MEXICAN INQUIRY ON AGAIN TODAY

Investigation Continued Into Authenticity of Published Papers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—New leads in the search into the authenticity of Mexican documents published in Hearst newspapers will be pursued tomorrow by the special senate committee at the resumption of public hearings.

Chief witnesses summoned are James R. Sheffield, former ambassador to Mexico, and Arthur Bliss Lane, now chief of the state department's Latin-American division but first secretary of the American embassy at Mexico City at the time Miguel Avila procured for the Hearst interests the documents purporting to show that a Mexican fund of $1,215,000 had been provided for four United States senators.

Hearst has testified that the documents were submitted to Mr. Sheffield at the Mexican capital and there have been intimations before the committee that the American embassy, during Sheffield's administration, purchased other documents, represented as having come from the official Mexican files.

A new phase of the inquiry will be opened up with the examination of David E. Smiley, former managing editor of the Philadelphia Public Ledger, and Robert Barry, at one time Washington correspondent for that newspaper. This has to do with reports that John Page, who instructed Avila to buy the documents for the Hearst papers, offered similar papers to the Public Ledger two years ago. After an inquiry, officials of the Public Ledger declined to publish them.

WET MONTH NOTED

December Rainfall 3.11 Inches, Says Recorder

Steady but for the most part light rains during the closing month of 1927 brought the total precipitation up to 3.11 inches for that month, according to a report for December made public yesterday by Lloyd Harder, local observer for the government weather bureau at Salem.

The heaviest rainfall of the month took place on December 28, with a total precipitation of .51 inches on that date. Two and a half inches of snow fell on the last day of the month, but up to that time there had been no snow at all.

Temperature in the main was warm during the month, the coldest being 17 degrees above zero, reached early on the morning of December 31. On both December 1 and 2 the mercury rose to 57.

There were only seven clear days in the month.

Community Club At Zena Will Meet On January 20

ZENA, Jan. 3—(Special).—The next meeting of the Zena community club will be held at the schoolhouse Friday evening, January 20. Wayne D. Henry and Jesse Worthington, members of the social committee, are preparing a good program. The public is invited to attend.

The silver thaw which hit Zena after the snowfall of Saturday and Sunday is still weighting the trees and telephone wires with ice. Not many trees in this vicinity have escaped without the loss of at least one limb, and in many instances the heavily laden limbs of the fir trees are bent to the ground.

THAMES RIVER RISES

HEAVY RAINFALL IN ENGLAND BRINGS STREAMS UP

LONDON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The Thames and other major streams continued to rise tonight as the tributary valleys send down waters from the great thaw and yesterday's widespread rainfall.

Vast low lying sections of east London and other parts of the metropolitan area already are invaded by floods which have crippled train service and covered many roadways. More than a score of heavy laden barges at Kingston, just above London, torn from their moorings in the swollen Thames, crashed dangerously into the bridges below. Some of them sank, others formed obstructions against the arches.

Hundreds of workers going to or returning from their employment, were forced to wade today or to use improvised ferries—and there were long delays. The floods in many places weakened the foundations of railway bridges and culverts, some of which collapsed. Scores of valley communities reported the highest overflow of waters in many years.

HONDURAS CAPITAL TO WELCOME LINDY

Everything Made Ready To Greet Famous American Flying Hero

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Jan. 3.—(AP).—The Stars and Stripes adorned the streets of the capital of Honduras today as the inhabitants scanned the sky for the approach of the lone eagle over the mountains.

In honor of the coming of Colonel Charles A Lindbergh, electric signs flashed their welcome in English saying: "Welcome Lindbergh."

The papers published many pictures and much biographical data on the flyer.

Renacimiento called Lindbergh "the man who out-eagled the American eagle."

Colonel Lindbergh was expected to arrive here about 3 o'clock (Central standard time) this afternoon.

A military band and detachment of troops began moving toward the aviation field at eight o'clock this morning and two hours later the procession was still in progress. Trucks and automobiles emptied loads of people on the field where fully 5000 spectators had gathered before noon.

President Barahona, members of the diplomatic corps and virtually all the officials of Tegucigalpa planned to leave the city about 1 p m.

The stores have been closed and a holiday has been declared for two days, covering the visit of the American air hero.

One special gift which Colonel Lindbergh will receive comes from Julio Lozano, minister of finance, who will present the American flier with an autographed letter of welcome and a souvenir gift consisting of a gold watch mounted within a twenty dollar coin.

CLUB WORK BACKED

SCHOOL HEADS SUPPORT CAPPER-KETCHUM BILL

The association of county school superintendents of Oregon Tuesday sent a telegram to the Oregon delegation in congress urging that it support the Capper-Ketchum bill which provides increased federal aid for boys' and girls' club work.

The association went on record favoring apportionment of the county school fund on a teacher basis instead of the present system of distributing the money, according to school census.

Opposition was taken to a proposed change in the handling of school district funds in districts of the third class whereby the funds would be taken out of the hands of the district clerks and centered in the county treasurer's office.

The superintendents went on record in favor of zoning counties for the purpose of conducting eighth grade examinations.

The convention will adjourn today.

The convention was addressed Tuesday by State School Superintendent C. A. Howard on questions of interest to both the county and the state departments.

Haldys At Pringle After Assisting With Revival

ROSEDALE, Jan. 3.—(Special)—The Haldys returned Monday from Marion, where they have been assisting in revival meetings.

Mrs. Millet and sons took New Year's dinner with relatives here.

Miss Willoughby Howe of Creswell spent Sunday with her friend Miss Helen Cammack. She was on her way to her school in eastern Oregon.

Many trees are breaking off with the weight of ice on them.

Mr. Smith, who has been ill for some time, died in Salem last Sunday.

The Cammack family is mourning the loss of a Christmas present, a small white pig, which wandered away last week.

Miss Mabel Sims spent the week at the Sims' home here.

Mrs. Mary Henderson, 90, an Oregon pioneer of 1843, and since 1878 a resident of Baker county, died recently at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jennie Baisley, in Baker.

PROSECUTION HIT BY E. J. KIDWELL

Juror In Oil Trial Declares District Attorney Threatened Him

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Edward J. Kidwell, Jr., who recently wound up his first day's testimony in the Teapot Dome oil contempt case by alleging that the prosecutor had intimidated and threatened him, finished five days on the witness stand today with an additional charge that an assistant district attorney had threatened him with prosecution if he failed to testify that false affidavits were true.

Kidwell made his first charge when testifying as a government witness in the criminal contempt hearing against Harry F. Sinclair, William J. Burns and their four associates. He asserted that James O'Leary, assistant district attorney, had forced him to sign affidavits which he told the prosecutor were untrue. The affidavits identified two Burns detectives as men who "approached" Kidwell while he was serving as a juror in the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy trial.

He said on the witness stand that he could not identify the detectives as the men in question.

Late today Kidwell declared that just before he was called as a witness in the contempt case O'Leary summoned him to his office and told him that unless he testified that the contents of the affidavits were true he would have to use the documents against him. A few minutes later S. McComas, Kidwell's attorney, took the stand and said he had heard O'Leary make the the threat.

BUSINESS AS USUAL

STIFF COMPANY USED FURNITURE NOT BURNED

"Business as usual" is the motto this week of the Stiff Furniture company, despite the disastrous fire of Monday which wiped out a large part of the surplus stock of furniture in the storeroom on High street which was destroyed.

The used furniture department, in the building adjoining was not damaged except for a stock of stoves. The company is handicapped more by loss of equipment than by loss of merchandise. Two trucks were lost in the blaze.

One firm which suffered from the fire not mentioned in Tuesday morning's story in The Statesman, was the G. W. Johnson clothing company, on State street. The fire started close to the rear of this store, and some of the stock was damaged by water and smoke.

Zena Women Entertain At Elks Temple, Salem

ZENA, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Mrs. W. Frank Crawford, Mrs. Wayne D. Henry and Mrs. Charles McCarter of Zena entertained a group of friends Saturday afternoon at a bridge luncheon at the Elks temple, Salem. Covers were placed for 16 at the daintily arranged tables which were decorated with holly, red candles and red place cards.

The guest group included Mrs. Worth Henry, Mrs. Ralph H. Scott, Mrs. Roy E. Barker, Mrs. Frank Matthews, Mrs. Donnel Crawford, Mrs. Arthur Utley, Mrs. Corydon Blodgett, Mrs. William McCall, Mrs. Pettys, Mrs. Grotte, Mrs. Mary B. Crawford, Mrs. L. M. Purvine, Mrs. Phillip Patrick and the hostesses, Mrs. Crawford, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. McCarter.

MID-WEST WARMER

TEMPERATURE AS HIGH AS 20 ABOVE PREDICTED

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The middlewest today obtained some relief from the sub-zero temperature, and heavy snowfall that made the double New Year's holiday uncomfortable for revelers.

Generally fair skies prevailed over the Great Lakes and Mississippi valley regions blanketed by snow.

Continued clear weather is forecast for Wednesday with a sharply rising temperature, attaining perhaps 20 above zero.

Air mail service and transportation again are normal, although in places highways are still partly blocked by snow.

Discovery of the frozen body of a woman, dead in her home several days, ran the deaths attributed to the cold wave here to thirty three. The body of an aged unidentified man was found under a drift at Portis, Ill.

The last of the fifty travelers marooned in farm houses near Morris, Ill., when the highway was blocked by a bus unable to force itself through a drift, today were enroute to their destinations. They were forced to desert motor cars last Saturday night in the face of a biting wind.

PRICES ANNOUNCED

NEW WHIPPET TO BE READY FOR MARKET SOON

TOLEDO, O., Jan. 3.—(Special)—Following the statement made by John N. Willys, president of Willys Overland Inc. that the perfected Whippet, a quality car in the light car field, would be announced this week at the lowest prices ever made on any Willys Overland product, a meeting of branch managers, distributors and dealers for this organization was called.

This meeting opened in Toledo, Ohio, on Tuesday evening, January 3 and Mr. Willys personally announced the new prices at that time. They will be made public Friday. More than 1,000 dealers, distributors and branch managers of the Willys Overland organization were present from all important trade centers of the United States and Canada.

It is already known that the Whippet will be the only light car on the market which will be priced at a figure close enough to the lowest now made on any car, to place it in a directly competitive position.

Details of the improved Whippet which were made public today reveal new body types, added equipment and a wider range of colors. The added equipment will include an automatic windshield wiper, rear vision mirror and a combination rear driving light and stop light which will make this car the most fully equipped light car now built.

The factory is now in position to build 2,000 chassis a day at peak capacity.

Shipments on the Whippet have been under way for several days and cars will be available for delivery on January 6th.

Employment at the factory is steadily on the increase as the various manufacturing departments are put on to the production schedules called for by the plans of the company for this year.

Commenting on the new prices, Mr. Willys says: "Manufacturing economies which have been worked out in the Willys-Overland plant have put the company in a position to meet any price move which may be made by any manufacturer. There can be no monopoly in the light car field. Our cost for materials, productive labor and our manufacturing overhead are as low as those of any manufacturer in the industry. The quality of the Whippet will be maintained in every detail of material, design and workmanship and it will be even better equipped and better looking than in the past.

"The new prices which will be put on these cars will not be dependent on any increase in the present production. Increased sales as a result of the new prices will serve materially to increase the earnings of the company."

RAYMOND GRIFFITH WEDS

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Raymond Griffith, stage and screen comedian today applied for a marriage license to wed Miss Bertha Mann, also of the stage. The wedding will be performed Sunday by a superior judge. Miss Mann, who is a native of Atlanta, Ga., gave her age as 31.

SIDELIGHTS OF THE STAGE and SCREEN

Elsinore Theater

Richard Connell is a very sophisticated young man. He has been a star man on metropolitan papers and, of late, has captivated the 3,000,000 readers of the Saturday Evening Post.

Nevertheless Connell boldly took a theme— a South Sea Island love affair which, figures show, many a man has fallen down on—and made them like it: first in the Saturday Evening Post and then as a scenario, titled "No Place to Go," which is showing at the Elsinore. Repeating again, let it be said that George Guthrie, owner of the theater, has remarked that, though Salemites have no place to go, they certainly have some place to go to see Connell's film "No Place to Go."

Filming, lighting and continuity are uncommonly good—and the cannibals won't bore you. Critics have declared the show to be excellent.

Oregon Theater

Tom Mix at the Oregon is drawing big crowds, as usual. The film, as suspected, is typically western, and entirely up to the Mix standard.

FIND WEAPON USED WOMAN'S MURDER

Officers Discover Stained Hammer In Home of Mrs. Amelia Appleby

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—(AP)—A sheriff's deputy said last night that a prominent real estate man who was acquainted closely with Mrs. Amelia Appleby, wealthy widow whom fate cast for the central role in Los Angeles "sack murder," had come forward with information that the woman had told him she feared for her life at the hands of Dr. Charles McMillan. The informant, George P. McNally of Wilmington told Captain William Bright of the sheriff's office, that Mrs. Appleby had asked him to inform police of her fears in event of her untimely death.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Deputy sheriffs making a search of the home of Mrs. Amelia Appleby, victim of a "sack murder" in connection with which Dr. Charles M. McMillan, her business manager, is being held, last night announced the finding of a weapon with which the wealthy woman might have been struck down.

The officers found, beneath some old clothing in the garage, a hammer heavily smeared with dark brown stains. An analysis of these stains was ordered at once to determine whether they might have been made by blood.

Previously the officers had found evidence indicating that Mrs. Appleby probably was slain in a rear room of her home.

When Mrs. Appleby's body was found a week ago on the outskirts of Los Angeles, trussed up in a canvas sack, there was a blow on her head which the autopsy surgeon said had been caused by a blunt instrument. At that time, the surgeon said the blow probably was not sufficient to have caused her death.

In an examination of Dr. McMillan's apartment the officers previously found a quantity of jewelry which they believe belonged to the slain woman.

Dr. McMillan from his cell today reiterated his denial that he is guilty of the murder. He told his attorney he believed two men whom he named as making threats against Mr. Appleby were responsible for her death.

Emily Stevens, Long Time Actress, Passes Suddenly

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Miss Emily Stevens, who began a notable stage career at the age of 15 under the tutelage of her aunt, Minnie Maddern Fiske, died Monday in a West Side apartment after a sudden attack of illness. Assistant Medical Examiner Miles said that death probably resulted from an overdose of medicinal narcotics.

Among the better known vehicles of Miss Stevens' success were "The Unchastened Woman," "The Boss," theater guild productions, "The Sporting Thing to Do," "Today," and more recently, the Ibsen play of "Revivals."

A snowfall that has covered the ground to a depth of more than six inches has caused the temporary shutdown of nearly all the logging camps in the Nehalem country.

24 Year Old Indian Says He Killed Friend in Home

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Orville Davis, 24 year old Klamath Indian, early today confessed to murdering Lawrence Walker, 25, Indian, in Walker's home shortly before noon yesterday.

After steadfastly maintaining he killed Walker in self defense, Davis finally broke down early today under insistent questioning of federal operatives, and in a signed confession stated he crawled through a window in Walker's home and struck twice at Walker, sleeping in bed, with the blunt end of an axe. Walker died last night.

Davis said the tragedy was the result of a fight with Walker at a New Year's party.