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THE WEATHER—Tonight and Thursday, Minimum temperatures: rain; variable winds.

FIRE WIPES OUT FAMOUS VENICE PIER

Veteran Fireman Killed and Property Valued at More Than Million Destroyed; Change of Wind Saves City From Flames

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—One fireman lost his life, a citizen was injured and property valued at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000 was destroyed Tuesday night when flames wiped out the famous pier at Venice, one of California's beach resorts.

Arthur Harlan, a Venice fireman, was crushed by falling walls while fighting the blaze, and died a few hours later in St. Catherine's hospital. Harlan, with Fire Chief Hubbard, was manning a nozzle when he was caught under the walls of the Ocean Inn. He was the oldest member of the Venice department in point of service.

Alburt (Curly) Rams of British Columbia suffered a fractured skull when he fell from a ladder while aiding the fire fighters.

The city of Venice was saved, it is believed, only by a timely turn of the wind.

STARTED IN DANCE HALL
Thornton Kinney, president of the Abbott Kinney company, owners of the pier, announced today the pier would be rebuilt at once.

Every concession and amusement place including the famous dance pavilion, the ship cafe, the Auditorium theatre and the ferris wheel were reduced to ashes. The flames originated late last night in the mammoth dance pavilion, where about 200 persons were dancing.

Following are some of the buildings destroyed, with the estimated losses: Dance pavilion, \$75,000; Ship cafe, \$35,000; Auditorium, \$50,000; Racing Derby, \$100,000.

Thousands of spectators jammed the streets approaching the pier and watched the firemen fight the losing battle.

It was announced that the total insurance will not exceed \$50,000. The pier was constructed in 1904 and became the center around which the beach resort was built. Total value of the pier and its concessions was placed at between \$1,000,000 and \$1,500,000.

Four men are known to be dead as a result of an explosion in No. 2 packing mill of the Du Pont powder works at Moosic, seven miles from Scranton, today. The dead are: Samuel Bowen, Edward Croone, Calvin Showell and one unidentified.

Relief workers started for the scene in automobiles.

FLIMSY PALACES OF NOTED COAST RESORT BURN

VIEW of the beach at Venice, Cal., near Los Angeles. The big pier and many of the widely known resorts such as the Ship cafe, in the pre-prohibition days favorite hangout of movie folk, were among the structures destroyed in last night's fire.



ARMOUR SEES RUIN IN PRICE SLASHING

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Continued price reductions on grain, livestock and "other products of the soil" can result only in ruin for producers.

J. Ogden Armour, head of Armour & Co., declared in a statement on business conditions here today. Curtailment of production and consequent scarcity and high prices, Armour warns, will follow continuation of the "anti-buying hysteria."

"Price liquidation," said Mr. Armour, "is about complete in most essential products. The buyers' strike, which was largely instrumental in bringing about reduced prices, has been successful."

PROFITS WIPED OUT
The paper profits of the war period have been wiped out as inflated prices returned to reasonable levels. The consumer's dollar has about won back its pre-war buying power.

"Not all commodities have gone through the liquidation process, however. The American people resisted the trend of the times, but in the long run the ratios prevailing between commodities before the war will return. I look for additional shrinkage in such things as building material and manufactures used by railroads and by public utilities, but I do not believe there should be or will be any further reductions in the prices of the products of the farm."

TURN COMING SOON
"The turn toward better business will come one of these days just as suddenly and just as irresistibly as did the present slump. The American people constitute the best market in the world and their buying power is as great as it ever was."

The minute the public realizes that prices for essentials have declined and even gone under production costs, buying will be resumed and accumulated stocks in most lines are so light that buying will be instantly reflected in industrial activity.

"I believe we are right on the eve of the day when the buying public will hang out the 'business as usual' sign."

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Principles of Christianity to Guide New Daily

Chicago, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The American Daily Standard, an evening daily newspaper to be conducted "along the principles of Christianity," began publication here today with a special Christmas edition.

The Standard made an editorial appeal for the support of those who have been "glorifying for a clean newspaper, unfettered and unedited for all members of the household."

The publishers stated their first and sole consideration will be the "truth" and constructive news will be emphasized and anything that is sensational or inimical to the American home will be barred.

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HUGHES DENIES HE HAS ACCEPTED
Previously Hughes in conversation over the telephone told the United Press he did not have a conference with Senator Knox in Washington yesterday as reported. The Washington story said Knox tendered him the office at a conference in Washington yesterday and that Hughes accepted.

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HUGHES IS OFFERED POST. DECLARES HIGH AUTHORITY
Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Charles E. Hughes has received a conditional offer to become secretary of state in the Harding cabinet and is considering it. It was learned on high authority here today.

The condition attached to the offer was said to be that Hughes should work for the rest of the world following Gabriele d'Annunzio's rejection of General Cavaglia's ultimatum calling upon him to surrender.

After a conference with Chief of Police Vollmer, he announced that upon his return to Berkeley he would send two men here from the Portland department to study local methods with a view of making use of suggestions gained here, in Portland.

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Portland's Building Record
Twelve million dollars have been invested in new construction in Portland this year. A notable feature has been the volume of industrial plant building. The city's 1920 building record approximates that of the pre-war year of 1913. The full facts of the year's building work is set forth in picture and text in the Oregon Progress number of The Sunday Journal magazine.

Misspelled Name On One Check; Now Serving 30 Days
Because L. B. Anderson forgot how to spell the name he is alleged to have been using on checks, he is now in the city jail serving a 30-day sentence, after being convicted for passing worthless paper.

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SOFT DRINK POGGONS LAWS MEAN TO FIGHT FOR TARIFF REVOCATION

Temporary Restraining Order Is Obtained From Judge Tazwell to Prevent Council Carrying Out Threat to Kill Licenses.

That proprietors of soft drink establishments are not going to give up their licenses without a struggle was indicated this morning when Frank and Tony Borelli and Joe Felice, copartners in an establishment at 255 Second street, obtained a temporary restraining order from Presiding Judge Tazwell of the circuit court, to prevent the city council from revoking their licenses.

Tuesday evening the city council decided to revoke the license issued to the Second street establishment. The move was fraught with unusual incidents.

Councilmen, attorneys and the large audience gathered at the hearing on revocation of licenses of soft drink dealers before the council.

Members of the city council, attorneys and a large audience sitting at the hearing of soft drink dealers on revocation of their licenses before the council Tuesday evening, were dumbfounded at the testimony offered by the police department in the department's request that the council annul the license of L. J. Stoop, manager of the Boiler-makers and Iron Shipbuilders' club at 131 1/2 Second street.

Stoops had frequently notified the police that bootleggers were operating in his neighborhood and had rendered valuable assistance in the arrest and conviction of the bootleggers, the police testified. Deputy District Attorney Deitch also testified before the council that Stoop had frequently rendered valuable service to his department in the capture and conviction of the prohibition law violators.

"JUST BECAUSE"
The Boiler-makers' and Iron Shipbuilders' club had never been accused of bootlegging; had never been accused of violating any other law, nor had anyone ever arrested there, the police testified. "Then will you kindly inform the council why you ask us to revoke this man's license?" Acting Mayor Bigelow inquired of the police. "We don't know, except that we thought you wanted to revoke it," the policeman's spokesman answered.

When the hearty laughter had been quieted and the irate councilmen had passed the impetuous in a state of wrath, the council voted unanimously to give Stoop a clean bill of health and to annul the license of the club.

U. S. IS ESSENTIAL TO DISARMAMENT
By Earl C. Reeves
London, Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Premier Lloyd George, speaking today at a luncheon to the dominion representatives, virtually served notice on the world that no progress can be made towards universal disarmament until the United States becomes a member of the League of Nations.

"No League of Nations could be complete until the great republic in the West is included in its membership," Premier Lloyd George said. "We look forward fully to the entrance of the United States into the league."

The premier sounded warning that unless the race in armaments is arrested another war may follow. The League of Nations meeting at Geneva as "one of the great events in the history of the world."

He expressed the belief that if there had been a League of Nations in 1914 the world war would have been averted. The league, said Lloyd George, is a necessary condition for peace, but he deplored the fact that no progress was made at Geneva toward world disarmament.

"There can be no real peace between nations so long as there is competition in armaments," said the premier. "But at the same time nations cannot risk disarmament until every country is included."

It was the terrible race in armaments that had more to do with the late war than any other force. All nations must come to an agreement that they will not renew their race. Unless this is done the result will be another clash.

Santa Claus Visits Indian Rescuers of Shipwrecked Men
Port Angeles, Wash., Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—Today is Christmas at the little Indian village of La Push, out on the bleak Washington coast. Before daylight a caravan of sailing canoes started up the Quillayute river for Mora. There the natives met Dick Pease and his wife of the Seattle Maritime Circle, who played the role of Santa Claus.

Wilson to Dine With Harding as One Comes In And Other Goes

Washington, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Woodrow Wilson and President-elect Harding will lunch together at the White House following the formal inauguration at noon on March 4, according to plans announced today.

Immediately after the luncheon, the man who has lived in the executive mansion for eight years will go to his home at 234 S street.

Secretary Tumulty said the president plans to ride to the capitol from the White House in company with Senator Harding. After the ceremonies they will return for luncheon at the White House.

Tumulty said the president's health has improved greatly in the last two weeks and he is planning to engage into writing a series of articles and books immediately after he leaves the presidency. The president did not mention any plans for an autobiography or memoirs, Tumulty said.

CACHE OF DEAD BANDIT LOCATED
Deputy Sheriff Christoffersen and Postoffice Inspector Clements have unearthed a cache supposed to have been made by "Dutch Frank" Wagner, escaped convict who was killed in a gun battle near Astoria several days ago. The information was received in a telegram by the sheriff's office this afternoon. Clements and Christoffersen reporting the find a mile north of Gardiner.

The cache contained 50 shares of stock of the First National bank of Portland, \$725 in War Savings and Thrift Stamps, \$75.91 in small change and 12 watches.

Further details were not contained in the message.

Postoffice Force Reduces Piles of Christmas Gifts
Postoffice employees are working 16 hours a day getting the outgoing Christmas mail started toward its destination. Postoffice receipts have been nearly 30 per cent larger this year than those of preceding holiday seasons. Postmaster Jones said today.

The outgoing mail is now nearly out of the way and the office force is concentrating upon caring for the incoming mail, which is expected to be exceedingly heavy Thursday and Friday, when all the force will work double shifts.

Some delay has been caused necessarily by inexperienced extra helpers, but by Friday night even the heaviest mail will be out of the way, it is expected, and postal employees, for the most part, will be free for Christmas day celebrations of their own.

Two Are Injured Cutting Mistletoe
Roseburg, Dec. 22.—Two accidents to people cutting mistletoe have occurred here. Frank Long, son of John T. Long, severed an artery in his leg. Through the experience, when he arrived home on the Seattle highway, fought a gun battle with officers and later made their escape. In the fight, Policeman George West of Fuyallup narrowly escaped death when a bullet passed through the breast pocket of his coat.

The crooks broke into several homes in the vicinity, covered the occupants with their guns and after robbing them of a sum varying from \$25 to \$50, disappeared.

Airman Is Aloft 18 Hours; Forced Down
Mineola, L. I., Dec. 22.—(I. N. S.)—After being in the air more than 18 hours in an effort to break the world's record for time continuously aloft, Lieutenant Ross C. Kirkpatrick was compelled by a leak in the gasoline tank of his airplane to land at Mitchell field at 1:35 o'clock this morning.

Clara Hamon to Get Millions "Lost" Will Provides for Her
By Sam Blair
Staff Correspondent Universal Service and Chicago Herald-Examiner. (Copyright, 1920, by Universal Service.) All Rights Reserved. Reproduction in Whole or Part Prohibited.
El Paso, Dec. 22.—Within 24 hours Clara Smith Hamon will be in friendly hands in the United States. She will go back to the town from which she fled after her farewell with the dying Jake L. Hamon, Republican national committeeman from Oklahoma, in the Ardmore hospital.

"I'm going back gladly," she said, as I interviewed her in Mexico. "I have nothing to fear. Where there is a jury that would find me guilty after I had told it the story I have told you?" There have been completed, I believe, the arrangements which she requested. She asked that some method be devised to keep her from falling into the hands of some petty officer who might seek to arrest her for the pompous glory he would achieve thereby.

HOME ROBBED OF \$1000 IN FURS, JEWELS

Burglar Loots A. P. Henningsen Residence of Diamond Rings, Stickpins and Imported Silk; Nurse Covered With Revolver.

After awakening the nurse at the A. P. Henningsen home, 1716 Scott avenue, at 4 o'clock this morning and asking her as to the male occupants of other rooms, an early morning burglar helped himself to \$1000 worth of valuables.

Mrs. Marie Butler, the nurse, heard a knock at the door. Thinking some member of the family was sick, she required attention she arose and unlocked the door. "Get back in bed and don't make a noise," said the burglar, pointing a gun in Mrs. Butler's face. She obeyed and patiently watched him steal her valuables.

FORCES HER TO TELL
"Now, tell me who is sleeping in the other rooms?" he said.

Mrs. Butler complied and after he had left her room she slipped into the bathroom and locked both doors, waiting there until she was certain he had left the house. She then awakened the family, including several young men, and the police were notified, but this was 45 minutes later.

The burglar purposely avoided rooms occupied by the men. The only other bedroom he entered was that of Miss Doris Henningsen. Miss Henningsen slept with her mother Tuesday night, so she was not disturbed, but her valuable were stolen.

Diamond rings, diamond stickpins, valuable linens, rare imported Chinese silks and hand-painted china, \$35 in cash and other valuables were stolen. Entrance was gained by jimmying open the library window in the rear of the house. The burglar left the same way.

COULD IDENTIFY HIM
Mrs. Butler told the police she would be able to identify the robber. He wore a long black overcoat and black hat. Henningsen is president of the Henningsen Produce company and part owner of the Hazelwood company.

The house is a large building to the north of the Great National bank of Portland, \$725 in War Savings and Thrift Stamps, \$75.91 in small change and 12 watches.

BANDITS DUEL AFTER PISTOL GET AWAY TACOMA
Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The eastern part of this city was terrorized early today by two bandits, who robbed several homes, held up motorists on the Seattle highway, fought a gun battle with officers and later made their escape. In the fight, Policeman George West of Fuyallup narrowly escaped death when a bullet passed through the breast pocket of his coat.

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\$6500 IS STOLEN FROM MESSENGER
Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Paul Sauer, 17-year-old messenger for the Security Trust & Savings bank, was robbed of \$6500 in the downtown district here today by a lone bandit armed with a revolver.

When the estate of the oil magnate and politician was adjusted in Oklahoma and Texas recently it was announced that Mr. Hamon died without leaving a will.

But hear what Clara Hamon said to me: "There positively was a will. I believe it still exists. I am trying to find it. It's in my family. I've walked through hell for 10 years with only an occasional glimpse of earthly peace. I guess I could continue on like this, were it not necessary."

MAY GET MILLIONS
The Hamon estate, it is estimated, is valued at more than \$15,000,000. If the woman's suspicions are correct and the will is found and made to stand in court, she will become possessed of a fortune of something like \$4,000,000.