

WEATHER FORECAST: Rain, mild temperature; diminishing south to west gales on the coast. Maximum yesterday, 58; minimum, 49; river, 15, falling; rainfall, .25; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southwest.

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SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 2, 1926

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OFFICERS LINK JEWELRY CLUE TO STRANGLER

Theory Same Man Killed Women Along the Coast Strengthened by Find

YOUNG MAN DESCRIBED

Police Withhold Official Comment Until Positive Identification of Articles Made by Seattle Officers

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Doggedly pursuing each blind lead with the determination that one of them will furnish information as to the identity of the slayer of Mrs. Blanche Myers, 48, who was strangled to death in her home here Monday, Portland police and deputies from the Multnomah county sheriff's office continued today to run down rumors and "hot tips" from every section of the city. Aside from one clue, all other rumors were found to be groundless.

This lone clue consisted of the discovery of three articles of jewelry, believed by police to have been stolen from the body of Mrs. Florence Monks, who was found dead in the basement of her house in Seattle on November 23. The jewelry consists of a necklace and bracelet to match, and a three-strand string of pearls. They were found by police in the possession of two women here, who operate a rooming house. The jewelry was given to them, they say, by a man who took a room in their house on November 24, the day after Mrs. Monks met death. He paid a week's rent in advance, but despite this, left his room on the morning of the day on which Mrs. Myers was murdered here. Officials are checking every possible clue in connection with this man.

He was described by them as being between 24 and 26 years of age, of dark complexion, with dark eyes and brown hair. He is about five feet, seven inches tall.

In connecting up the death of Mrs. Monks with the strangling of Mrs. Blanche Myers here on last Monday, police pointed out that Mrs. Myers was killed at about 12:30 o'clock that afternoon.

Police Captain John T. Moore, while withholding official comment as to the identification of the jewelry discovered here today declared the articles "answered minutely" the description broadcast by the Seattle police, and that they were being rushed to Seattle for examination.

The peculiar leaf-like design of the links in the diamond studded necklace, and bracelet, according to officials here, answers closely the description of the jewelry as given by Seattle police headquarters.

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COMB MEXICAN GULF FOR SHIP

Schooner Thought to Hold Dry Agents, Captive

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 1.—(By AP)—The three-masted schooner Arseno J. believed to be carrying two kidnaped prohibition men, tonight was the object of an extended search into the Gulf of Mexico with all available revenue cutters and patrol boats called into service.

The schooner, an alleged rum runner, disappeared from anchorage off the Mississippi coast today after it had been captured by a patrol boat and J. B. Matthews, assistant prohibition administrator of New Orleans, and a marine guard were stationed as guards while the patrol boat visited port to re-fuel.

When the patrol boat returned the ship was gone. Believing that it had been recaptured by the alleged rum runners, other cutters and patrol boats were called from Biloxi, Miss., and Galveston, Tex., to aid in the search. All shipping on the Gulf of Mexico was asked to watch for the ship and take the kidnaped men off if possible.

Shortly after the disappearance of the vessel was reported, C. J. Jackson, prohibition administrator at New Orleans, said that he received a report through coast guard sources that the vessel had been recaptured by the Tallapoosa and taken to tow.

Later he asserted he received a second report from the same sources that the vessel had broken tow and again was at liberty.

Radio messages received from the revenue cutter Tallapoosa by the Tropical Radio company's Mobile station said that the Tallapoosa had not sighted the schooner since her disappearance.

MEET IN CANBY, AURORA DISTRICT

REET GROWING AROUSES GREAT INTEREST

Other Sessions Coming for Hubbard, Woodburn, Turner, and Jefferson

The Canby Chamber of Commerce entertained the sugar beet acreage campaign workers at their regular monthly dinner last evening, there being present Kenneth Miller, C. M. Dickinson and Manager Wilson of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, and E. G. Robinson, president of the Aurora Community club. After dinner talks were made, about 50 being present at the dinner. Grant White, president, presided. The Canby people asked for a special meeting later, which will be arranged for.

The Aurora meeting was at 8 o'clock. It was opened with a talk by Prof. W. L. Teutsch of the OAC, district agent. Professor Teutsch said the Willamette valley has been growing sugar beets for many years, and that the first tests were in 1890, and that in 1900 the Oregon Agricultural college made more than 100 tests, and found the sugar content to run from 13 to 17 per cent.

Professor Teutsch said the Pudding river district around Aurora has some of the best sugar beet land in Oregon; that the first bench lands there are also very good, and that the beaverdam lands there will produce a large per acre tonnage. He said an advantage in the Pudding river lands is that early planting may be done, giving an early harvest.

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VETS MEET IN SALEM

100 ENJOY BANQUET AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Over 100 veterans of foreign wars assembled in Salem last night for a general meeting. The fore part of the evening was devoted to the enjoyment of a splendid banquet at Fraternal Temple. Col. Carl Abrams acted as toastmaster. Musical selections were rendered by Mrs. H. Coursey and Mrs. Karl Pearcy. Army style dishes were served and thoroughly enjoyed.

After the banquet the members adjourned to the members declared the enjoyment of today. Post No. 661 postponed the nomination of officers until the next regular meeting at which time the nominations and elections will be held. The new colors of the post were dedicated in a most impressive manner with Henry O. Miller in charge of this part of the program.

A class of 16 were initiated into the membership of the organization. Owing to the length of the program the meeting of the council of administration was postponed until a later date. Clyde A. Warren, department commander, was present with a live delegation from Oregon City. Many other posts had delegations at the meeting. Talks were given by Commander Warren, Grant B. Getchell, George A. White and several others.

WETS WIN IN TORONTO

PROHIBITORY TEMPERANCE ACT DOOMED BY VOTE

TORONTO, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The conservative government of G. Howard Ferguson, running on a platform of cutting for the sale of liquor under a government commission, as opposed to the present prohibitory Ontario temperance act, virtually swept the province in the general elections to the Ontario legislature today.

At 11 o'clock tonight the returns indicated that of the 109 members who had been elected at that hour, 79 of various political affiliations were pledged to support Mr. Ferguson's policy in the legislature.

Of the 112 constituencies only three remained to be heard from.

REDWOOD ROAD FAVORED

COMMISSION WILL CALL FOR BIDS IMMEDIATELY

PORTLAND, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The last gap in the redwood highway in Oregon was ordered completed today by the state highway commission, and State Highway Engineer Klein will arrange for advertising for bids immediately. This will finish the Oregon end of the highway, but there remains considerable to be done on the California side.

ACTRESS INJURED

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Mrs. Arnold Van Leer, (Dorine Adams) 24, New York actress, who was playing the part of a nun in Morris Gest's "The Miracle" here, was seriously injured today when a horse she was riding stumbled and fell on her.

DEFENSE HITS AT TESTIMONY OF WITNESSES

Failure to Have Mistrial Declared Brings Trial to Speech-Making

STATE EXPERTS SCORED

Evidence Offered by Former New Jersey Trooper Denounced as Lawyer Outlines Case Before Jurors

SOMERVILLE, N. J., Dec. 1.—(AP)—The state's failure to have a mistrial declared today in the Hall-Mills case allowed the trial to progress to the speechmaking stage. The first of a series of extended summing up speeches was begun this afternoon with indications tonight that the case would be given to the jury Friday.

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Only a part of the first speech was delivered today, Robert H. McCarter opening for the defense, holding the floor at the close of the court day when he had spoken for two hours and 15 minutes. He will speak for probably another hour tomorrow, and will be followed by Clarence E. Case to continue the defense summing up.

Alexander Simpson, special prosecutor, said tonight that he would not speak at the "tag end" of the day when the jury was fagged. If the defense arguments continue into the afternoon session the state's summing up and judge's charge will go over to Friday.

The state's application for a mistrial was made at the opening of court, Simpson accusing the jury of undue sleepiness, and of hostility to the state's cause, and also charged the jury was inadequately guarded.

Affidavits were submitted from newspaper reporters and detectives that certain jurors had been seen nodding. Other affidavits said the jurors had been permitted to speak to persons not on the jury when bailiffs were not present.

A statement, later reduced to affidavit form, declared the special prosecutor and Mrs. Jane Gibson, state's star witness, had been referred to in terms of approval. The jury, out of the court room while the state's representative preferred charges against its members, returned, and the case went on.

Former Attorney General McCarter started his address and was speaking at the hour of adjournment. He devoted most of his (Continued on page 5.)

BORAH OPPOSES FARM AID BILL

IDAHO SENATOR WANTS ALIEN PROPERTY RETURNED

Claims McNary-Haugen Measure Would Make Commodity Fee Compulsory

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Immediate return of German property seized during the war and rejection of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill was recommended to President Coolidge today by Senator Borah, Republican, Idaho, at a White House conference.

Unless alien property is returned without qualification, the United States government will be faced with the odium of confiscating private property and violating a principle on which the government was founded, the Idaho senator declared after his visit.

He predicted the measure now being drafted by the house ways and means committee providing for the return of a part of the property immediately and of the remainder in installments over a period of years would not be passed by congress.

"In principle this measure would endorse confiscation," he asserted, adding "this government cannot afford to sacrifice its honor for some \$280,000,000. It would be better to pay the American claims out of the treasury or issue bonds to cover them."

Senator Borah, who voted against the McNary-Haugen bill at the last session, said he still was opposed to compulsory operation of the equalization fee against farm commodities.

OLD SANTA USED TO COLD WINTER

HELP MAKE THIS OREGON'S MERRIEST CHRISTMAS

Salem Armory to Be Used in Case of Rain, Snow or Cold Winds

The weather doesn't have a thing to do with Santa Claus coming to Salem with his reindeer and his Eskimo driver and his Christmas spirit. Not a single, solitary thing! He will come though it rains 'cats and dogs.' He's old enough to know that weather isn't important, only as something that you have to have like clothes or food—but the kind doesn't matter.

He could stand out in the rain just as well as not; he's used to rain, hail, snow, ice, frost, wind, and everything. He's been at his job so long, tramping up and down the earth for you and for other children, that he's tough. T-U-F-F—that's the way to say what he is.

But he doesn't expect you to be tough as he is. He's going to show in the armory, Monday afternoon, December 6, the day the schools close for him, if the weather is bad. He doesn't want you to get wet feet and a cold and a grouch, just calling on him. No, indeed! He's got it all fixed up (Continued on page 2.)

PLAN IMPROVING OREGON BUILDING

TWO NEW STORE ROOMS PROVIDED FOR IN REMODELING

Oregon Electric Depot to Be Located in South Corner of Structure

In an announcement made yesterday by Hawkins and Roberts the allowing of a contract for the remodeling of the lower floor of the Oregon building to Cuyler Van Patten, local contractor, was confirmed.

The remodeling work will provide two new store rooms, new quarters for the Oregon Electric and a ten foot marquee around the entire building making the structure one of the most attractive business buildings in the city.

The corner of the building at High and State streets is to be occupied by E. L. Kappahann confectionery whose present quarters in the building will be taken over by a local merchant.

A new depot for the Oregon Electric will be provided in the south corner of the building on High street and will have sufficient room for all departments of the railway service here. The railway company has made a lease on the property until January 1928. Although waiting room will be hampered some the marquee around the building will offset this difficulty.

The present quarters of E. L. Kappahann will be entirely rebuilt before taken over by the new occupant.

There are no improvements contemplated for the foyer or interior of the Oregon theatre or the upstairs of the Oregon building.

MERCURY DROPS IN MIDDLE-WEST

BLAZING HOME DRIVES FAMILY INTO BLIZZARD

Snow in Manitoba Exceptionally Deep for This Time of Year

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 1.—(AP)—The northwest fought the coldest weather of the season today, following a night of wind that set new records for sudden temperature drops in many parts of Minnesota and North Dakota.

Relief is expected tonight and Thursday, with the weather bureau forecasting rising temperature for all parts of the northwest.

Crookston, one of the first Minnesota points struck by the sweeping cold wave, today shivered after a dip that took the mercury to 26 degrees below zero. Virtually all other northwest points reported sub-zero temperatures.

CARLISLE, Sask., Dec. 1.—(AP)—With their clothing burned off, Mr. and Mrs. C. Jones and their baby, not a year old, were driven out into a blizzard when flames destroyed their farm house near here today. Temperature was below zero. Clad only in a pair of rubber (Continued on page 3.)

PARTY BREACH WIDENED OVER TAX CUT BILL

Question of How to Tap Treasury Surplus Excludes Other Issues

CONGRESS TO GO SLOW

Speaker Longworth, After Conference With Coolidge, Asserts Opposition to Any Reduction Now

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The breach between republicans and democrats over how to tap the treasury surplus to the best advantage to the taxpayers' pocketbook, widened today at the capitol.

This subject virtually excluded all other issues, and drew into the vortex of discussion practically every recognized party leader of the house where revenue legislation must originate.

House democratic leaders, after a conference, came out in favor of an immediate \$350,000,000 cut in tax rates, while republican party chieftains stoutly maintained that they would oppose, as ill-advised, a new revenue bill at the approaching session.

The democratic program, drafted by minority members of the house ways and means committee, which has initial jurisdiction in taxation matters, is based on an agreement reached between Representative Gaines of Texas, ranking democrat on the committee, and Senator Simmons of North Carolina, who heads the minority membership of the senate finance committee.

Under the democratic proposal, the corporation tax, at present 13 1/2 per cent, would be cut probably to 11 per cent. The plan was made public by Chairman Oldfield of the democratic congressional committee, who said:

"The exact rate of the corporation tax was left subject to determination after further figures for which the treasury has been asked are available. It was the sense of the conference that the treasury will have a surplus at the end of the present fiscal year approximating a half billion dollars and that further relief to the taxpayers can well be afforded and ought to be given without delay."

Even before the democratic proposal had been announced, Speaker Longworth, after a visit to the White House, asserted that he was opposed to tax reduction at present and felt the treasury surplus should either be applied to President Coolidge's tax credit proposal, or to reduction of the public debt.

The democratic plan also will encounter the opposition of Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee, who holds that the 70th congress would present the right time for a new revenue law, although, in his opinion, the president's proposal should be enacted at this session.

Both Madden and Longworth contended it was impossible to estimate returns under the present revenue act, and that congress must go slow for that reason.

WHEAT SEED LOSS \$5000

LESS THAN HALF OF MONEY FOR LOANS BORROWED

Losses resulting from approximately \$450,000 of wheat seed loans authorized by the 1925 legislative assembly, will not exceed \$5000, according to a report submitted to the state board of control yesterday.

The 1925 legislature, at the request of the wheat growers of eastern and central Oregon, authorized an appropriation of \$1,200,000 to purchase seed for the replanting of their lands. Less than \$500,000 of the money appropriated was borrowed.

The law creating the appropriation was administered by the state board of control, and the borrowers of the money were compelled to pay interest at the rate of six per cent. The money was obtained from the funds of the state bonus returns under the present law, the state paid 4 1/2 per cent interest.

PLANE FORCED TO LAND

AIR MAIL FORWARDED TO SEATTLE BY TRAIN

MARYSVILLE, Cal., Dec. 1.—Forced down by unfavorable weather, Ralph Virden, pilot in the air mail service between Concord, Cal., and Seattle, landed in an alfalfa field just south of here today. The mail was sent north by train. Virden left Concord at 7 a. m., and in his flight north encountered a storm which he could not rise above.

INDIAN MELODY COMPOSER HERE

THURLOW LIEURANCE HARMONIZED OVER 200 SONGS

Believes "The Bridge of Gods" a Story Fitted for An American Opera

"I am not a stranger in the northwest; in fact I might almost call it my country," said Thurlow Lieurance, noted composer of Indian melodies, who will appear in concert at the Grand theater tonight at 8:15 o'clock, under the auspices of the Salem business and professional women's club, and also give a children's matinee at the same theater at 4 o'clock.

With Mr. Lieurance will be his wife, Edna Woolley Lieurance, soprano, and Virginia Hicks, flutist. The party arrived in Salem last night from San Francisco.

"My first research work in Indian lore was done in the northwest, in Montana," Mr. Lieurance continued. "I also recorded the melody for my most famous song, 'By the Waters of Minnetonka,' in Montana, near Billings."

"I harmonized the song on the Southern Pacific train between Portland and San Francisco in 1912. The song was originally a melody of the Sioux Indian tribe."

Oregon has contributed the one story most fitted for an American opera in "The Bridge of the Gods," by Balch, Mr. Lieurance believes. He has had the book before him for several years, and has even worked with it some in an effort to make it into an opera.

"This book has all the elements for a good opera plot, all the dramatic effects that are needed. It is the best—in fact, the only story well fitted for an original American opera."

"I hope some one will prod me into making an opera of it some day," he added.

Mr. Lieurance first started in the work of putting the Indian melodies on paper as the result of visits to his brother, Dr. Edward Lieurance, a physician at Indian agencies, who was stationed at the Salem Indian school for several years.

"When I set out to obtain the melodies from the Indians on some reservation, I generally go first to the Indian agent," he said. "He details for me the leading native singers and flutists, with who I next strike up an acquaintance."

"I then organize a party and go out into the woods among the Indians and live there for a week or two. I take a recording machine and other apparatus for observation."

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FAMOUS DIAMOND SOLD

WEALTHY INDIAN PRINCE IS PURCHASER OF STONE

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(AP)—The "golden dawn" which ranks 40th in the famous diamonds of the world, was sold at Christie's today for £4,950, or about \$24,600, a figure much under expectations. The purchaser was Aga Khan, wealthy Indian prince.

The golden dawn is a circular stone, named for its rich amber color, flashing the myriad lights of a summer dawn. It weighs 6 1/2 karats, and was discovered by Capt. C. R. Lucas near Kimberley, South Africa, in 1913. In its rough state, before cutting, it weighed 183 karats. It had remained the property of Captain Lucas until today's sale.

Other famous diamonds have realized enormous prices at public sales. The record is \$2,000,000 for the Victoria diamond of 180 karats, purchased by the Nizam of Hyderabad.

RIGHT TO MEET DOUBTED

VAN WINKLE TO STATE TEXT BOOK BODY'S AUTHORITY

The question of whether the state textbook commission has authority to hold a meeting here next Saturday, was requested by Milton A. Miller of Portland, chairman of the body, yesterday was referred to the attorney general for a legal opinion.

The session was called by Mr. Miller for the purpose of reconsidering textbook adoptions announced at the annual meeting of the commission November 2.

It was said that the attorney general would hand down an opinion today.

BOY IDENTIFIES DRIVER

WOMAN CLAIMS AUTO DID NOT STRIKE CHILD

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—(AP)—Emmett McKillop, six, standing on tiptoe, to see across the witness table, pointed out Horace Van Tinker, 27, as the motorist who ran down and killed his brother, Daniel McKillop, five, Friday night, at an inquest here today. Tinker, who carried the dying tot to the McKillop home, said he found the boy lying in the street.

POWER LINES FALL AS GALE HITS ASTORIA

Shipping in and Out of Columbia River Halted by Terrific Winds

SEVEN FIRES REPORTED

Tops Ripped Off Automobiles, Light Globes Smashed and Signs Blown Down in Business District

ASTORIA, Ore., Dec. 1.—(APY)—A howling southeasterly gale starting early today, had risen to a strength of 60 miles an hour off the mouth of the Columbia river by noon and it is reported to have increased to 90 miles an hour by 5 o'clock. Late in the afternoon telephone and telegraphic lines connecting Astoria with the North Head weather station were down and the power lines to the Youngs Bay naval radio station were out. Telegraphic communication via Postal Telegraph and the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone company, lines between Astoria and Portland went out about 6:30 p. m. Western Union lines were still in service. Wire communication with Seaside was interrupted for several hours.

All shipping in and out of the river was at a standstill. The wind in the city damaged a number of electric signs; blew the tops off two automobiles parked in the business section; and broke several street light globes in the downtown district. Motorists from Seaside reported a terrific wind which at times almost halted cars going toward the resort city.

The local fire department was called out seven times in a space of about two hours, but none of the fires were of a serious nature.

By 8:30 p. m. the gale had abated considerably in the vicinity of the city but communication with River Mouth points out of commission, little could be learned of the weather situation at the mouth of the river.

SEATTLE, Dec. 1.—(AP)—A 50-mile gale which swept over western Washington tonight had plunged a dozen towns in darkness and caused damages which may run into thousands of dollars.

In Seattle the storm loosed house boats from their moorings, impaired telegraph and telephone communication, darkened sections of the city and showered streets with fragments of windows and scaffolding. Service on two street car lines was halted when trolley wires were blown down. Residences in wooded districts were threatened by flying trees and debris.

Chehalis, Olympia, Tenino and neighboring towns were without electric lights after a tree fell across a power line. The Pacific highway was blocked between Toledo and Castle Rock by a mass of shattered trees, trunks and branches torn loose by the wind.

WIFE SEPARATES FROM COMEDIAN

MRS. C. CHAPLIN TAKES BOTH CHILDREN

Quarrel at Dinner While Entertaining Guests Leads to a Breach in Family

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 1.—(AP)—Charles Chaplin, film comedian and his wife, Lita Grey, have separated, it was disclosed today. Mrs. Chaplin has taken their two children and moved into the home of her grandparents in Beverly Hills.

"It is true that my wife has left my home with our two children, but I have insisted that she and they return," Chaplin declared.

At the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Curry of Beverly Hills, Mrs. Chaplin declined to give any reason for the separation other than that it was the result of a disagreement with her husband at the Chaplin home last Monday night.

Mrs. Chaplin said she was entertaining a party of friends among whom were the Baron and Baroness Mille De Precourt, when she and her husband came to the parting of their ways. She left the house the next day.

The actor's wife said she made the acquaintance of the Baron and Baroness on her recent return voyage from Honolulu. She had given them a farewell dinner at the Biltmore hotel and the party was continued at the Chaplin home.

Mrs. Chaplin said she had no intention of returning to the Chaplin home and admitted she had consulted George Beebe, the attorney who accompanied the Chaplins to Mexico when they were married by a justice of the peace at Guaymas two years ago last month.

