

The Weather — OREGON — Fair and continued cold; moderate northeast winds, Wednesday—Max. 21; Min. 12; River 4.4 falling; Rain-fall none; Atmosphere clear; Wind north.

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SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 18, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

POSTAL BILL TO BE VOTED ON BY SENATE

President Coolidge Continues Attempt to Prevent Overriding of Veto on Pay Increase Bill

VOTE ON VETO NOT TO BE LATER THAN JAN. 6

Coolidge Again Confers With Senate Leaders on Revenue Measures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—While President Coolidge continued today his efforts to prevent the overriding of his veto of the postal pay increase bill by the senate, that body entered into a unanimous consent agreement for a vote on the veto not later than January 6.

Calling a number of republican senate leaders to the White House the executive again informed them of his desire that the veto be sustained because any other action in advance of the enactment of a revenue measure to take care of the pay raise would interfere with the economic policy of his administration and continue what he regards as a harmful practice of leaving to the future the matter of providing for present authorized expenditures.

Efforts Renewed After these leaders had visited the White House, renewed efforts were made to get a unanimous consent agreement for senate action. Immediately after the unanimous consent agreement had been entered into, the administration measure increasing postal rates on all except letter mail was referred to the committee with a view to hearings and action during the Christmas holidays.

Some administration leaders are of the opinion that there will be a sufficient number of senators in accord with the president's program to sustain his veto. Thirty three votes would be necessary to accomplish this result provided all senators were present and voting.

These leaders are proceeding under a plan for senate consideration of both the pay increase and the mail rate advance as companion measures. There is rather widespread opposition, however, to hitching the two propositions together in a single bill.

On a bill which would permit the postmaster general to contract with private aviation firms for carrying the air mail was delayed by parliamentary tactics but proponents said they expected it would be brought up tomorrow.

Representative Griffin, democrat, New York, speaking in opposition to the bill, declared the government should not surrender the carrying of mail through the air to private concerns, after spending millions of dollars on aviation.

Outcome of Drainage Problem Is Doubtful; No Settlement in View

The Salem drainage district plan went through another day of debate in the county court yesterday, and will be taken up again today at 10 o'clock. Attorneys believe the case will be closed by noon. Whether a settlement will ever be reached between the two opposing factions seemed doubtful in view of the testimony given by the witnesses called yesterday. A great number of the signers of the original petition placed their names on the list under a misunderstanding, it developed during the hearing of the case. Some of these people have now signed the remonstrance to the petition, and others are expected to sign. As far as could be learned, nothing has been said concerning the expense of the proposed project, and no one has yet furnished an estimate.

The whole matter around which the legal battle waged in court yesterday was whether or not the state could legally enter its 1430 acres in the proposed district. If it is found that this would be irregular, the elimination of the state land would cause the drainage plan to fail, as the signed acreage would then be less than half of the total acreage.

It was announced during the course of the case yesterday that an agreement had been made by attorneys for both factions that property of all those signing the remonstrance who live on high land be eliminated from the district.

Circuit Judge L. H. McMahan, as acting county judge, is sitting on the case with the county court, and should injunctive proceedings be started in the circuit court, Judge McMahan would be disqualified to try that case. No matter which faction wins in this case, it is understood the matter will be carried to a higher court.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Coolidge and the Underwood bill were attacked and defended in the senate today during debate on the Muscle Shoals issue. Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, charged that the measure would "make Teapot Dome look like a plumed," and Doheny and Sinclair look like "pickers," and asserted the enactment of the legislation later would become known as the "rape of the treasury."

Replying to the charges, Senator Underwood, democrat, Alabama, author of the government ownership leasing bill, pending as a substitute for the Norris measure, declared Muscle Shoals legislation should not be regarded as a political measure, and he was glad that he and the president were in accord on the question. He declared the president was observing custom when he made known his attitude on the Muscle Shoals question in his message to congress and accused Senator Norris of being a follower of populist principles in advocating government instead of private operation. Senator Underwood also charged that "an organized filibuster to prevent action on the Muscle Shoals bill was in progress and warned the senate unless one bill was passed and sent to the house for passage before March 4, the spillway would be allowed to go over the dam and property worth \$2,000,000 "would be dead to the world."

Teachers Don't Use Mistletoe for Decorations So Why Gather It Now?

Attractive and Seasonable Decoration Obtainable Only at Great Peril of Limb and Even Life Declares Writer By ELLA McMUNN It is the practice of country school teachers, and possibly many in the city, to send pupils out scouting for Christmas greens at this time, to be used for the purpose of decorating for the grand afternoon or evening performance that marks the festive season. Now this is all very well and commendable and greatly enjoyed by the children, but there is one feature that should be eliminated by law, if there is no other method, and that is gathering mistletoe. It is very pretty, of course, and there is the old sentiment concerning it which we delight to foster, without giving a thought to the perils encountered in securing it. No Mistletoe ever grew closer to the ground than twenty feet, but more often it is thirty, forty or even sixty feet high, in a slick, slippery oak tree that may have many fine branches to which a boy may cling or climb when securing it. The teacher has only to hint that mistletoe is pretty, in order to put every child in a wild frenzy to secure it, so that she is not

OUTLAWRY OF WAR IS HELD ONLY REMEDY

Senator Borah Gives Address On Peace Plan; International Politics Must Not Control Matter

GREAT POWERS MUST DESIRE PEACE FIRST

Peace Plan Held Greatest Problem Before United States for Settlement

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—The American people will never consent to become a part of a scheme or plan for peace which recognizes war as a legitimate method of settling disputes or which is controlled through international politics, Senator William E. Borah declared in an address to the Philadelphia Forum upon the subject of "Outlawry of War."

Because of his recent elevation to the position of chairman of the senate foreign relations committee and the status before that body of the question of American entry into a world court, Senator Borah's subject had aroused special interest. "To talk of leagues and courts while pursuing a deliberate policy of violence and vengeance," Senator Borah declared, "is to trifle with the greatest problem now before us for settlement."

"There is no hope for peace," he asserted, "so long as great powers will that there shall be no peace." He listed a number of international incidents since the World War which he said have involved "a resort to violence upon the part of great and powerful nations against the unarmed and helpless."

He suggested that the phrase, "outlawry of war" be dropped for "substitution of law and judicial tribunals in international affairs."

"The plan should be considered," he said, "as three separate propositions: creation of a body of international law involving 'going as far as humanly possible to re-establish rules of conduct.'"

"Establishment of an independent tribunal with jurisdiction and power to determine all controversies involving construction of international law or treaties; and"

"Declaring by said tribunal that war is a crime no longer to be recognized at any time as a legitimate instrument for settlement of international disputes."

Trustees for the organization are Bryan H. Conley, retiring president, Chris Kowitz and Allan V. Jones, who was elected to succeed himself.

A resolution directing the drawing up of a letter to be mailed to Governor Walter M. Pierce, commending him highly upon the stand recently made concerning the employment of ex-service men, was passed. The resolution expressed hope that the interests of the state would fall into line and give relief to the unemployed service men of Oregon.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—A coroner's jury investigating the death of George Larson, 2 1/2 years old, who was killed here Saturday by an automobile, which speeded away after the accident today placed the blame on James R. Stewart, 52, electrician, who was arrested on suspicion Sunday. The coroner's verdict recommended that Stewart be held for criminal prosecution.

GUN MEN ARRIVE TO RENDER AID TO BOOTLEGGERS

San Francisco Prohibition Officers Receive Orders to Carry Side Arms

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—After announcement by prohibition officers that rum runners in this vicinity had imported from Chicago and New York a crew of 25 gun men to defend smugglers of liquor against both prohibition agents and "hijackers," orders were issued to all prohibition enforcement officers tonight to carry side arms and to be prepared for any eventuality.

In addition to arming agents, it was announced a special machine gun squad has been organized among prohibition enforcement forces to cope with possible attacks from bootleggers and smugglers. Samuel Rutter, prohibition director for California, was authority for the statement tonight that large cargoes of high priced liquor lie outside the Golden Gate in hooch argosies waiting to be smuggled in or the San Francisco Christmas trade and that numerous fights have resulted lately between smugglers and "hijackers" over this liquor.

WOMEN'S DEBATE TEAM IS NAMED

Six Willamette Girls Survive Squad Tryouts Given Last Night

Announcement of the winners of the tryout for the women's debate squad was made last night by Coach Horace Rahskoph. Those who made places are Nadie Strayer and Elaine Clower last season's varsity debaters, Caroline Tallman, Elizabeth Falkenfeld, Volena Jenks, and Hazel Newhouse. Intensive practice and research will be instituted immediately and every effort made to produce winning teams.

As yet only one contest is definitely arranged for the women debaters, a triangular with Oregon and the Oregon Agricultural college. Negotiations are being carried on by Nadie Strayer, manager of women's debate, with a number of other schools, and a debate with Albany college and a dual contest with the College of Puget Sound will probably be arranged. The question which will be used in all contests is: "That Japanese should be allowed to enter the United States under the same conditions as those citizens of countries now allowed a quota."

ANOTHER SUIT IS FACED BY FORD

Washington Firm Seeks \$364,000 for Alleged Breach of Contract

The Henry Ford & Son Motor company is made the defendant in an action instituted by the E. A. Mitchell Tractor company of Washington, according to papers filed in the county clerk's office yesterday. The amount sued for is \$364,000.

Damages are sought for an alleged breach of contract in which the Ford company took the Fordson tractor agency out of the hands of the Mitchell people. The Mitchell company at that time were authorized distributors for Washington, northern Idaho, and western Montana, and are said to have lost heavily when their contract with the Ford company was preemptorily cancelled, and they were unable to supply machines to the dealers in their territory.

The Vick Brothers Motor company started a suit against the Ford people a short time ago on the same charges, asking or damages of \$290,000, and it is understood a number of other suits have been instituted on the same grounds, in various parts of the country.

Minister Wroblewski and Secretary Mellon Sign Agreement Refunding Poland's War Debt



Poland is the fifth nation to refund its indebtedness to the U. S., the others being Great Britain, Hungary, Finland and Lithuania. The photograph shows Dr. Ladislas Wroblewski, Polish Minister at

Washington (at left) and Andrew Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, signing the agreement refunding Poland's indebtedness of \$178,560,000. At the right is Elliott Wadsworth, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury.

MORS LETTER IN TESTIMONY

Attempt Made to Bribe McCoy to Leave Mors House; Death Threatened

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 17.—Defense counsel of Kid McCoy, prize fighter, charged with the murder of Mrs. Theresa Mors, began rearranging plans of attack against prosecution testimony here tonight as a result of the abrupt closing of the state's case late today.

Albert A. Mors, husband of the slain woman, was not called to the witness stand, leaving the defense unprepared to continue and court adjourned one hour early. A subpoena was served by the defense immediately upon adjournment. The prosecution explained that the testimony of Mors was not necessary, since F. A. Andreanni, his attorney, testified to the felicity in the Mors household prior to the introduction of McCoy.

Attempts were made by the prosecution to introduce letters from Mors to McCoy's brother-in-law, Roy Davis, a Los Angeles banker, in which the former predicted "insanity and death, murder and suicide" as a result of the ex-fighter's relations with his wife.

They were placed in the court records after being identified by members of the district attorney's office who seized them. The letter written June 1 at Santa Barbara by Mors, appealed to Davis to have McCoy cease his attentions to the wife.

Saying that Davis was a responsible member of McCoy's family, Mors' letter continued: "I beg you to call him away, else I may be forced to kill him for betraying my home and dishonoring my hearth."

The second letter, written by Mors to Davis from San Luis Obispo, June 2, 1924, revealed that the antique dealer "sought to buy off" McCoy's attentions. "I believe in my wife," the letter said. "I have known her for 17 years; a curious mixture of saint and sinner, but the saint predominates. Knowing Selby (McCoy) and his record as an open book, I quite frankly ask you to find out from him what amount of cash he would take to leave my wife alone."

"I am simply doing this because at heart your moral leper of a brother-in-law covets his neighbor's chattels." However, he has broken every law, human and divine, so I don't expect this offer of mine will occasion him any qualms except cupidity. "Otherwise insanity, death, murder and suicide may result," the letter concluded. "This scandal will grow and grow unless settled at once. I am simply offering to buy him off my prey. At 51 he probably cowardly realizes his inability to make a living and he seeks this way of providing for his future. Man proposes and God disposes, so his carefully laid plans may miscarry."

KING COLD TO KEEP CONTROL OF COMMUNITY

Near Zero, Mark Predicted for This Morning by the Weather Man; 12 Above at 7 A. M. Wednesday

LOW TEMPERATURES APPARENTLY GENERAL

Various Parts of Oregon and Northwest Reported Still Shivering

With the mercury touching 21 degrees above zero at 7:30 o'clock last night and slowly dropping every hour, the streets were practically deserted early last night and only few persons were out, these evidently on business. Nearly all of the windows in the stores were heavily coated with frost. It was predicted by the weather man that by the time the paper was being read at the breakfast table this morning the temperature would reach a minimum of between 5 and 8 degrees above zero. At 7 o'clock Wednesday morning the mercury recorded 23 degrees above zero, though several private thermometers indicated several degrees lower.

Plumbers were kept busy during the day answering calls for help from owners of frozen and bursted water pipes. Garage men had another busy day and automobile owners who failed to have the radiators filled with some liquid protection from the weather were among the early visitors. One firm handling an anti-freeze fluid reported that nearly 250 gallons were sold Tuesday. Several downtown buildings suffered from bursting water pipes. No serious damage was reported though many were inconvenienced.

Phone Repairs Made Extra crews working day and night have succeeded in repairing the damage done to the telephone service and only between 50 and 75 subscribers were reported still without telephones yesterday. Following the snow Monday more than 400 lines were reported out of commission. It is expected the grand clean-up will be made by tonight and service back to normal.

No fires have occurred, though generally the first real cold spell takes out the fire department many times a day.

SEATTLE, Dec. 17.—Continued cold in the Pacific northwest today caused two deaths. George S. Watts, marooned on Matakul island, in the Fraser river, 20 miles below Port Haney, B. C., was frozen to death and his companion, David Greenwood, was found by rescuers in an exhausted condition.

Harry Chichester, 17, of Ferndale, Wash., was drowned when he skated into a hole on Lake Barrett, 10 miles northwest of Bellingham.

ROSEBRAUGH NOW LIONS PRESIDENT

Board Calls Special Meeting to Fill Vacancies; Others Elected

Following a meeting of the board of directors of the Lions club last night elected W. W. Rosebraugh to fill the unexpired term of office of Frank E. Neer, who has been elected governor of the Oregon district. Following the resignation of Mr. Neer the organization was left without a president officer, as the first vice president, Allan Kaffoury, had left Salem. The remaining second and third vice presidents did not feel confident of handling the directorship, and consequently presented their resignations from their office. However, with the election of Mr. Rosebraugh, W. T. Hickey was promoted from the second to the first vice presidency, and Gay L. Rathbun and Louis Lunsford were elected to the remaining vice presidencies. C. F. Geise was elected to the directors' board following the choosing of the new president. The officers will be held until June, 1925.

Frank E. Neer, the retiring president of the local organization, will be the director of the Lions' activities in the state and will supervise nine clubs. Hugh Kirkpatrick, president of the Lebanon Lions' club, will be the district secretary.