

WEATHER FORECAST: Rain, moderate temperature; fresh winds on coast. Maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 47; river, -1.1; rainfall, .22; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southeast.

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The fellow that plays the game has a lot more fun than the one who sits on the sidelines and criticizes.
To be sure of being observed by opportunity, stand in her pathway.

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High Winds Lash Fury Along Coast Accompanied by Rain

SNOWFALL BLOCKS PASS

Portland Weather Forecast Indicates Worst of Storm Has Passed With Lessening of Winds

FALLS CITY, Or., Nov. 12.—(AP)—While John Page, employee of the Daugherty Lumber company, was walking through the woods carrying a wire cable over his shoulder, a solitary bolt of lightning struck him or sufficient close to him to knock him unconscious. He was found later by a fellow workman and taken to a hospital.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Nov. 12.—(AP)—About three inches of rain has fallen here in the last 48 hours, accompanied by high wind. Today the storm became electrical. A report said a schoolhouse at Coquille was struck by lightning, but no damage done. Surf was breaking tonight across the entire length of the Coos Bay bar.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Nov. 12.—(AP)—First taste of winter came to the Klamath section early today when an all night drenching rain turned to snow and sleet, blanketing this entire area.

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 12.—(AP)—A lessening in the intensity of winds along the coast was indicated tonight from reports received from several points.

Portland weather forecasts for tomorrow predict occasional rains with south and west winds. The rain is expected to extend over much of Oregon and Washington.

New snow has cloaked Mount Hood with a mantle of white and the fall was continuing tonight.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Heavy snow that fell on the summit of the Cascade mountains last night and today has completely blocked the highway at McKenzie Pass, according to stage drivers. It was difficult to bring the morning stage over from Bend today, it was stated, and no attempt was made to start the east bound stage over this afternoon. It is not expected that the snow will melt to any extent from this time on and it is predicted that next stage traffic will be tied up until next summer.

It was November 11 a year ago that the stage service was stopped, and it was the same date in 1924 that snow halted traffic for the winter.

BEND, Or., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Cars have been going across the McKenzie Pass all day, according to word received by the Central Oregon Press tonight from C. N. Sorenson of Sisters. One car coming from the west passed through Sisters at 5:45 tonight bound for Bend, according to Mr. Sorenson.

\$41,013.61 IS EXPENDED COMPANIES SPEND FUNDS TO DEFEAT HYDRO BILL

The various electric and power corporations of the state of Oregon expended a total of \$41,013.61 in opposing the so-called hydro electric bill development measure which was defeated by the voters at the general election held November 2.

The various contributors to the fund follow:

Eastern Oregon Light & Power company, \$74.18; Mountain States Power company, \$2781.62; California-Oregon Power company, \$2392.94; Portland Electric Power company, \$1428.28; Northwestern Electric company, \$170.86; Pacific Power and Light company, \$494.68; Deschutes Power and Light company, \$8.87; Enterprise Electric company, \$45.62; Sherman Electric company, \$10; Oregon Public Utilities committee, \$29,735.34 and Utility Employees committee, \$4412.

The expense account was filed in the office of the secretary of state by H. L. Walters, who handled publicity for the power and electric corporations during the campaign.

CAPITAL IS SILENT ON MEXICAN NOTE

AMBASSADOR SHEFFIELD STAYS AT WHITE HOUSE

Unusual Significance Attached to Dealing With Southern Neighbor

WASHINGTON, Nov. 12.—(AP)—Reappearance of Ambassador Sheffield in Washington today for conferences with President Coolidge and Secretary Kellogg served to bring the Mexican situation sharply to the fore. Despite the bleak silence of the state department as to matters under discussion there can be no question that unusual importance is attached to these conversations.

Mr. Sheffield was with Secretary Kellogg for a considerable time today. Presumably he will find opportunity tomorrow for a talk with the president, since he is staying at the White House. He is preparing to return to Mexico City and there are indications that aspects of the situation he will face there, much wider than the continuance of the prolonged correspondence over Mexican oil and land laws, will be considered with the president.

Reports current in Europe today that the last American vote, now before the Mexican government, contains a virtual ultimatum in connection with the oil-and-land controversy appear to be highly exaggerated. At the same time, there are signs that the note is regarded at the state department as of more significance than the other two communications in the series, one from Mexico and one to Mexico, which are still unpublished.

Whether the latest note differs only in language, or whether it embodies some new move in the argument was not learned. The degree of reticence observed is unusual.

WOMEN PRAISED BY QUEEN MARIE

HER MAJESTY ACTS AS GOD-MOTHER TO TWO-YEAR-OLD

Rumanian Party Faces Strenuous Social Program While at Chicago

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 12.—(By AP)—Queen Marie has been enough of this country to convince her that the position of "woman in America is happier than any where else."

The reason for it, she told St. Louis women, who were her hosts at luncheon, is that "your men allow the woman to do their share to a much larger degree" than in her own country.

"I am struck with the wonderful lives of the women here. I shall take home a vision of the wonderful work that women do here, while at the same time they are having a glorious time of it."

Marie saw the sights of St. Louis today while exchanging greetings with thousands of girls who poured out of the busy offices during the noon hour to see the royal Rumanians motor through the city. She took the sight-seeing tour in broken doses, however.

Members of her party explained that although Marie continues in robust health after three weeks of hurrying about the country, she must be ready for even more strenuous days ahead. Beginning tomorrow night, four days will be spent in Chicago, where elaborate entertainment plans have been laid and the following week will take her through other large cities in the east.

Queen Marie varied her reception program today long enough to act as god-mother to two-year-old Marie Weber of Snakover, Ark. The child, daughter of Mrs. Marie Weber, was christened in the chapel of St. Louis university. Queen Marie stood by during the ceremony, and at its end implanted a kiss on the cheek of her name sake.

The railroad contends that instead of having been overpaid \$1,329,785, as contended by the commission, it has in fact, been underpaid and that no refund is due the government.

The complaint charges the commission made several material errors in underestimating the amount of its compensation.

BANDITS PLANS FRUSTRATED BY BANK CASHIER

Man Alone at Time of Holdup Believed Killed When Orders Refused

ESCAPE MADE IN AUTO

Satchel Containing Payroll Checks For Manufacturing Plant Taken by Bold Day-Light Robbers

Three bandits kill bank cashier in North Dakota in a fruitless holdup. Five young men quietly rob Indiana bank of \$40,000 in cash, \$100,000 in negotiable securities. Four robbers seize cashiers, checks totalling \$24,000 from bank messenger in Chicago. Five masked men rob two messengers of Philadelphia Trust company of \$25,000.

MINOT, N. D., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Three bandits who shot and killed cashier H. N. Peterson in a fruitless holdup of the Citizens State bank of Wheelock today, were sought by authorities of northwestern North Dakota tonight.

Reports of a closed automobile bearing three men, speeding through several towns in Williams county caused sheriffs and deputies in that direction to be on the alert.

Just what occurred in the bank is a matter for conjecture. Peterson, who was 45 years old, was alone at the time. He was found by a customer, shot twice in the head. He died soon after.

Bank officials reported \$100 in silver on the bank counter had not been touched. They believe Peterson was shot when he refused to open a compartment of the vault containing \$5,000 in currency.

One of the men that fled from the bank in the automobile appeared to be wounded, several Wheelock residents said. If Peterson had a gun in the bank, the bandits are believed to have taken it as it has not been found late today.

LA PORTE, Ind., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Five young men quietly robbed the Peoples Trust & Savings bank of \$40,000 in cash and \$100,000 in negotiable securities today, raced out of town in an automobile and tonight no trace of them had been found.

Ten employees and five customers were in the bank shortly before noon when the five men, unidentified, entered.

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TALK ON PHONE TOLD TO COURT

EX-MAID IN MINISTER'S HOME DESCRIBES EVENTS

Blood Transfusion Made for Mrs. Gibson, Star Witness in Double Murder

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Nov. 12.—(AP)—One telephone conversation between the Rev. Edward W. Hall and Mrs. Eleanor R. Mills, who were slain in a double murder four years ago, was described today in the trial of Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall, the minister's widow, and her brothers, Willie and Henry Stevens. The testimony was given by Louise Geist Riehl, a former maid in the Hall household.

Mrs. Riehl, who was Louise Geist when she was employed in the Hall home, told of answering a ring of the telephone in the late afternoon of September 14, 1922. The murders were committed on the night of Sept. 14. The former maid said she recognized the voice of Mrs. Mills inquiring for Mr. Hall. Mrs. Hall, said the witness, also started to answer the call at another telephone on the floor below but replaced the receiver and walked away when informed that the call was for Mr. Hall, and that he had called from a bathroom that he would answer it.

The state submitted that at a grand jury investigation in 1922 the witness had said that she did

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DEPLETED FUNDS CAUSES CLOSING

TWO BANKERS FOUND SHOT IN REAR ROOM OF BANK

Authorities Fail to Set Definite Responsibility for Shooting

DETROIT LAKES, Minn., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Mysterious shooting of two bankers in the Citizens State bank of Galloway, Minn., was followed today by the closing of that bank and the Security State bank here because of depleted reserves.

Physicians said another 24 hours must elapse before they will permit authorities to question W. J. Norby, stockholder in the Galloway bank, and Frank Murphy, its cashier, found suffering from bullet wounds in the bank Tuesday.

H. S. Erickson, president of the Galloway bank, also is cashier of the Security bank here and both institutions were closed after runs had caused withdrawals imperiling their resources, the bank's officials said.

Norby and Murphy, found unconscious in a locked room in the rear of the Galloway bank, were reported improving today but were not out of danger, their physicians said. There has been no definite indication of responsibility for the double shooting.

GUN DISCHARGED IN FLORIST SHOP

BULLET RIPS WAY THROUGH WALLS, LITTLE DAMAGE

People Narrowly Escape Injury as Missile Runs Amuck in Three Shops

A machine gun bullet, running amuck yesterday noon, narrowly missed two women, pierced a raincoat, three walls, and finally landed in a load of bread. The bullet was accidentally fired as the machine gun was being taken down from the show window of C. F. Breithaupt's florist shop, where it had been used as an armistice day display.

The belt of shells had been removed from the gun, but one was missed in taking them out, and was discharged as a broom handle accidentally struck the trigger.

It went through a raincoat, a concrete wall and into the studio of Ginnell and Robb, missed the head of Mrs. N. E. Ginnell by a few inches. Mrs. Ginnell was working at a table in the rear of the studio.

The bullet continued through the studio and through a board partition and a wall into the Blue Bird confectionery, owned by John Hughes and H. K. Taylor. It's force was almost spent, and after entering the confectionery it ended its career in a breadcase a few inches from the head waitress working beneath the breadcase. Patrons of the confectionery were frightened by the noise of wood splintering as the bullet entered, but for a time the source of the sound could not be discovered. Investigation showed the hole behind the breadcase, and after further searching the bullet was found in the case.

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DIRIGIBLE HALTS FLIGHT NAVY LIGHTER THAN AIR CRAFT FEARS FREEZE

LAKEHURST, N. J., Nov. 12.—(AP)—The navy dirigible Los Angeles, which late this afternoon turned back at Washington from a contemplated trip to Norfolk, returned to the air station and was berthed in its hangar tonight.

Flight Commander Charles E. Rosendahl explained the return was caused by an imminent cold snap, which, it was feared, would freeze the water recovery system and entail a loss of helium gas. If a landing should be attempted to-morrow.

Valves which will enable the introduction of an anti-freezing solution into the system will be installed and the flight resumed on November 17, the commander announced.

PLANE ATTACKS GANGS CITADEL IN LIQUOR WAR

Unidentified Aviator Drops Bombs on Stronghold of Birger Clan

TWO LEADERS ARRESTED

Heavy Machine Gun and Rifle Fire Poured Into Two Houses Frequented by Birger by Outlaw Rivals

MARION, Ill., Nov. 12.—(AP).—The airplane and aerial bomb today were added to armored cars, machine guns and other novel weapons used in the southern Illinois gang warfare between the rival Shelton and Birger liquor factions.

Flying low over Shady Rest, a roadhouse operated by Charley Birger, gang leader, 10 miles east of Marion, an unidentified aviator dropped a bomb which failed to explode.

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UNCLE JOE CANNON

COOLIDGE TALK MAY BEAR FRUIT

TAKE-IT-OR-LEAVE-IT ATTITUDE SHOWN ON COURT

Europe Made Certain of America's Avowed Intention to Enter on Own Terms

PRESIDENT COOLIDGE'S SPECIAL TRAIN, Nov. 12.—(AP)—President Coolidge was on his way early tonight to the White House, confident that the take-it-or-leave-it world court declaration which featured his Armistice address yesterday in Kansas City would bear fruit at an early date.

It was the opinion of the president's fellow travelers that the court pronouncement would lead without further delay to final and decisive steps toward determination of the question of America's adherence to the protocol.

Certainly, it was said, Europe no longer can be in doubt as to the intention of the United States to join the court on its own terms or stay out of it.

If the expectations of the president's advisers are realized, the next week or so will see an end put to the prolonged delay on the part of the member nations of the court in replying to the letters Secretary Kellogg addressed to

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PIERCE APPOINTS HALL SON-IN-LAW TO SERVE UNTIL GENERAL ELECTION

Harold Hall, son-in-law of Governor Pierce, yesterday was appointed district attorney of Crook county to succeed Willard Wirtz, who has resigned. Mr. Hall has been employed as a clerk in the state engineering department here for the past four years. He recently passed the state bar examination and has been admitted to practice law in this state.

Mr. Hall will serve under his commission until the next general election two years hence.

ASK APPEAL DISMISSAL

REQUEST BASED ON FAILURE OF APPELLANTS TO ACT

The attorney general yesterday requested dismissal of appeals in the United States supreme court involving suits originally filed in the United States district court in Portland to test the validity of the license tax on motor vehicles and the motor vehicle fuel tax. The state of Oregon prevailed in both suits in the district court.

The application for dismissal of the appeals to the United States supreme court was based on the failure of the appellants to obtain an interlocutory injunction in the lower court.

PADDOCK INJURED

SPRINGFIELD, Vt., Nov. 12.—(AP)—Charles Paddock, California sprinter, was injured here today when he was accidentally struck on the head with a racket while playing squash. Several stitches were taken in the wound over his right eye.

JOE CANNON'S DEATH GRIEVES ENTIRE NATION

Picturesque Statesman First Elected as Congressman 53 Years Ago

MIND FADES WITH BODY

"Uncle Joe," Many Times Millionaire, Acquired Money, It Is Said, Through Lucky Investments

DANVILLE, Ill., Nov. 12.—(By AP)—The fiery spirit of Joseph Guernsey Cannon, dimmed to an ember by the weight of 90 years, was quenched today by death.

In the home from which he went to congress 53 years ago, and amid walls laden with the trophies of his public life, the patriarch died at high noon, in the midst of a deep sleep.

Weakening of the heart muscles caused his death, but the general deprivations of old age had warned his family several months ago that the end was near. His told comrades in the national house, when he quit his halls in 1922, that he was going home to die, home to the rambling brown brick mansion which he built 65 years ago for his bride, who preceded him to the grave.

After his retirement from congress he continued his daily walks downtown beneath the elms of Vermillion street, and the most cartooned face in America was daily visible behind the brown curtains of the Second National bank which he helped found. But several months ago he was forced to forego his walks, and he turned to a daily motor outing, which he continued until a few weeks ago.

His mind faded with his body, and he could recall but dimly, after his 90th birthday last May, the scenes with which long congressional service was vivid. Not wanting memory, however, could keep him inactive, and his last public act four months ago was to turn the sod for a new church for the St. James Methodist Episcopal congregation.

Born a Quaker, he joined the Methodist church after leaving congress, and each Sunday until recent weeks found him in the pew his wife had occupied throughout her lifetime in Danville.

A funeral air and one of reverence settled over the city as news of his death spread. Danville had known for months that its foremost citizen had not long to live, and it had filled with honor his declining days.

His 90th birthday was made a civic holiday, and he was a guest of the Kiwanis club, to which he belonged, at a birthday party. He did not try to speak, but he stood behind the mammoth birthday cake, tilted his picturesque hat at

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DR. CANSE PLANS TRIP KIMBALL HEAD TO PREACH IN PORTLAND CHURCHES

Dr. John M. Canse, president of the Kimball School of Theology, will preach in Portland churches Sunday. He will preach at the Rose City Park Methodist church in the morning at a special service given by the Women's foreign missionary society and at the St. John's Methodist church in the evening, a special service for Father and Son week being held that night.

Monday he will attend a meeting of Methodist preachers in Portland at which arrangements will be made for a statewide men's council of the Methodist church to be held in Portland December 9 and 10.

ROTARY CLUB FORMED HUBBARD, WOODBURN ORGANIZE WITH 25 MEMBERS

A joint Rotary club from Hubbard and Woodburn was organized last night at a meeting in Hubbard. About 25 members will be in the new club. Ten Rotarians from Portland and an equal number from Salem took part in the meeting.

The Salem Rotarians attending were Lester Barr, Max Page, George Grabenhorst, Charles Knowland, Walter T. Jenks, Dr. J. Lyman Steed, Eric Butler, R. O. Shelling, C. E. Wilson, and George Arbuckle, president of the local club.

