his conscience to find an escape from the revival of the fight against Great Britain. His speech was punctuated with "im" and other qualifying phrases.

"If the fight is inevitable I invite you to be ready for it," he said repeatedly, and then added, "but I will go to any extreme to avoid the struggle."

He said British officials were honest in their conviction that India is unfit for self-government, but "I am all the more convinced of the sincerity in the cause of liberty will meet even the stoniest hearts."

He counseled his followers to keep their heads despite the bloody events in the northwest frontier province, the arrest of Pandit Jawahar Nehru and deportation of Abdul Ghaffar Khan, leader of the "red shirt" tribesmen.

Blood ran as Gandhi arrived home today. Twelve persons were injured in a clash which took place at the pier where a huge crowd awaited his landing from the S. S. Piana. About 1000 "untouchables," carrying black flags had gathered for an anti-Gandhi demonstration and they tried to rush the pier.

Delays in the national congress caught the rush of the mob. Police, with the assistance of the

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'Missing Link' Discovered By Prof. W. Patten

By Howard W. Blakeslee
(Associated Press Science Editor)
NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 28 (AP)—Discovery of a true missing link, an animal with the "foundations of the human face," was described in the American Association for the Advancement of Science today by Professor William Patten of Dartmouth college.

The link is a tiny, five-inch long skeleton, a half-inch long, which he named "Hesperomys." It is between 500,000,000 and 1,000,000,000 years old and has the typical markings of a certain early primate development of a human being.

It is an ostracoderm, an extinct ten-shelled, fish-like creature, descendant of giant spiders, the sea scorpions, which Professor Patten said

HOOVER WILL WELCOME ANY BUDGET CUTS

Inform Congressional Leaders Today of His Attitude.

FAVORS ANY MOVE TO REDUCE COSTS

President, However, Says That Further Cuts Should Not Impair Vital Functions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—President Hoover has informed congressional leaders he will "welcome" any reduction in government expenditures that congress may make.

Making only the exception that further cuts in the budget should not impair vital functions, the chief executive told the chairman of the senate and house appropriations committees that the administration looked with favor upon any move to reduce the budget even more than the \$369,000,000 slashed from departmental estimates by the budget bureau.

The president had before him today various phases of his economic program, upon which he will confer with leaders in Capitol Hill during the recess in an effort to expedite action.

Moss Messages Planned
White House officials said today that although Mr. Hoover contemplates sending several special messages to congress they probably will be withheld until the economic program is enacted.

Among the possible messages mentioned was one on the railroad situation, another on the consolidation of government offices and departments and a third on law enforcement, already forecast by the president himself.

The law enforcement message probably will deal with revising methods to stiffen the activities against gangsters and other criminals. It will deal directly with prohibition.

It was said, except in this light, in imparting to congressional leaders his favorable reaction to any prospective congressional budget cut, the president had in mind the slash of \$20,000,000 made in the budget last year after it had been transmitted to the house.

Mr. Hoover has given a warning, however, that with any proposed reduction care should be taken not to add new expenditures. He has pointed out directly to the \$850,000,000 in appropriations of this sort above the budget last year, principally to provide veterans bonus funds.

Meanwhile on capital hill there came an expression from Representative Snell, of New York, the Republican leader, of determination to co-operate with the Democrats in reducing expenditures.

Commenting on a statement of Representative Rainey, of Illinois, the Democratic leader, that his party would reduce budget estimates, Snell said, Rainey would find the Republicans willing to go as far as he does in cutting expenses.

Snell said that in the Democratic program as favor placing the burden on the wealthy class that is able to pay.

"At the same time I notice," he said, "they oppose making income and

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Administrator



Alfred J. Cleary, engineer, who has been named to the position of chief administrator of San Francisco, under a new charter effective in January.

COSTIGAN URGES FEDERAL ACTION

Colorado Senator Declares Present Funds For Unemployed Inadequate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28 (AP)—Senator Costigan told a senate committee today that nothing short of government help could provide necessary relief for the unemployed.

The Colorado Democrat's statement inaugurated hearings before a senate manufacturers' sub-committee, of which he is a member, on bills proposing direct relief contributions from the federal treasury.

Senator La Follette is chairman of the sub-committee. Other members are Senators Cutting, Republican, New Mexico; Hatfield, Republican, West Virginia; and Wheeler, Montana.

Referring to opposition to the relief measures on the ground that they would constitute a "dole," Costigan said:

"American must not starve while we quibble over words. Throughout history public money has been used to provide for the poor."

He said he had made a survey of the relief problem and found existing funds "inadequate."

"Innumerable distress and the need for further relief were clearly shown," he added.

The senator said charitable resources were heavily strained and some states were on the verge of exhausting their tax resources.

The first witness was William Hodson, executive secretary of the welfare council of New York City, who said he was testifying as an individual and not as a representative of the council.

"We cannot tell the total need we must carry," Hodson said, "but the total money in sight for relief is not sufficient to care for the families who are going to be in need this winter."

Hodson estimated there are 800,000 unemployed in the United States.

Trio of Youths Safe After Nine Days In Cascades

James Rowan, Olney Long and John Collins Return to Breitenbush Station Last Night.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—Just as plans were being made to send rescue parties into the blizzard-swept mountains for three college youths who left on a hazardous 90-mile hike through the Cascades, the boys returned exhausted late last night to their starting point.

The youths, James Rowan, 19, Portland, and Olney Long, 19, of Capitol Hill, both Oregon State college students, and John Collins, 19, Portland, student at the Oregon Institute of Technology, left Breitenbush, not far from Dec. 19, on a hike over the isolated 80-mile trail, planning to reach government camp Saturday morning.

When no word had yet been heard from them late Sunday, their relatives began plans to send out relief parties from government camp and to send airplanes over the route.

Forced to Return
Forest Ranger Elliot at the Breitenbush station shouted the news of their return. The trio had been wandering for nine days on the slopes of

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Educators Meet In Convention In Portland, Ore.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—Problems peculiar to Oregon's educational program were discussed here today by educators from all over the state, at the 32nd annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association. The three-day program opened this morning.

A short business session of the representative council and a discussion by Dr. Paul F. Cadman, executive secretary of the San Francisco stock exchange on "the role of the public school in the solution of the business crises," was on the morning program.

The convention is a combination of general assemblies and departmental meetings. Other visiting speakers include Dr. Walter B. Pitkin, professor of journalism at Columbia university, New York, and Dr. Paul S. Lammox, professor of education at New York university.

Twenty-one departments of teaching will include discussions of art, civics, mathematics, classroom teachers, commerce, county school superintendents, English, higher education, kindergarten work, music, rural schools and kindred subjects. Twenty more such sessions will be held Wednesday.

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GIORDANO, COLL ACQUITTED BY COURT ORDER

NEW YORK, Dec. 28 (AP)—Vincent Coll and Frank Giordano were acquitted by order of the court today of the murder of five-year-old Michael Vengali, slain in a Harlem street last summer by a gangster fusillade.

The trial of Coll and Giordano opened on Dec. 16. The state called as witnesses several children who had been playing in Harlem's "Little Italy" when a gangster car opened fire, killing the Vengali baby and injuring several others.

The principal witness for the prosecution was George Brecht, of St. Louis, who positively identified Coll and Giordano as the killers. Under cross-examination, however, Brecht admitted he had lied in his testimony when he said he had never been a witness in a previous trial.

Judge Corrigan, after directing the verdict, announced he was ordering Brecht committed to Bellevue hospital for observation.

JAPAN OPENS DRIVE WEST FROM YINKOW

May Develop Into Long-Expected Campaign Against Chinchow

TAWA CAPTURED AFTER SKIRMISHES

U. S. Prepared to Protest With Other Nations—No Forcible Interference Suggested.

By Glenn Babb
MUKDEN, Manchuria, Dec. 28 (AP)—A strong Japanese force moved up from Yinkow along a branch of the Peking-Mukden railway toward Kow-pangtze today to capture the town of Tawa after blasting a Chinese armored train out of the way with bombs from the air.

They had to fight as they went, cavalry opening the way through scattered forces of Chinese irregulars so the infantry could follow through and mop up.

There was a skirmish at Sanchiatze and another at Taipeichow before the main body got through to Tawa where planes had preceded it.

A detachment was separated from the main body and directed against Niuchuang where irregulars had moved in to recapture the town.

No Official News
Officially the movement westward from Yinkow was kept secret but there was a possibility it might develop into the long-expected drive against Chinchow itself. The advance was to halt for the night at Tawa but planes swept on toward Kow-pangtze bombing the irregular strongholds and reconnoitering. Tomorrow, it was reported, the Japanese column planned to move on to Pan-shan-shan, the next station on the branch line to Kow-pangtze.

A communique issued by Japanese headquarters here said the movement followed an attack by a mixed force of 2000 Chinese regulars and irregulars on the Japanese detachment at Sanchiatze, a short distance north of Tienchuan-shan. The fight lasted several hours and ended with the Chinese in flight.

Pursuing the enemy to the west, the Japanese column reached Shan-shan, where they captured after a two-hour battle.

At headquarters spokesmen declined to discuss the probable Japanese objective but reiterated a previous declaration that the army is determined to eliminate all "undesirable forces" from the entire district west of the Liao river.

"This may include Chinchow," he said.

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BIEBER, CAL. AGAIN HIT BY COSTLY FIRE

BIEBER, Cal., Dec. 28 (AP)—Two fires within a month have wiped out a block and a quarter of business buildings here, with a total estimated damage of \$60,000.

The second and smallest of the two conflagrations occurred early yesterday, burning down buildings over an area of a quarter of a block. Residents estimated more than \$50,000 damage had been done.

Origin of the fires remained a mystery. Volunteer firemen fought the flames with buckets full of snow and water from mud puddles to save the Hotel Bieber and the post office.

On December 8, a \$60,000 blaze destroyed an entire block of business buildings.

Hunting Accident
Fatal to Boy, 16

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 28 (AP)—Accidental discharge of a shotgun while he and another youth were hunting ducks on Lewis river, took the life of Donald Andring, 16, Sunday. The two were hunting from a boat. Donald reached for the shotgun, taking it by the muzzle. The hammer struck against the boat and the weapon discharged. The shot struck him on the right side under the arm. Death was instantaneous.

Wheat Today
CHICAGO, Dec. 28 (AP)—An unlocked for increase of the United States wheat visible supply, together with slackness of export demand, gave a bearish impulse to grain values today. Setbacks in securities were also a handicap. On the other hand, continued unrelenting rains in Argentina harvest regions injuring the quality if not the quantity of wheat yields failed to act as an offset.

Wheat closed unsettled at 4 1/2¢ under Thursday's finish, corn unchanged to 3¢ lower, oats unchanged to 3¢ lower, and provisions unchanged to 3¢ lower.

PORTLAND, Dec. 28 (AP)—There was practically no change in the price of either cash or futures wheat on the Portland market today. There was no trading in futures, the market reflecting a holiday character.

ALTOONA, Pa., Dec. 28 (AP)—A fire yesterday destroyed several units of the Pennsylvania railroad's Twelfth street shops. The loss was estimated at approximately \$1,500,000 by insurance officials.

The watchman discovered the fire about 8 o'clock and started to run for an alarm box but fell down a flight of stairs. When he recovered consciousness the fire had spread through oil-soaked waste and grease over the entire floor of the bolt shop. Oil reservoirs blew up and showered flaming oil to help spread the fire.

WEATHER FORECAST
Oregon: Rain in the west and snow in the east portion tonight and Tuesday; snow in the Cascades mountains; moderate temperature; fresh south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY
7 a. m.—29 above.
Minimum: 26 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 41, minimum 32 above.
Condition: Cloudy, traces of snow, rain, precipitation .05 of an inch. Range—nine degrees.

WEATHER DEC. 23, 1930
Maximum 31, minimum 5 above.
Condition: Clear. Range 26 degrees.