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THE WEATHER—Rain tonight and Sunday. Clearing and brightening Monday. Minimum temperatures Friday: Portland ..... 44 New Orleans ..... 50 Seattle ..... 41 New York ..... 43 Los Angeles ..... 50 St. Paul ..... 35

America  
Is Seeking Opinion of  
All Leading Nations  
In World  
After She Failed to  
Convince France by  
Appeal

—By David Lawrence  
(Copyright, 1922, by The Journal)  
Washington, Dec. 30.—Having failed to convince France by informal conversations of diplomacy, the United States government has appealed to the opinion of the world in support of her position. The appeal is a settlement of the reparations problem.  
Secretary Hughes' speech at New Haven, almost coincident with the first expedition from the White House on foreign policy in three weeks, has a significance apart from the character of the proposal that a commission of financiers undertake to fix what Germany can pay. It means that the American government has been quietly advancing this proposal, but that France has not chosen since then.  
There is no reason to believe France has returned a flat negative, but there is every reason to suppose that the American government has made little headway by secret diplomacy and is trying open diplomacy again.

**SITUATION UNCHANGED**  
It is most unusual for the president and secretary of state to discuss proposals made to foreign governments. For weeks there has been a steadfast refusal to say anything, though it was known J. P. Morgan had conferred with Secretary Hughes and that a revival of the bankers' commission idea was under discussion.  
It was pointed out in these dispatches at the time that the key to the question was to be found in the report of the international bankers' committee made in June. That committee made certain recommendations, but France did not accept them. The situation has not changed since then. The American government is merely reviving the suggestion that a commission really try again.

When the committee of bankers met in Paris in June, France paid no attention to its suggestions. Now the American government hopes the situation has proceeded far enough for France to make the error of her way.  
The bankers are ready to examine Germany's assets and resources again and to recommend a loan to Germany whereby her first separation of payments can be made, but first France must agree to give up her apparently unrestricted right to punish Germany whenever she chooses.  
If the United States government had been able to convince France in the last fortnight that such a plan was worth trying, the French government's opinion wouldn't have been necessary. But the French government's policy has been more or less mercurial of late, anyhow.

**U. S. INFLUENCE FELT**  
First, it seemed as if France would invade the Ruhr, then the policy was abandoned. Realizing the tremendous moral influence which the United States wields in world affairs, the decision was made here to make public the American plan almost on the eve of the conference of premiers in Paris. That conference meets next Tuesday. Between now and then the impression made by the Harding-Hughes proposal for a revival of the international bankers' committee will be carefully weighed by French opinion.  
After many months of clamoring for American help the French will pause before they reject a concrete suggestion which is so clearly worked out. It involves no responsibilities on the part of any of the governments to accept the recommendations of the commission when they are made.

**WOULD NOT BE BOUND**  
"Governments need not bind themselves in advance," said Mr. Hughes in his New Haven speech, "to accept the recommendations of the bankers' committee, but they should at least make possible such inquiries with their approval and free the man who may represent their country in such a commission from any responsibility to foreign political instructions. People who obey the political instructions, if governments saw fit to reject the recommendations of the bankers' committee, they would be free to do so, but they would have the advantage of impartial advice and of an enlightened public opinion. People would be rescued from assertion and counter-assertion and the problem put upon its way to solution."  
The foregoing quotation lifts the curtain on what has been happening ever since the first hints were given that diplomatic moves of this kind were being made by America in the European situation.

**CARDS ON TABLE**  
It shows why the Borah resolution for an economic conference was regarded as muddying the waters at this time. It shows that the American government was driving hard for the appointment of a commission of bankers to meet in international conference and that France was privately arguing that her political situation would not permit of any recession at this time from her announced policy of making Germany pay the sums she offered a year ago in the London conference.

But with all the cards on the table the American government has played its trump card in public. France cannot very well reject a suggestion that the commission of inquiry be appointed. It can't say in advance that the commission will do the wrong thing. It can only say that the matter has already been investigated, but that would not dispose of it for there is a difference of opinion as to what Germany's capacity to pay has been and will be. There is a distinct feeling here that the world is on the threshold of another victory for open diplomacy as against secret negotiation and international politics.

SHERIFF IS  
JAILER FOR  
BOONIE THEFT

Des Moines Preacher-Hangman  
Accused in Connection With  
Disappearance of Liquor  
Valued at \$30,000; In Fight.

Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—Sheriff Winfred E. Robb, preacher-hangman, today was arrested in connection with the disappearance of \$30,000 worth of liquor from the county jail. Both Robb and his brother, George Robb, a deputy sheriff, were taken into custody on warrants charging them with larceny and illegal disposal of liquor.

The sheriff was arrested by Coroner Clift, the only officer empowered to do so.  
The arrest of the sheriff on the eve of his retirement from office following which he was planning to preach a "new evangelism" from the lecture platform, was the most sensational development in the investigation of the theft of 50 cases of bonded liquor from the top floor of the county jail.  
Warrants for the two Robbs were issued a few hours after Clyde McMurray, a son of Jailer William McMurray, had been arrested. Robb had declared a charge of grand larceny would be filed against McMurray. The arrest was ordered by Vernon Seeburger, assistant county attorney, who is investigating the liquor theft.

A clash between the sheriff and the jailer took place when the two met in the alley north of the jail. With an automobile in the driveway, the two exchanged denunciations.  
**HAS TIGHT LUCK**  
McMurray accused Robb of carelessness in his supervision of the room containing the confiscated liquor. The sheriff refused to let McMurray into the jail.  
"I expect them to make charges against me," the sheriff remarked. With these charges filed against him, two lawsuits on his hands because of alleged actions of his deputies and the threat of an unsuccessful campaign for congress, Sheriff Robb can regard himself as a special favorite of misfortune. And, to add to that, he had to face criticism and threats and bitter denunciations because he, a preacher of the gospel, executed two murderers.  
Robb declared:  
"I have known for some time that the deputies have planned to spring their charge if I should get too far in my investigation," the sheriff said. "I intend to push the probe and I will eventually put behind the bars the men who participated in the liquor thefts. As for myself participating in the thefts, it is too absurd to waste a denial."

Robb declared he had plenty of evidence to warrant holding the two sons of Jailer McMurray.  
The information filed against Sheriff Robb charged him with illegally disposing of confiscated liquor on August 8. The thefts had been going on for months in the belief of authorities. Robb's brother was accused of illegally confiscating the contents of a trunk taken from the Rock Island station at Valley Junction.

**Dog Owners Fined;  
Had No License**  
Fines of \$2 each were given 12 dog owners by Municipal Judge Ekwall Friday on charges of not having licenses. The arrests were made by Ross Churchill of the Oregon Humane society, who stated that any other owners without licenses could be arrested and their dogs placed in a pound. All licenses for 1923 expired September 1.

**Wilson Pleased by  
Tribute to Senate**  
Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Woodrow Wilson sent a letter to Vice President Calvin Coolidge, saying he had been given "genuine pleasure" by the senate's action in passing a resolution on his 66th birthday, commemorating his return to health.

Jury Indicts "Social Lions"  
Accused of Peddling Booze

By Westbrook Pegler  
United News Staff Correspondent  
New York, Dec. 30.—Bootlegging makes strange bedfellows.  
Rene La Montagne, international polo player, New York clubman and fashion plate, with social connections in Newport, Tuxedo and London, was indicted by the federal grand jury Friday as one of the men who have been supplying millions of members of the wares of the Emence Dispersed company, which is owned by the Copperfield company, Inc., which in turn is owned by vendors of forged permits, and Eddie Harlow, said to be the eighth man at the Racquet and Tennis club, is another member of the indicted group. Harlow is designated as sales representative who took orders from members.  
**CLUB GETS SOIT**  
The grand jury called in many of the clubmen under wraps of immunity, to show their check stubs, which it will be contended will show that these

He Must Hang  
FREDERICK BYWATERS, English youth  
condemned to die for killing  
Percy Thompson, his  
sweetheart's husband. Mrs.  
Thompson is also to be  
hanged.



MOTHER, UNBORN  
BABE MUST HANG

London, Dec. 30.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Edith Thompson and Frederick Edward Bywaters will be hanged simultaneously at 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, January 9, for the murder of the woman's husband, the Daily Mail announced today.  
The home secretary has decided to refuse their petitions for clemency, the Mail declares it learns from unofficial sources.  
Mrs. Thompson expected to become a mother early in the new year. She will be the first British woman to be hanged in 13 years.  
Bywaters' appeal was accompanied by petitions so large that two motor trucks were required to carry them to the home office. They contained more than a million names.  
Thompson, for whose murder the couple will hang, was found dying in the arms of his wife outside their home October 4. A sensational trial developed that the couple had plotted his death.

New Year's Eve  
Must Be Quiet, Is  
Edict From Police

New Year's eve must be noiseless, according to a bulletin issued to the police department by Chief L. V. Jenkins.  
A certain amount of latitude in the way of noise will be allowed tonight, but Sunday night, the real eve of the New Year, strict decorum must be observed.  
Even tonight, for that matter, open courts, shooting, feather dusters and confetti are under the ban. The police have orders to pursue home or to the city jail any violators of these rules. Because of the eve falling on Sunday, many of the usual dances and parties have been scheduled for tonight. Hotel dances will proceed until midnight, and most of the theatres will have midnight matinees Sunday night.

Mrs. McCormick  
And Swiss to Wed  
Today, Is Report

Chicago, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—The red "wedding" carpet of the McCormicks in Lake Shore Drive was thrown out this afternoon and guests began to arrive in limousines.  
The report immediately spread that Edward J. Krenn, young Swiss landscape gardener, and Mrs. Edith Rockefeller McCormick would be married today. The report could not be confirmed, however, as butlers refused admittance to all but guests.  
Constantinople, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Robert Imbrie, observer for the American state department, was married here today in the famous old Benedictine chapel to Katherine Gillespie of New Rochelle, N. Y. The witnesses were Mrs. Edna Bassett of Los Angeles and Miss Winifred Edwards of New York.

BUILDING AT  
ALDER AND  
PARK SOLD

Medical Block Changes Hands  
and 99-Year Lease Taken on  
Ground by Alderpark Holding  
Co. at \$1500 Per Month.

Negotiations have been concluded for the sale of the Medical building, located at the northeast corner of Park and Alder streets, and for a 99-year lease of the property on which it stands. The transfer is made from the Pacific Holding company to the Alderpark Holding company. Consideration was not named, but it is understood that the rental under the terms of the lease is \$1500 per month. Assessed value of the ground and building is \$247,200.

The Medical building is a six-story brick structure erected in 1908 and was slightly damaged by fire about two years ago. P. O. Downing is president and principal owner of the Pacific Holding company. Officers of the Alderpark holding company are B. Watzek, president, and H. B. Beckwith, secretary-treasurer.  
Phillip V. W. Fry handled the negotiations for both parties.  
Strong & MacNaughton are to take over the management of the Medical building for the new owners. A. R. Watzek, president of the Alderpark Holding company, is president of the Watzek Lumber company and one of the best-known younger businessmen of Portland.

SLAYS POLICEMAN  
AND WOUNDS GIRL

Chicago, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Policeman Will J. O'Malley was shot and killed early today by one of three gangsters who shot and killed a school girl returning home with three fellow students from their "evening at the World Entertainment Club."  
The wounded girl is Miss Minnie Finkelstein, 17. She was shot through the hip and taken to a hospital.  
"You'll not get a single bit of information from me," he reiterated to the police.  
One of the assailants, whose attack he believed by the police to have been motivated by jealousy and a desire for revenge, was shot and captured, but died at 10 o'clock. He gave three names—"John Reed," "John Reiss" and "John Rees."  
**TRUG SHOT TWICE**  
The man claimed at first his home was in Chicago. His club, however, bore the trademark of Yonder's store, New York city. He was shot twice through the chest.  
He was shot down by Policeman Simon R. Kennedy, a boyhood chum of Policeman O'Malley. The two also served overseas together.  
Miss Finkelstein and Kaufman were taken to the hospital. The woman, with Miss Beale Klass and Miss Finkelstein's friend, Isadore.  
Kennedy one of the three assailants confronted them with a revolver.  
"Pardon me," he remarked.

Captain Milne Has  
Chance to Recover  
After Transfusion

Jack Milne, former captain in the 51st division, has a fighting chance for life at the United States Marine hospital as a result of a blood transfusion made Friday and one to be given today.  
"Bob" Sawyer, commander of Scout Young camp, Veterans of the Spanish War, gave his blood Friday to help save his comrade. Sawyer was one of seven who responded to Over the Top post call for volunteers. The tests about his blood to be in good condition and to respond very closely in count to that of the sick man's blood.  
Several reported at the hospital this morning for the tests, and it was expected another transfusion would be made later today. A third transfusion is being planned for Saturday, but an operation. Volunteers should call up Judge Deich at the courthouse, or the hospital, East 1616.

Americans Wed in  
Benedictine Chapel

Cottage Grove, Dec. 30.—Marvin Allott, Charles Spray, Earnest Bennett and Harry Skilling, four venturous Cottage Grove lads, made a raft from logs and boards which they collected from the river, and started Thursday morning about 9 o'clock from Main street bridge down the river. They sailed along all right until reaching Crowell, about 15 miles down the river. Skilling struck an island and overturned, sending them all into the muddy, swirling water. After some time they all reached the bank. Skilling was the last to be rescued. He was wearing a pair of loggish shoes and Harry Skilling almost lost his life reaching shore.

U. S. Dry Agent  
and Woman Found Dead

Newark, N. J., Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Walter Neely, a prohibition agent, and a woman, were found dead in an automobile in a garage in Trenton, this morning, according to a telegram received by prohibition enforcement agents.

Uncle Joe  
At 86 Quits  
Vile Weed

(By Universal Service)  
Washington, Dec. 30.—If the Washington monument had topped with a splash into the Potomac; or if Representative Volstead had introduced a beer and wine amendment. Neither of these events would have astonished Washington half so much as the announcement today that Uncle Joe Cannon had quit smoking.  
The famous old representative from Illinois, 86 years old, who has been smoking for three quarters of a century, gave up the weed a week ago—didn't wait to make New Year's resolutions.  
Asked how he accomplished it today, he said:  
"I just up and stopped."  
The fight of Uncle Joe in the last days of the last term in congress, his classic features minus a long cigar jutting from them at an angle of 45 degrees, comes as a profound sensation to civilization whose capacity for sensations has been about exhausted by world wars, conversation by radio across the Atlantic and four-mile-a-minute airplane.  
It may have no significance at all, but a large new spot appeared on the face of the sun on the day Uncle Joe forced Lady Nicotine.

AMERICA AWAITS  
PREMIERS' MEET

Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—The United States will make no definite move in the European situation until it can be seen whether the allied advance of the arrival of Colonel Harding and Secretary Hughes as it is in their meeting at Paris next week, can adjust the differences which have kept Europe in economic foment for three years.  
If the premieres again fail to agree upon German reparations and other controversial problems, and if France persists in her announced intention of securing the payment of the reparations by a French military thrust at the Ruhr.  
**NO PLAN REACHED**  
This is the policy of President Harding and Secretary of State Hughes, who declined today to make any official statements, semi-official statements and plain, ordinary conjectures with which Washington has been deluged by the press since the arrival of the American policy in the current crisis.  
It is more than likely, however, that this contemplated American action will be along the general line proposed by Secretary Hughes in his speech in New Haven last night—an international commission of economic experts, "fact-finding commission" by all the governments concerned to survey the reparations situation and render an impartial non-political report on Germany's ability to pay.  
It is around this proposal that informal conversations and "feet" have been going on in the capitals of Europe for some weeks.

Legion Is Planned  
For Paris Show

All that is necessary now to make "A Night in Paris," the entertainment to be given by the American Legion in the Auditorium tonight, a grand success is to have the place jammed with happy Portland people who are out for a good time as 1922 is being brought to a close.  
The committee in charge, of which Pat H. Allen is the general chairman and Claude M. Bristol right bower, report Saturday morning that the final plans for the grand opening, which is scheduled to start promptly at 8 o'clock. Of course, if the crowd begins to move in at 7 o'clock, the huge basement will be thrown open and all the activities will be started. But no matter how late the crowd begins to move in, the show will be a success. It is to be a long vaudeville program after the clock strikes 8.

Salem Restaurant  
Men Plan Fight on  
Capitol Cafeteria

Salem, Dec. 30.—Local restaurant men threaten to enjoin Secretary of State Hughes from entering the operation of a restaurant in the capitol during the forthcoming legislative session. A conference has been arranged with the secretary of state this afternoon, when the matter will be threshed out.  
The restaurant was authorized by a senate concurrent resolution passed in the summer of 1921, in protest against prices charged by downtown eating houses and partly as a concession to the legislators, who but for the capitol cafeteria would be compelled to trudge many blocks through all kinds of weather to reach the downtown eating houses for lunch.

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8 INDICTED  
FOR FRAUDS  
DURING WAR

Benedict Crowell, Former Assistant  
Secretary of War, Heads  
List; All Prominent; Federal  
Grand Jury Hints Conspiracy.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—The special federal grand jury which for many weeks has been delving into frauds perpetrated upon the government in the construction of the war cantonments today indicted seven men, all prominent in the construction of camps for the government during the war.  
Heading the list of those indicted was Benedict Crowell, former assistant secretary of war.  
The indictments were "for unlawfully and feloniously conspiring to defraud the United States"; and it was stated that "some of the defendants have done acts which affect the objects of the conspiracy."

Those indicted were:  
Benedict Crowell.  
William A. Starrett of the Starrett-Van Vleet company.  
Carnegie W. Ludoff, vice president of the Cleveland Construction company.  
Morton C. Tuttle, acting chairman of the Emergency Construction company, also identified with the Obershaw Construction company.  
Claire Foster, connected with the Thompson-Starrett and George A. Fuller Construction companies.  
John H. McGibbons, an official of a bonding company.  
The Messrs. manager of the Fred T. Ley company.

Crowell Declines Comment  
On Indictment

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—"I shall make no statement until I learn the nature of the charges against me," said Benedict Crowell, former assistant secretary of war, when informed by International News Service of his indictment. "I am not conscious of any guilt. My conscience is clear."  
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Judge J.S. Coke  
MARSHFIELD Jurist  
Nominated by President  
Harding to be United States  
Attorney for the district of  
Oregon. Judge Coke has an  
enviable record.



COKE NOMINATED  
FOR U. S. POST

Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—President Harding today sent to the senate the following nomination:  
To be United States Attorney for the district of Oregon, John S. Coke.  
Judge John S. Coke of Marshfield is recognized throughout the state as being an able and impartial jurist. He was appointed to the bench by Governor Chamberlain, was elected at the succeeding election and has twice been re-elected. He holds the distinction of never having had opposition in his district from any candidate, in either party, seeking to succeed him on the bench.  
Prior to his appointment to the bench Judge Coke served Coos county in the state senate and for a long time was one of the leading practicing lawyers of that section of the state.

S. P. & S. Plans for  
Big Seaside Travel

Arrangements are being made to handle a large number of Portlanders to Seaside for the New Year's week end, according to W. F. Turner, president of the S. P. & S. railway company, who returned from the coast city today. Turner reported that there already were many people at the Seaside hotel for the holidays.  
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CLEMENCY IS  
GRANTED TO  
8 OF I. W. W.

Harding's Pardon of Political  
Prisoners Carries Order That  
They Must Leave U. S. in  
60 Days and Never Return.

Washington, Dec. 30.—(I. N. S.)—Eight members of the I. W. W. convicted for violations of the national espionage laws and now serving varying sentences in federal prisons, were extended executive clemency today by President Harding on the eve of the New Year. These receiving clemency are the so-called "political prisoners" in whose behalf an unremitting campaign has been conducted for the last three years.  
The men were pardoned outright by President Harding. All those released were identified with the "Big Bill" Haywood cases.  
Those to be released follows:  
V. Aurora, 20 years.  
G. J. Bourg, 10 years.  
Peter Green, 10 years.  
Charles L. Lambert, 20 years.  
Harry Lloyd, five years.  
Earl Epton, 10 years.  
Sam Searlett, 20 years.  
Archibald Sinclair, 10 years.

Attorney General Daugherty, announcing the pardons, said all of the prisoners are subject to deportation. The president commuted the sentence of each one to the term already served upon condition they be deported and never return to the United States, Mr. Daugherty said.  
The president imposed the further condition that if any one of them does return the commutation shall thereupon become null and void and of no effect. He would be apprehended and returned to prison to serve the remainder of his sentence.  
Mr. Daugherty said the prisoners are to be allowed 60 days in which to arrange their personal affairs before they are deported. They will be required to give bond to the secretary of state to surrender at a given time and place specified in the orders for deportation.

PHONE SERVICE  
TARGET IN REPORT

Equipment of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is below standard, and "should be supplanted by the selective ringing system except in remote communities where a night operator is maintained," says the public service commission of Oregon in an answer to the telephone company's suit, which was filed this morning in the United States district court. The answer sets forth that modernization of party-line equipment will increase patronage of the company by 30,000 subscribers with a resultant increase in revenue.  
It also holds that the net earnings of the corporation during 1921 were \$45 per cent of its supplies from them as the company claimed in its original suit.  
Double profits are being exacted from the public according to another paragraph, which charges that the American Telephone & Telegraph company and the Western Electric company are receiving profits from their stock, and also forcing the Pacific company to purchase close to 30 per cent of its supplies from them.

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