

# STORM HITS NORTHWEST

## NAVY'S POLAR FLIGHT PLANS WIN APPROVAL

Exploration Will Be Attempted During Summer Months By Dirigible and Six Air Planes

## ALASKA CITY NAMED AS BASE OF SUPPLY

Object of Expedition to Pioneer Air Routes Declares Sec. Denby

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Recommendations that the navy's polar exploration flight be attempted during the coming summer with the dirigible Shenandoah and using Nome, Alaska, as the main operating base, are contained in the report of the special board of naval officers headed by Rear Admiral William A. Moffett, chief of naval aviation. The report was made public today by Secretary Denby, who has approved it, subject to possible later modifications. In its study the board emphasized that the mission of the expedition would be "exploration of the north polar regions" rather than a dash for the pole. The detailed plan of operation worked out, therefore, contemplates numerous flights by the Shenandoah on mapping and charting cruises to "establish the practicability of a trans-polar air route" from western Europe to Japan over the top of the world.

## Explore Whole Region

Recommendation was made that two vessels, preferably tankers equipped with mooring masts, six planes equipped for landing on ice or water, a permanent mooring mast at Noms and mooring facilities at certain other northern points be employed. "The ships with three planes each will go to Nome and to Spitzbergen where preliminary flights for aerological observations will be made," the report said. "When all is ready the Shenandoah will fly to Nome via mooring masts at Fort Worth, San Diego, Puget sound and Nome bases; thence northward for the accomplishment of this mission. The exploration of the north polar region shall include a systematic search of the unknown area north of Alaska.

"The board considers that with all the ships the Shenandoah and the planes equipped as recommended and provided in ample time, the Arctic exploration is feasible and practical during the summer of 1924 without undue risk to personnel or material.

## Name Named Base

"Selection of the Nome base was made because ice conditions make it available to shipping as a rule during the first week in June. The distance to the pole from Nome via Cape Prince of Wales is 1560 nautical miles. At a speed of 35 knots the Shenandoah will have a sea cruising capacity of 4250 nautical miles with a 15 per cent margin of extra radius. Plans for using the Shenandoah call for helium gas inflation, removal of one motor to provide living space for the crew, use of "water recovery" to compensate loss of weight through consumption of fuel and reduction of ballast by 3200 pounds.

Nome's proximity to the unexplored area and to American bases was pointed out, as well as the fact that it is American territory, has some local facilities, and has

### THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain or snow Wednesday; moderate southwest-erly gales.

LOCAL WEATHER (Tuesday)  
Maximum temperature 44.  
Minimum temperature 37.  
River, 2.3.  
Rainfall, .15 inch.  
Atmosphere, cloudy.  
Wind, southwest.

## MEXICAN REBELS SAY OBREGON'S MINISTRY REPORTS INACCURATE

Revolutionary Forces Have Begun Military Operations and March Upon Mexico City Continued Declares Message—60 Lives—Many are Wounded or Captured.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Charges that President Obregon's ministry of war has been publishing inaccurate reports of the situation in Mexico were contained in private telegrams received here today outlining conditions from the standpoint of the Mexican revolutionary forces.

## Claude E. Ingalls Is Sick With Diphtheria



CORVALLIS, Dec. 25.—Claude E. Ingalls is not enjoying Christmas this year. He has been stricken with diphtheria and while not in a serious condition he is being carefully looked after.

Mr. Ingalls is postmaster at Corvallis but in addition to that he is editor of the Gazette-Times a strong paper. Ingalls has always been a stalwart in politics, generally leaning backward in his devotion to the standpatters but he is always a forceful writer, always a hater of shams and always for good citizenship.

Mrs. Geo. W. Thompson, living south of Salem, a sister of Mr. Ingalls received a message by telephone at 7 o'clock last night stating that Mr. Ingalls was much improved.

## GEORGE FALK IS IN FATAL SPILL

Salesman Well Known in Salem Dies in Portland Following Accident

George L. Falk, 39, well known in Salem, but a salesman employed by Backus & Morris, in Portland, died in St. Vincent's hospital yesterday morning of injuries sustained when he drove his motorcycle into the auto of Henry Williams on Corbett street Monday night at 10 o'clock, and was thrown to the pavement. Falk's skull was fractured.

Falk was on his way to Oswego to the home of his father-in-law to spend Christmas.

Falk lived at 708 East Seventh street.

### FAMOUS EDITOR DEAD

BRUNSWICK, Me., Dec. 25.—Judge E. Chapman, former editor of the Youth's Companion died here today. He was 70 years old.

## GIFTS STOLEN FROM MOTHER ARE REPLACED

Charitable Salem Women Foretell Bleak Christmas for Small Family

A cheerless Christmas would have been the fate of one family of Salem yesterday had it not been for the Christmas spirit which proved itself indomitable in spite of the workings of a light fingered person who robbed a mother of her Christmas parcels Saturday while shopping for her little ones' Christmas.

According to Miss Marian Wyman, secretary of the local YWCA the recent Statesman story telling of the impending tragedy, wakened the interest of a number of the women of the city who called the YWCA inquiring if the mother had been able to locate the three packages which had so curiously disappeared from the cupboard where she left them Saturday afternoon for a few minutes while she went about on a few errands. Learning that they had not been returned, and knowing the futility of such a hope, Sunday morning after the church hour, a small number of women of the First Congregational church contributed to a fund totaling \$10 which was given to the mother in order that the gifts might be duplicated.

Thanks to the kindness of the benefactors, Monday saw the mother, radiant with joy, hastening through the shops purchasing the articles which made yesterday a real Christmas for her small family.

## CHRISTMAS TREES IN STRANGE NOOKS

Evidences of Xmas Cheer Here Were Found Even in "China Town"

There was no part of Salem in which demonstrations of the Christmas spirit were not in evidence yesterday.

Palatial homes displayed elaborately decorated Christmas trees, and little cottages and drab dwelling places on all the streets and throughout all the suburbs gave out signs of holiday cheer. If you drove about and kept your eyes open, you saw scarcely a habitation in all Salem and throughout its environs where there was no sign of the glad season.

There is not much of a "China town" in Salem these days. There used to be. In the early eighties there were about 600 Chinese residents of Salem, and they were gathered in large part along State street between Liberty and High; mostly on the north side of the street. That was then called "China town." It was Salem's China town.

But there is no section of the city now that may be so termed distinctively—for the few Chinese residents here—perhaps less than 200 all told—are pretty well scattered over the city. Some of the families are in what are known as the "best" residence districts; and the Chinese boys and girls are in the public schools—not distinguished there from other children, excepting perhaps in being more studious on the average than the others.

But what is left of the former squalidness of the vanished China town clings to some places on Ferry street between Liberty and High, and on the corner of Liberty and Ferry, diagonally opposite the Salem armory, there is a Chinese restaurant—what is known as a Chinese "noodle joint," from the fact that Chinese noodles are among the principal piece de resistance attractions.

There shone forth in this noodle place yesterday and last night a well-lighted and more or less elaborately decorated Christmas tree; just like thousands of others throughout the city.

And so the patrons of that place enjoyed their noodles surrounded with the trappings of the good old Santa Claus time. In fact, there was sifted into their noodles the Christmas spirit as they satified their gustatory cravings with the noodles concocted under the deft fingers of the Celestial chef. Though it is not certain that

## AGGIE ELEVEN DEFEATED BY HAWAII TEAM

All-Star Aggregation Springs Surprise and Takes Corvallis Men Into Camp By 14-9 Score

## SUMMER HEAT RETARDS OREGONIANS' PLAYING

Visitors Draw First Blood and Cross Goal Early in Second Period

(By The Associated Press)  
HONOLULU, Dec. 25.—The Hawaiian all-stars composed of members of Honolulu football teams and of National guard players created a surprise here today by defeating the football eleven of the Oregon Agricultural college, 14 to 9.

The heat affected the Oregonians but the all-stars consistently outplayed the visitors except in line bucking. The Aggies scored first, making a touchdown in the second period. Gill carrying the ball over. Price missed goal. The all-stars gained the lead immediately afterward, taking the ball down the field with a series of brilliant forward passes. Falk, former Utah Aggie, passed to Rodriguez for a touchdown. They kicked goal.

The Aggies again assumed the lead when Garber drop kicked 25 yards. The third period was scoreless, Oregon having recourse to punting game whenever in danger.

The all-stars won in the fourth period when Thompson blocked the Aggies' punt in the shadow of the Aggie goal post, Clarke of the all-stars receiving behind the line. Black converted the goal. The all-stars line, although vulnerable in mid-field, was adamant near their own goal, holding the Aggies to downs twice; once in the first period when Tynman of the Aggies intercepted an all-star pass and raced 60 yards to the all-stars' two yard line. Here Oregon attempted to score in four plays, which were unavailing. The all-star line repeated this feat near the end of the game when the Aggies, fighting furiously for a winning score, were held to four downs.

Scott, Lyman, Gill, Tebbis, Carpenter, Bell and Price starred for the Aggies. Maguire, Clark and five members of the St. Mary's college of Oakland, 1922 team, Black, Murdock, Lane, Kaubane and Hoopi featured for the all-stars.

## GREEK EX-PREMIER GOING TO ATHENS

Venizelos Will Comply With Demand of People Voiced By Leaders

ATHENS, Dec. 25.—(By Associated Press)—Former Premier Eleftherios Venizelos, in compliance with the request of the Greek people as voiced by the leaders of the various political parties will return to Athens immediately.

Informing the government of his decision, Venizelos however, clearly points out that his return will be only temporary for the purpose of acting as a guide and advisor in regulating the situation that under circumstances will be undertaken the formation of a cabinet.

He will take ship at Marseilles December 29, according to his present plans and he begs that there shall be no public reception. The former premier explains that his decision to yield to the appeal for his return to Greece was taken after mature reflection and that his only reason for coming for the time being is to help settle the complicated affairs of the nation. He maintains his previous resolve to keep out of the political arena entirely.

## WHITE HOUSE OBSERVES DAY VERY QUIETLY

President and Mrs. Coolidge Held Typical New England Christmas; Attend Union Services

## METHODIST BISHOP SCORES CONTROVERSY

Alludes to Differences Between Modernists and Fundamentalists

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The White House today had one of its most quiet Christmas days despite the presence within it of two boys—the first boys to call the White House their homes since the days of Charles Tatt and the Roosevelts.

The president and Mrs. Coolidge and their two sons, John and Calvin, Jr., who are home for the holidays, observed a typical New England Christmas. They with their only guests, Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, assembled after breakfast around a small tree in the Blue room and exchanged gifts in much the same manner as the average American family. Then the family attended a union Christmas service of the churches of the city at the First Congregational church where the Coolidges worship.

## Visits Disabled Vets

Luncheon followed church, then a quiet afternoon and early in the evening Christmas dinner. The only departure from the line followed by thousands upon thousands of American families in the celebration of the holidays was after dinner when the chief executive and Mrs. Coolidge went to Walter Reed military hospital to join with disabled former service men in a Christmas entertainment.

Bishop William F. McDowell of the Methodist Episcopal church, delivered the sermon at the union services attended by the president and took occasion to allude to the controversy now in progress between the modernists and fundamentalists over matters of religious belief.

"A few years ago," Bishop McDowell said, "the author of a widely read book said these words: 'One of the weaknesses of the church today is—bluntly—that Christians are not making enough of Jesus Christ,' and that sentence oddly enough is seized eagerly upon by two groups that do not agree with one another at all. The highly conservative group, always sure of its own orthodoxy just because it is conservative heartily approves the statement with many and loud affirmations about Jesus Christ and much assertion of what it thinks about him.

## Church Said in Ruck

"The other group, weary of reactionary conservatism, gratefully accepts this statement as covering its own view of Jesus Christ and not doctrines about Him that must now be emphasized. And there, before we know it, the doctrine debate is on, the violent phrases are filling the air, shibboleths are being shouted, names are being called and men are being tested and classified while the church walls in the ruck of controversy.

"This Christmas day finds us in danger of fighting about Him or about our interpretation of Him rather than 'making enough of Him.'"

Senator Watson of Indiana was an occupant of the presidential pew, the president and Mrs. Coolidge having extended an invitation to him to sit with them upon meeting him at the church door. Several cabinet members who remained in Washington for the holidays and Chief Justice Taft also were in the congregation.

All in all the day was the most complete holiday Mr. Coolidge has had since he became president. He made only one visit to his office and that was only for a few minutes early in the day before going out for his customary morning walk. He held no conference.

## LODI BUTCHER DENIED GIFTS IN CALIFORNIA

Prison Rule Bars Christmas Presents; Kels Still Hopes for Clemency

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 25.—Hope springs eternal in the human breast, but it faded from the heart of Alex Kels, condemned Lodi murderer as the long shadows of his last Christmas on earth fell across the forbidding walls of Folsom prison this afternoon. His wife and 9-year-old daughter spent an hour with him, but unlike Christmas day in other years there were no presents, for gifts are denied condemned prisoners by the prison rules.

Mrs. Kels returned to her home in Lodi late in the afternoon determined to visit Governor Friend W. Richardson in an effort to obtain clemency for her husband. The governor was silent, declining to comment on the proposed visit of Mrs. Kels, but in view of his repeated statements, it is not believed in capital circles he will alter his position by extending clemency to the Lodi butcher. Mrs. H. B. Staples, sister of the condemned man, continued to cling to the hope that he can be saved from the gallows.

Mrs. Kels collapsed today after neighbors had brought gifts to her children and she had read a Christmas letter from her husband. He is under sentence to hang January 4.

Mrs. Kels was planning to make an effort to save her husband by a personal appeal to the governor when she fell in a faint and was ordered removed to bed.

## NEW BOARD WILL BE APPOINTED

A Playground Commission, Provided in Charter, to Be Named for 1924

A number of appointments are to be made by the mayor and the city council, or the mayor alone at the beginning of the new year.

One of these will be three members for the children's playground board for which provision was made in the original city charter but which will be used the coming year for the first time. An appropriation for the maintenance of the playground is contained in the city budget approved by the county tax supervising and conservation commission.

This board will be composed of three members appointed by Mayor Giesy. The terms of three members of the library board expire January 1. They are Mrs. John W. Harbison, W. H. Burghardt and Dr. Roy Byrd. Those whose terms will not expire until January 1, 1925, are D. W. Eyre, president of the board; A. A. Lee, and H. H. Ohlinger. The three members appointed last year whose term will expire January 1, 1926, are Henry Meyers, Mrs. Frank Spears and Dr. F. L. Utter.

John J. Roberts is chairman of the park board and he was not reappointed for the position the first of last year and has been serving a hold-over appointment. Miss Edith Hazard was appointed to succeed Mrs. A. N. Bush on the board and her term will expire this year. Homer Smith is the third member of the park board and his term of office expires January 1, 1925.

## Nebraska Minister Called To Methodist Church

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 25.—Dr. J. S. Haas has been appointed pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church here, according to word received by Dr. S. A. Danford, superintendent of the southern Oregon district, from W. O. Shepard, Portland.

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## PACIFIC GALE VISITS COAST ON CHRISTMAS

Six Lives Lost and Two Vessels Sunk; Damage Roughly Estimated \$200,000 in Northwest

## TWO MEN ARE KILLED BY ELECTRIC WIRING

Fallen Power Lines Add to Toll Taken By High Wind in Washington

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.—Six lives were taken and damage roughly estimated tonight at \$200,000 done by a tempest that brought Christmas day to the North Pacific coast and the parts of Washington and British Columbia adjacent to Puget Sound and Grays Harbor.

A tug and a steamer figured in the marine loss, while two ocean-going craft were in deadly peril from which one escaped and from which the other seemed tonight to be gaining its way. Many small boats were blown about and wrecked.

The wind reached 80 miles an hour on Grays Harbor, 45 miles at Port Angeles on the south side of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, 50 miles at Tacoma and 65 miles at Seattle. At Seattle and Tacoma these velocities broke the records kept by the United States government.

The dead: Michael Groszoff, 13, electrocuted near here by fallen power wire. Gus Quarstrom, Aberdeen, Wash., killed by current from fallen electric power wire.

Windows Broken  
Four unnamed members of the crew of the Canadian tug Tux which was swept upon the rocks at Pedder bay, near Victoria, B. C. on the north side of the Strait.

The other vessel wrecked was the steamer Dawn, which was pounded to pieces and sunk at her dock near Lake Washington here. When her crew appeared to take her out on the passenger trip to the east side of the lake that has been her daily task for ten years they saw nothing but the floating wreckage.

Telephone communication over Western Washington was interrupted but was generally restored during the day. From every city came reports of plate glass windows shattered, signs blown down, ad electric wires broken. Facing such a tragedy as that at Aberdeen and Seattle, authorities, who flashes like lightning were seen over the city, turned off the street lights in the dark hours just before dawn. The storm on Grays Harbor was accompanied by lightning declared almost unprecedented in that region.

Houses Smashed  
From Tacoma it was reported that owing to breakage in power lines the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway was forced to suspend its electric locomotives with steam engines to keep traffic moving. Two houses were wrecked at Steilacoom near Tacoma by falling trees but no one was hurt. Driftwood driven by waves smashed two houses on the beach in this city. The home of one family here was unroofed, and as they scrambled out of it, one person was hurt by a falling rafter. Lightning on the building after but the flames were soon put out. Operations of the Seattle-Tacoma Interurban and of five street car lines in this city were halted.

The steamship Author was drifting on to the rocks on the Pacific ocean when she managed to repair her engines. At the last word from her she was making three miles an hour and was working on shore.

Schooner Makes Port  
The schooner Thistle left Port Angeles last night in tow of the steamer Jacob. The line parted. The Thistle spread her sails and after a slow flight of hours arrived back in Port Angeles harbor today, having spurned the aid of all sent to her assistance.