

## HEAVY DEATH TOLL RESULT OF FLOODS

Tremendous Death and Financial Loss Is Felt Throughout Europe

## WATERS NOW RECEDING

Demoralization of Communication Prevents Accurate Check on Devastation; Rain Continues

PARIS, Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Transylvania, eastern Hungary and Rumania present the most critical situation in Europe which is slowly emerging from one of the worst floods in its history.

The number of dead in these countries and the amount of damage inflicted probably will not be known for several days, perhaps weeks, because of the demoralization of communication and because of vast areas of territories are likely to remain under water for some time. But it is certain that there will be a tremendous death toll and financial loss. The rivers and canals in Belgium and Holland are going down, the German and Polish rivers also are receding. The situation in France remains at a standstill, but the rain there continues unabated.

Details of the casualties and suffering in Transylvania, Hungary and Rumania are slowly reaching Budapest and Bucharest. It is variously estimated that between 500 and 1,000 persons have perished, while the loss in cattle and the damage to spring wheat and property is tremendous.

Most deaths occurred in isolated hamlets and on small farms where the residents had no warning of approaching danger. This makes the task of a close computation of casualties almost impossible. Many died of hunger and exposure as they waited to be rescued from their rooftops or other vantage points.

Eastern Hungary has suffered greatly but the wheat reports are more reassuring. At Kis-Jano it is known that 155 houses collapsed and several persons perished. In the Oszet district, where 10 houses and farms were destroyed, it is believed that portions of this district will be inundated for at least 10 days.

The worst situation exists along the river Theiss, where thousands of inhabitants still remain on the roofs of their flooded houses awaiting rescue.

Great ice packs swept down from the mountains, by recent thaws have completely dammed up the rivers at several points, causing the water to overflow the countryside.

The Seine, Marne and Yonne rivers fell slightly during the day but the situation tonight was not yet without danger. Never have the French so closely followed the weather man's forecasts. The predictions tonight were for continued rain and the maximum flood level was expected in the Paris region about January 6 or 7.

The floods today reached their highest point in the region of Creil, Beauvais and Noyon, and trains from Belgium had to slow down to 10 or 12 miles, with the water reaching the floors of the coaches.

## FARM RELIEF PLANNED

CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION PROPOSED TO CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Farm relief proposals came before congress from several sources when it reconvened today, one of them a bill by Representative Dickinson, republican, Iowa, a recognized leader in the house farm bloc.

The Dickinson proposal, drafted after conferences with various farming organizations including those reported at the recent farm conference in Des Moines, was designed to provide for the disposal through cooperative associations of the exportable surpluses of wheat, corn, rice, cotton, tobacco, cattle and swine.

Machinery to be set up to handle the surpluses would comprise a federal farm advisory council and a federal farm board of seven members, including the secretary of agriculture and six others to be elected from 18 names submitted by the advisory council.

Another proposal was a bill introduced by Senator McKinley, republican, Illinois, to extend direct credit aid from the government banking agencies to farmers' cooperative associations.

## VACATION OVER, STUDENTS GULP BREAKFASTS AND RUN

Joys of Leisure Ended, Salem Youngsters Buckle Down to Another Long Period of Study; Not So Bad

Yuletide vacation having come to a surprisingly swift close, grade children and high school young men and women hit the various trails once more yesterday that led to school and study. Some will smile at the confident use of the last word in that sentence.

School children the city over were forced once more to get out of bed before breakfast, to turn on the lights, or dress in the dark, to shiver to the basement for kindling forgotten the night before, to gulp down a hasty breakfast. Smiles were none too fluent as text books were slung under arms, and as the brigades sallied from their cozy homes, once more to seek that interesting but elusive object, education.

Life, thought the students, as reluctantly they dragged their heels through the school house doors, is just one long study interspersed with vacations. Back to the old pull of study, study! Back to closed-in class rooms for another year!

But as the day progressed, the pervading gloom cleared like fog on the city's streets. After all, only a few more weeks until the end of the term. And then a few months more and the summer vacation will be here.

Then, too, there are basketball games to make life worth living. Why, no school, no hot contests! No chances to compose choice phrases for referees. No chances to sink in despair as the opposing team crawls ahead in the last half, only to rise to the peak of glee as the home team spurts to the fore and nudges out with the victory as the timekeeper blows the whistle.

As the day came nearer to its close studies seemed interesting again. Suppose a man should want to be a doctor? The biology experiments weren't so bad. Suppose he wanted to be an engineer? Algebra has it all over cross word puzzles for interest. Suppose a girl should want to be a musician? Just after vacation, it was natural that pupils and students throughout the city should catch a half-vision of the days when school experiences are memories. School, thought the students as they were out for home after classes were started, is a pretty decent place when all is said.

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OH BOY!

CLIMBERS RETURN SAFE

TWO MEN SPEND NIGHT ON SNOW CAP OF MOUNT HOOD

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—After spending a night on the snow cap of Mount Hood without blankets two men who today were reported missing on the peak turned up safe. The men, Rollin Maddock and J. E. Pearson, reached Government Camp late last night after a Mazama club mountain climbing party had departed. The telephone line to Government Camp was out of order today and news of the safety of the two men was reported by W. F. Cash, manager of the inn at Rhododendron.

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LINEN MILL GETS ORDER

MILES COMPANY IS TO MAKE THREAD FOR PENITENTIARY

The Miles Linen company, through a Portland wholesale house, today received the contract for furnishing a large quantity of shoe thread to be used in the shoe manufacturing plant at the Oregon state penitentiary. The price was three cents per pound lower than charged by other shoe thread manufacturers.

Members of the state board of control said that recent tests indicated that the shoe thread manufactured by the Salem company is more durable than the product heretofore purchased by the penitentiary.

The Miles Linen company was established here recently at a cost of approximately \$125,000. Practically all of the stock is owned by local investors.

DEATH IS INVESTIGATED

INQUIRY OPENED FOLLOWING DEATH AT SANITARIUM

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Death of Mrs. Bertha L. Oles, of Seattle, yesterday at Mrs. Linda Burfield Hazard's Wilderness Heights sanitarium at Olalla, Kitsap county, is being investigated by Ray R. Greenwood, prosecuting attorney of that county, he announced today.

Mrs. Hazard is appealing from conviction of practicing without a license after serving a sentence for manslaughter following deaths at her sanitarium, where so-called starvation cures were in vogue.

Mrs. Oles was the wife of Major A. A. Oles, industrial secretary of the Seattle chamber of commerce, and was a resident of Seattle for 22 years. It was announced at the sanitarium that a carbuncle had caused her death.

## REDUCTION BILL IS ON WAY TO SENATE

Three Corners Fight Predicted; Mellon Warns Against Greater Cut

## CHANGES ARE DISCUSSED

Both Parties Meet to Consider Revision of House Bill; Insurgents Demand Tax Roll Publicity

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—The tax reduction bill was started on its way in the senate today, facing a three-cornered fight.

Secretary Mellon expressed the administration position generally by warning the senate finance committee that the measure as passed by the house represented the total amount of tax reduction which the condition of the treasury warranted—about \$330,000,000. This sum was the surplus the government had, he said, at the close of the last fiscal year.

Before the day was over, however, republicans and democrats of the committee met in separate conferences to discuss possible changes in the bill.

Senator Simmons of North Carolina, ranking democrat on the committee, announced later he was dissatisfied with the house bill and hoped that senate democrats would urge greater reduction than it provided, mentioning \$400,000,000 as the minimum.

Chairman Smoot, spokesman for the republicans, meanwhile has under consideration some changes in the rate schedules which would not disturb the total amount of tax reduction. He is considering increasing the exemption from the admission tax from 50c to \$1.

He would offset this, under the tentative plan, by repealing provisions in the bill cutting in half the alcohol levy.

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## CHERRIAN KING BING GETS CROWN TONIGHT

EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAM SET FOR ANNUAL BANQUET

J. C. Perry to Preside, Fourteen New Members Will Be Initiated

Tonight at 7 o'clock at the Marion hotel, the Cherrians will hold their annual banquet and crowning of the new King Bing. J. C. Perry, King Bing for 1925, will preside at the banquet and crown Harley O. White, King Bing for 1926.

The program for the banquet and evening's entertainment promises to be one of the most interesting ever offered at a Cherrian banquet. The main musical feature will be offered by the Elks' quartet of Portland. This is a male quartet whose singing is said to equal that of the famous Rosarigan quartet which has disbanded.

For music during the banquet, the girls' Orpheus jazz orchestra of Portland has been engaged. This orchestra appeared at the Elks' Temple a few months ago and was given a most favorable reception. In addition to special numbers by members of the Elks' quartet and also one or two members of the Orpheus orchestra, there will be a Spanish dancer who will appear on the program with several numbers.

Fourteen Cherrians who have been elected as members of the organization, will be officially initiated at the banquet this evening. These are: James H. Nicholson, Frank G. Deckbach, Jr., Orris Fry, F. J. Sullivan, Dr. George H. Veirs, Rex Sanford, Dr. Harry Bancroft, Dan Burns, Dr. Carl Emmons, T. A. Rafferty, Hurley L. Moore, Charles Wiper, C. F. Doane and W. B. Cain. The new members will be in charge of the stunts and initiation committee, consisting of George Arquette, Carl D. Gabrielson, P. D. Quisenberry, C. E. Knowland and Bert Ford.

Including members of the Cherrian band, who have been invited as guests for the evening, more than 100 Cherrians will be present at the banquet this evening.

YOUNG SCHAEFER AHEAD

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—Young Jake Schaefer, challenger for the world's 15.2 balk line billiards championship, won the first 500 points block in the 1500 point match with Edouard Horemans, Belgian, the champion. The score was: Schaefer 500; Horemans 375.

MEN PAY FINES

Two men were convicted in city court yesterday on speeding charges. Judge Poulsen suspended the driver's license of Howard Waters for 15 days, and fined Carl Noeske \$5.

George Cleveland and E. Pearsey were each fined \$1 by Judge Poulsen yesterday for parking overtime.

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## RENUMBER HOUSES IS MAYOR'S PLEA

Withdrawal of Funds From Playgroup Regretted in Annual Report

## URGES BETTER LIGHTS

Annual Address Is Made at City Council Meeting Last Night; Makes Recommendations and Gives Praise

Following general commendation of the work of various city departments, police, fire, street and street improvement, Mayor J. B. Giesy, in his annual report presented to city councilmen, made the following recommendations:

Improvement of city lighting system.

Need of renumbering the houses in Salem.

Keen regret at withdrawal of funds for the municipal playground.

Development of water supply and water distributing system.

His words, in part, follow: "Our present street lighting system is not entirely satisfactory, and I would recommend that the council make an investigation and survey of the same with a view to securing better lighting effects for the city. The north and south entrances to the city on the Pacific highway should be appropriately designated for traffic and properly illuminated at night."

"I wish again to call attention to the need for the renumbering of the houses in our city. Much confusion is caused, not only to strangers but to our own citizens as well, on account of the haphazard numbering of houses. Much inconvenience also results to the post office department and numerous complaints have been made by the city carriers. This, too, should be carefully studied and a plan devised for correcting our present defective numbering system."

"I cannot refrain from expressing my keen regret that an appropriation was not included in our present budget for the maintenance of our municipal playground, and I sincerely trust that our next budget may contain adequate provision for this most worthy enterprise which means so much to our boys and girls."

"May I again remind you of the urgent necessity for the inauguration of a permanent bridge construction program. A thorough study of this subject should be made at once and a measure containing adequate provision for the city's requirements along this line should be prepared for presentation to the people of Salem at the primary election to be held in May of this year."

"I also desire to say again, as I said in my message to you a year ago, that there is nothing more essential to the growth and development of a city as its water supply and water distributing system. At that time I declared it to be my earnest conviction that Salem should have a municipally owned water system. I wish now to reaffirm my belief that Salem should own and operate its own water system, and to urge that the special water committee which was appointed during the past year make preparation at the earliest time possible for submitting a definite and practicable plan for accomplishing this very important project."

"We are all well aware of the fact that Salem is rapidly growing in population and along with its development will come problems which must be carefully studied and solved if our city is to prosper to the fullest extent. To that end I invite your heartiest cooperation in the work of this new year and I sincerely trust it may be a successful one in every sense of the word."

HURT BY STREET CAR

MRS. O. J. GRIMES THROWN TO PAVEMENT, INJURED

Mrs. J. O. Grimes, 55, of 1353 South Twelfth street, suffered painful injuries when she was struck by a street car last night and was thrown to the pavement. The accident occurred on South Twelfth near the Oxford ball park at 7 o'clock Monday evening. Mrs. Grimes received cuts on the head and arms and extensive body bruises. She was taken to a hospital by a Golden ambulance. X-ray photographs will be taken today, it was said, to determine whether she received internal injuries.

No report of the accident had been received at the police station at an early hour this morning and it is not known how it occurred.

## MONEY IDLE 37 YEARS

SUM SECURED IN SUIT AT LAST PAID TO HEIRS

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—After lying in the hands of the clerk of the superior court for 37 years the sum of \$134,600 was today paid to the heirs of William Kirkman. The money was deposited in December, 1888, by the Oregon-Washington Railroad company in a condemnation suit.

Kirkman filed notice of appeal from the award of the condemnation proceedings but the appeal was never perfected.

William Kirkman was the father of State Senator W. H. Kirkman of this county. No demand for the money was ever made until today.

## GOVERNOR HARTLEY HIT BY WASHINGTON SOLONS

REPRESENTATIVES RESENT CHARGES OF DISHONESTY

Trade By Governor Brings Forth Declarations in No Uncertain Terms

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 4.—(By Associated Press.)—A resolution condemning the action of Governor Hartley in appearing before the legislature today for "purposes set forth in his special message" as "an abuse of his constitutional privilege and an invasion of the rights of the legislative branch of the government," was passed by the house of the state legislature today by a vote of sixty to 32, four members being absent.

The resolution now goes to the senate. The resolution was opposed by the minority faction of the lower chamber. Governor Hartley appeared before a joint session of the house and senate today and delivered his fourth message in which he assailed the majority faction of the legislature charging it with "trickery, jobbing, double crossing, scheming, befuddling, disgruntled politicians, special privilege seekers, treasury raiders, deceit, duplicity, false leadership and harassment."

"In short to date this session can be written down as almost a total loss," he said.

In the argument that preceded the vote on the resolution thirteen majority members denounced and flayed the governor for his action today, while five minority supporters fought to uphold the chief executive.

"I do not propose to permit any governor of this state to say that I am crooked or resorted to double crossing or in other words dishonestly represented my people," shouted Representative Mark M. Moulton of Benton county. "I have sat here giving credit to our governor for his honesty. I had not anticipated that he with his power would call us crooks and dishonest."

"I want to ask the minority members by their vote on this resolution whether they agree with the governor or not, that we have been crooked and double crossed," continued Moulton.

"I am convinced that the time has come when each member come to the conclusion that the

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## COUNCIL DEADLOCK ON ATTORNEY VOTE

Situation Saved by Motion to Postpone Choice Until Next Meeting

## FOUR BALLOTS TAKEN

Frank A. Minto and Harry Hutton, With Entire Forces, Elected; Naming Health Officer Delayed

Who is to be Salem's city attorney for 1926? This question was slated to be answered at the meeting of the city council last night. The name of Chris Kowitz, incumbent, was introduced by Alderman T. E. Galloway. The name of Fred A. Williams, councilman, was introduced by Alderman Hal Patton. The nominations were then closed.

Then the first ballot was taken: Result, Kowitz 5, Williams 5, Phillips 1, and blank 1. Second ballot disclosed the same result. In the third ballot one alderman did not vote, and Williams received but five votes. But Blank retained his one, as did Phillips. A majority of votes cast is necessary to elect.

In the fourth ballot, deadlock was again in evidence—Kowitz 5, Williams 5, Phillips 1, Blank 1. It looked as though the only way to break the deadlock would be to vote for Blank or Phillips.

But the situation was temporarily saved when Alderman S. E. Purvine's motion to postpone the matter until the next meeting was adopted unanimously. Salem is still wondering who is to be this year's city attorney. So are the aspirants.

Severe censure was expressed by several members of the council of the act splitting the job of city janitor into two jobs, one for the comfort stations and one for the city hall. Some councilmen stated that the present janitor, Mr. Tucker, is sending his daughter through college, and is maintaining a family on the salary he has received.

Under the new ruling, the city hall job would pay \$50 to one man and the comfort station job would pay \$40 to another. The division of the jobs stood, however. Mr. Tucker was retained as janitor of the city hall, and Mr. Blakesley, at the request of Alderman Patton, was given the job as janitor of the comfort stations.

Election of city health officer was postponed. The council is endeavoring to cooperate with the city school board and the county to hire a full time health officer who shall function for the three bodies. It is understood that a meeting will be held this evening of members of each group. At this time effort will be made to secure a full-time physician.

Frank A. Minto was elected to succeed himself as city marshal. In making the nomination, Mayor J. B. Giesy stated that he did so with pleasure, and believed that the force has never been as efficient as it has been under Minto's guidance.

Harry Hutton was elected to succeed himself as fire chief. The police force and firemen were all

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## Good Night, Little Boy Blue

By ELLA McMUNN

An hour ago they told me that my Little Boy Blue was dead, and it is hard to write when tears overtake each other and fall in torrents down my cheeks. Eight weeks ago when I told the doctor how thin the boy had become, and how he coughed and everything and would he please give me something to make him well, he said, with all kindness, "There is nothing I can give you. Just make him comfortable."

Like a cold hand on my heart fell his words, and since then, through all these Christmas joys, I have carried the secret that has bowed and broken me. All day I could not eat, because Eddie could not, and in the night I awakened with his name on my lips, hoping, praying, crying out that for the sake of those who loved him he might be spared. As the world counts time Eddie was grown to manhood, but to me, and to my mother and to my sister Florence (whose boy he is) he was always our Little Boy Blue.

In my trunk is the little cap he had when he was a baby, and the hat he had when he was three years old, and on my desk another book of my own making that tells all about his first tooth, his first day at school, and all the other important things in a boy's life. He was with us almost as much as he was at home, and all over the place I find where he has written down the dates of the state fair, and the nights there would be moving pictures at Chemawa, and here and there are his treasures in rocks and tools and books.

How he loved the woods, and the sunshine and the flowers, and never came in from a walk without bringing whatever was in bloom, and so it seems doubly tragic that we shall lay him away when the skies are so cold and gray and there are no flowers.

Today, (Tuesday) at 1 o'clock we shall meet at Webb's chapel in Salem to say farewell to him before we lay him beside my father at Hayesville cemetery, but always in the long, empty years ahead, every night I shall pause at his vacant room as usual and say, "Good Night, My Little Boy Blue."