

Since the Death of Sarah Bernhardt, Bertha Kalich is World's Greatest in Her Line; at Elsinore Thursday California's Leading Authority Thinks Prune Organization of all Interested Parties Should Be Coast Wide

WEATHER FORECAST: Cloudy over east and unsettled with occasional rain over west portion, continued mild; moderate to fresh south and southwest winds. Maximum yesterday, 65; minimum, 46; river, 9.1; rising; rainfall, .57; total for storm, 1.75; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southeast.

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Amundsen is said to be planning a trip around the world by flying over both poles. He may be all right in his calculations, but it seems to us that it would be a lot easier to go the other way around.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 4, 1927 PRICE FIVE CENTS

SOLONS ATTACK USE OF POISON IN ALCOHOLICS

Congressmen Censored for Setting Poor Example by Excessive Drinking

TALK REACHES TREASURY

Senators Copeland and Bruce, Democrats, Assail Prohibition Measure as "Immoral and Indecent"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The controversy over deaths during the holiday season from the drinking of poisoned alcohol reached both the senate and house floors today, as soon as congress reconvened.

At both ends of the capitol the personal conduct of members in the observance of the dry law was questioned, and before sundown the discussion had reached the treasury, where both Secretary Mellon and Lincoln C. Andrews, the prohibition enforcement chief, issued statements.

While Representative Celler, democrat, New York, was accusing his colleagues in the house of "drinking to excess," Senator Edwards, democrat, New Jersey, in a lengthy speech in the senate was condemning the "hypocrisy of some of the representatives of the people who vote dry and drink wet."

Celler declared that members of both house and senate "drink to excess," and called upon them to keep poison out of industrial alcohol to protect those "who are better."

During the day both houses were also called upon in bills and resolutions to take cognizance of the industrial alcohol situation.

Another proposal by Representative Fairchild, republican, New York, would ask congress to call to the attention of federal officials that "there is no such thing as a legalized murder," and that any federal official who causes poison to be used in denatured alcohol does so upon his own responsibility and his own risk.

On the floor the dries let the wets do most of the talking although Senator Sheppard, democrat, Texas, defended the use of wood alcohol as a denaturant and said that the "lamentable deaths from indulging in industrial alcohol" were the result of "careless handling."

REGIME OF DIAZ HIT BY SENATOR

WHEELER CONTENDS U. S. SHOULD WITHDRAW FORCES

American Sailors Held Blocking Efforts to Restore Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Contending that the Diaz government in Nicaragua never should have been recognized by the United States, Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, introduced a resolution today demanding immediate withdrawal of the American naval forces from that country.

The measure charged that the American sailors and marines were blocking the efforts of "Dr. Juan Sacasa to restore constitutional government."

The order of Rear Admiral Latimer in declaring Puerto Cabezas a neutral zone and the establishment of a censorship there were cited as "hindrances" to the Sacasa movement's success.

The Diaz government, it was charged in the resolution, was illegally elected and "it must have been apparent to the state department that Diaz could not maintain a stable government without the aid of American gunboats and American marines."

Dr. T. S. Yaca, Washington representative of Sacasa, in a statement asserted that "not a single Mexican officer is to be found in Sacasa's army," but at the same time declared the sailing of the United Fruit company's ship Abangaria with an airplane and bombs for the Diaz forces was ample justification for any assistance which might be given to Sacasa by Mexico.

The Abangaria is said to have sailed from New Orleans on December 29 to the Nicaragua coast.

PIERCE TELLS ABOUT PARDONS

CRITICISM FOR MANY REPRIVES UNJUST, HE SAYS

Farewell Speech Given Before Salem Chamber of Commerce Luncheon

"Criticism that has been directed at me as a pardoning governor has been mostly unjust," said Governor Walter M. Pierce in a farewell address before the Salem Kiwanis club at its Monday noon luncheon.

Governor Pierce stated that his so-called pardons were mostly reprimands given to liquor law violators who had served their time, and who then were faced with the necessity of paying out cash fines. "I reprimanded these men only at the requests of the county judges and district attorneys, and then because they had families which they could be made to support."

Some men had been reprimanded thus as many as five times, the governor stated.

"I don't know whether the supreme court would say I had a right to do this lawfully," he continued, "but I myself believe it was legal. Attorney General Van Winkle told me it was legal. I know that Judge Skipworth said it was illegal, but I have done it anyway with a clear conscience."

Governor Pierce has not paroled or freed one murderer during his four years of office, he said. Only one man charged with murder was freed, and this only because the governor was convinced he was innocent of the crime.

"I personally believe in capital punishment. I can condemn a man to hang and sleep just as well the next night."

Four years from now the state penitentiary will be a self-supporting institution, the governor added, in praising John Quinlan, superintendent of prison industries.

"My predecessor warned me to stay out of the linen game," he stated, "but I am glad I did not follow his advice. We have made a success of the flax plant in spite of the fact we have been forced to sell on a falling market."

"One of the best features of the prison industries, I believe, is in keeping the convicts at work. It helps keep the penitentiary from being a breeder of crime."

Governor Pierce believes his work in suppressing irrigation.

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ARRESTED HERE SUNDAY

Two Released to Portland Officers on Monday

Ed L. Phillips and Miss L. L. Kidder, arrested here Sunday morning in possession of an automobile stolen from Portland Saturday night, were released to Portland police yesterday. The two were arrested at Eighteenth and Court streets at 3 o'clock in the morning.

When arrested Phillips gave the name of Kidder, showing a driver's license that Miss Kidder is said to have taken from her brother.

VILLAGE BATTLES COLD

Mercury 40 Below as Fire Wipes Out Only Store in Town

WISAMAN, Alaska, Jan. 3.—(AP)—With the mercury at 40 below, Wisaman tonight was dependent for its supplies on the town of Bettles, 50 miles away.

A \$40,000 fire today destroyed this camp's only store, and an adjoining warehouse. About 100 persons live here.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press Congress reconvened.

The house received the naval supply bill.

The agricultural appropriation bill was reported to the senate.

Florida's challenge of the federal inheritance tax was thrown out by the supreme court.

Senator Wheeler proposed immediate withdrawal of American naval forces from Nicaragua.

The supreme court consented to review the legality of Harry F. Sinclair's Teapot Dome oil lease.

Congress and the treasury considered the poisoned alcohol problem in the light of holiday fatalities.

A split developed in the senate over the question of sending Frank L. Smith, senator-designate from Illinois.

VERBAL SHELLS FIRED AT BILL ON NAVY FUNDS

Plan Brewing to Demand Elevation of Guns on American Battleships

LIGHT CRUISERS SOUGHT

Senator Johnson Asserts U. S. "Outgeneraled in Arms Conference" and Present Strength Inferior

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Drawing a barrage of criticism of the American navy from both sides of the capitol, the naval appropriation bill was reported today to the house.

The verbal shells were merely range finders for concerted attacks to be delivered when the measure carrying \$14,552,680 for activities during the next fiscal year runs the blockade of big navy men in both houses.

While the bill still was in the safe harbor of the appropriations committee before the house met, a plan was brewing among naval committee members to demand elevation of the guns of American battleships to equal the firing range of British and Japanese war craft.

That certain members of the committee were preparing to ask congress to authorize gun elevation, was disclosed by Chairman Butler, who declared he would

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TRYS TO CASH CHECK

Police to Investigate Case, Ink and Pen Found

Alfred E. Allison is being held by the local police for investigation in connection with an attempt to pass worthless checks at local clothing stores yesterday afternoon.

Allison was arrested at a rooming house last night at 6 o'clock on information furnished by one of the clothing houses. Pen and ink were found in his possession.

Police say that Allison attempted to cash a check on the Ladd and Bush bank at each store. The check was for \$22.50.

When attempts to cash this proved unsuccessful, Allison is said to have tried another one for \$10. The checks were made out to Allison, with a signature he said was his brother's.

SENATE DIVIDED ON FRANK SMITH

APPOINTMENT OF ILLINOIS MAN CAUSES SPLIT

Upper House Kept Guessing as to When Candidate Will Take Oath of Office

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A wide open split over the question of temporary seating of Frank L. Smith as a senator from Illinois, while his credentials are being investigated, developed today in the senate.

Republican leaders had hoped this might be done, but democrats in conference found themselves in substantial agreement that Governor Small's appointee should be barred from the senate until after the elections committee holds a hearing and makes a report.

Smith, appointed to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator McKinley, whom he defeated in the Illinois primary last spring, still kept the senate guessing as to when, if at all, he would present himself to take the oath.

Senator Deneen, republican, Illinois, who returned to Washington today from his state after conferences with Smith and Small, gave little encouragement to republican leaders who had requested him to plead with the appointee to refuse the appointment. They had told him to tell Mr. Smith that there was small chance of his being permitted to serve out the McKinley term because of contributions to his primary campaign.

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EXAMINE NEW SYSTEMS

Commission Form and Manager Form Under Investigation

Both city manager and the commission form of city government will be investigated by a committee to be appointed by Mayor T. A. Livesley. A report introduced at the council last night suggested investigation of the commission form of government.

A motion was made and acted on enlarging the report to include an investigation of the city manager system also. The mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of two aldermen and seven representative citizens to prepare a revised city charter.

OIL CARRIER MISSING

Japanese Charterers of Tanker Hunt for Overdue Vessel

TOKYO, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The British oil tanker Toco, destined from San Pedro, Cal. to Yokohama is two weeks overdue. The Mitsubishi interests, charterers of the tanker, have dispatched a ship to search for the missing vessel.

The Toco is a craft of 4,286 net tons and is owned by the Sheridan Steamship company of London.

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URGE COAST WIDE MARKETING PLAN

RATCLIFF IDEA SIMILAR TO THAT OF CALIFORNIA

Publisher of California Fruit News Believes in Combining Coast Work

Editor Statesman: Since writing last there have been some developments in the prune situation. A meeting is now called for Wednesday afternoon. Just what is going to be attempted at that meeting I do not know. I hope it will be well attended by prune growers. As I can not well attend, I am taking this opportunity of further expressing myself to my fellow prune growers.

THE ONLY WAY

I hold that the trouble in the industry is disastrous price cutting by the various packers and selling agencies to the trade in general. That since the packers are not permitted by federal law to organize to eliminate this practice that the only way open is for the growers to organize and fix their selling price. That this can only be done by the growers holding title and ownership of the prunes until they are possessed by the jobber, thus eliminating the point of price cutting.

THIS IS FUNDAMENTAL

I hold it to be fundamental that the best way to prevent price cutting is to make price cutting unprofitable. I believe that the plan offered in The Statesman of December 18 1926 would do that.

Mr. Drager's plan does not seem to me to eliminate the profit or advantage to be at all times gained by price cutting, and for this reason I believe it would fail. Mr. Drager in reply says it is the only plan he has that would permit the packer to pay direct to the grower in delivery. I agree with him on that point. If under his plan it will be possible to control the price it is a good plan. But I am truly sorry not to have faith in it. The grower loses the vital point of control when he gives over ownership, and the price cutting goes merrily on; the first fellow to sell would fare well, but the last poor fellow sure would be in bad, and all cannot be first. Nor not even a majority.

THOSE WHO HOLD OUT

The average grower who has not in the past affiliated with some cooperative movement has generally held out for two reasons: First, that he would join only if all or nearly all others would do so, and, second, that he wants his money on delivery.

To the first I would say that my plan contemplates just 100 per cent of the growers marketing under the plan, neither more nor less.

To the second, that no cooperative plan ever will permit payment in full on delivery. But that

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BRITISH FORCE HALTS CHINESE MOB IN BATTLE

Anti-Foreign Speeches at New Year's Celebration Incite Coolies

FEELING GROWS BITTER

Latest Attack One of Long Series of Demonstrations Staged in Recent Months Against Whites in China

HANKOW, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A handful of British fighting men, without firing a shot, held in check today an infuriated mob of several thousands Chinese coolies that attempted to charge into the British concession district of this city of interior China.

Incited by anti-British speeches at a New Year's celebration on the banks of Yangtze river, the horde of yelling Chinese moved against the British quarter. In their path were a few British policemen, and they stood their ground when stoned while 20 sailors of British warships in the Yangtze joined the policemen. They fixed bayonets to their rifles, and they used their rifles as clubs in exchanging blows with the charging mob, but they did not fire. Marines, hastily landed, reinforced the little British party.

Three of the British sailors defending the concession were wounded and taken to hospitals. Twenty coolies bore down on one sailor, wrested his rifle from him and bayoneted him. Using long poles, the Chinese badly beat two other sailors.

For more than four hours the thin British line held, protecting their civilian men, women and children kinfolk. Then, at nightfall, came belated relief. From the native section of Hankow or from Wuchang, across the river where the Cantonese government has its headquarters, came Chinese soldiers who dispersed the mob.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The attack today upon the British concession at Hankow is one of a long series of anti-foreign demonstrations of recent months in China. American, British and French warships have been fired upon in the Yangtze river while protecting foreigners in the interior of China. Missions have been kidnaped, and much property of foreigners has been destroyed.

The British have been the chief objects of attack. An incident at Wanshen, far up the Yangtze, last September sharpened the hostility of the Chinese toward them. Forty British naval men on a small unarmed boat went to the rescue of Britishers held prisoner by Chinese northern soldiers on two British merchant vessels which the Chinese had seized. They succeeded in taking off the captives despite heavy fire by the Chinese soldiers. Twenty or more of the British were killed or wounded.

The British gunboat Cockchafer replied to the Chinese fire. Accounts differ as to the effect. The British official version was that the Chinese suffered approximately 330 casualties in killed and wounded, of whom 200 were soldiers, the others being civilians struck by stray missiles. The Chinese asserted that the British fired into the city of Wanshen, killing upward of 2000 Chinese.

POLICE ARREST SUSPECT

Son-in-Law Questioned About Slaying of Wealthy Widow

HEMPSTEAD, N. Y., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Harold Franklin Webster, son-in-law of Mrs. Catherine Galaway, wealthy widow, who was found murdered here today, was taken into custody tonight for questioning. His mother told Nassau county detectives that Webster had come to her home today with an old coat, asking her to destroy it. She said she burned the coat.

The mother, Mrs. Alice Garrison of Brooklyn, said that Webster came to her home with the coat, which he said was too shabby to wear longer. She was brought here for questioning.

District Attorney Elvin N. Edwards said that Webster was arrested at the Pennsylvania station, New York, as he was about to board a train for Miami, Fla.

RESCUERS FIND MISSING YOUTH

NO TRACE FOUND OF SECOND LAD LOST IN BLIZZARD

Calvin White, Cold and Hungry, But Suffering no Ill Effects When Found

PORTLAND, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Calvin White, 16, one of the two youths who became lost in a blizzard on the slopes of Mt. Hood Saturday, was found tonight by a searching party headed by Earl Hammond, veteran tracker. White had found shelter under a log and was waiting there for the storm to cease.

The White boy apparently suffered no ill effects from his two-day tramp through the Mt. Hood blizzard, his rescuers said, although he was cold and hungry. Hammond, who led the rescuers, has had wide experience in Alaska as a dog team driver. Bill Faubus of Rhododendron, a member of Hammond's party, is thought to be the first to actually reach White. The boy was placed on the dog sled and taken to Government Camp, and later brought to Portland.

No trace had been found late tonight of Leslie Brownlee, 20, the other lad lost in the blizzard. Although he became lost higher up on the mountain, where weather conditions were most severe, the searchers received much encouragement at the finding of White, and believed that Brownlee may still be alive and safe, as he was more warmly dressed, was more experienced in the open and had enough food for at least two meals.

Young White is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Calvin S. White of Portland, and is a student at Washington high school.

ACCIDENT VICTIM DIES

Man Sustained Injuries When Car Collided With Stage

OREGON CITY, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Pedro Baluyot, 40, died here this morning as a result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident at Canby Friday, when a car in which he was riding collided with a stage. Baluyot received internal injuries and a compound fracture of the arm. It was first thought that Joseph Solomon, also a member of the party, was the most seriously injured, as he received a fractured skull, but he was able to leave the hospital for Independence today.

The accident occurred when the car hit a stage pulling away from the terminal at Canby.

SECTION HAND KILLED

Osborne Falls to Get off Track Before S. P. Engine

DON OSBORNE, 26, was instantly killed when hit by a Southern Pacific engine a mile and a half north of Marion station yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Osborne was one of a section gang moving a handcar off the track, and did not get out of the engine's way in time.

The engine had no train attached, it was learned. Osborne's body was removed to Jefferson. He was a stepson of James Trester, who died recently at Salem. He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Tom Winn of Snake River, Wash., and by a half-sister, Mrs. S. G. Small of Cheshire, Or.

AUTO ACCIDENT FATAL

Owner of Large Poultry Farm Dies When Car Turns Turtle

SANTA ROSA, Cal., Jan. 3.—(AP)—F. Wesley Corliss, 39, and owner of the Corliss poultry farm in the Wilson district near Petaluma, was fatally injured tonight when an automobile he was driving skidded into a ditch and then turned over west of Petaluma.

Corliss is survived by a widow and two children. Residents of this district claim the Corliss poultry farm, with 50,000 hens, is the largest in the world.

Salem Has Portland's Date on Magda

Bertha Kalich was booked for Portland on Thursday evening, the 6th. There was a mistake there, and Salem got this date, on "Magda" by Bertha Kalich, the world's greatest living emotional actress. She plays in Seattle, Salem, Eugene—then to San Francisco. At the Elsinore, and no doubt to a packed house.

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CITY'S NEEDS AIRED IN TALK BY NEW MAYOR

All Officers Elected Last Night by Council Without Much Opposition

50,000 PEOPLE IN 1937

Curb Pumps Cause Lively Talk, Efforts to Be Made to Abolish All Within the Next Two Years

"In 10 years Salem will have 50,000 population. There is no use kidding ourselves into believing that the present city facilities are adequate. We must have more streets, better sewers, and bridges where they are needed," T. A. Livesley, Salem's new mayor declared in his message to the city council last night.

"Salem has just started to grow. We should have the things that the city needs. We have only a small bonded indebtedness now.

"It will be my ambition to have the city's business move along as it should. You as councilmen are limited in the amount of money you can spend. However, I believe you can show citizens the city's needs and get a proper response.

"I believe the sewerage and drainage systems should have attention. There should be a means provided so that surface drainage water will be separate from the sewers.

"It is my belief that if the council and the press will take hold the people of Salem will give the city things it needs."

New council members and the mayor were sworn in. The retiring mayor, John B. Glesy thanked the council for its help and cooperation. The new aldermen, Byron Brunk and Harry Hawkins, replaced George Thompson and George Alderin.

Mayor Livesley said he would appoint council committees at the next meeting.

The expected skirmish over city attorney did not materialize. Two men were nominated for the position and three voted for. Out of 15 votes the present attorney, Fred Williams got 10, Chris Kowitz 4, and Allen Carson 1. Other city officials and employees were continued in office without opposition.

The question of allowing a claim of \$2,500 to Stephens and Cook for an appraisal of the water works was laid on the table. The city recorder was instructed to see if there had been a contract made covering the matter.

Complaint was made regarding the inadequate drainage of sewerage in that section of the city.

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FEW BANKS TURN DOWN VET LOANS

ATTITUDE OF BANKS VARIES TOWARDS SOLDIERS

More Than One Thousand Ex-Service Men Call at Federal Institution

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Confidence was expressed by the administration today that most of the banks soon would make loans on the soldier insurance certificates as steps were considered in congress for authorizing the veterans bureau to loan on this collateral.

Although reports received by the veterans bureau indicated only about one-half of the banks were accepting the certificates which acquired a loan value today, Secretary Mellon expressed the belief the banks would soon turn to these loans as a "business proposition."

The adjusted service certificate fund was increased today by \$133,000,000 to a total of \$400,000,000. All of this is pledged to the certificates which have an estimated loan value of \$200,000,000.

There is no chance for the banks to lose on the certificate loans, Mr. Mellon explained. If the war veterans fail to repay the loans, the veterans' bureau will make them good, cutting this sum from the value of the certificate finally due the veterans.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(AP)—More than one thousand former service men went to the New York Federal Reserve Bank today seeking



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