

SALEM WOULD become a better city in which to live, so rapidly it would make most folk's head swim, if all the suggestions appearing in the "tabloid interviews" were put into effect.

MAYNARD WAYNE, visitor, said: "I can't see why sign painters don't learn to take as much pride in their spelling as in the appearance of the finished product."

JOSEPH BENNER, general delivery clerk at the Salem postoffice, said: "Notwithstanding the fact that we exhaust every resource to try to deliver mail at this time of year, every year so many letters and postal cards are mailed without sufficient address and especially without stamps, that it is urged that everyone look at their material before it is deposited in the postoffice."

LEWIS P. CAMPBELL, of the state highway department, said: "One of these days I'm going to be a public benefactor and invent a device which will save the owners of sawdust burning furnaces the necessity of carrying their sawdust from the street to the basement by the runny sawdust fall. I'm in doubt just now as to whether it will be a worm gear arrangement or a fan."

PAUL HARRISON, hitchhiker riding from Corvallis to Salem with a reporter, said: "I have just come up from Los Angeles and have been trying to get work all along the way. Any man who has a job at this time of year can consider himself lucky even if it pays only enough for meals and room."

"CHIEF READY, local linotype machinist, said: "The idea some people have nowadays about history and about racial situations are certainly refreshing, to say the least. The other day I was talking to a woman and she asked me, 'What is your nationality?' I told her that I was an Indian. 'Oh, so you're a foreigner, are you?' she said. 'I thought you looked like one when I first saw you.'"

ANDREW VINCENT, member of Company M of Salem during the World War, and now visiting here from Chicago, where he works as an artist, said: "I'm afraid there won't be many of the Company M boys at the reunion tonight. I've said it with the army, and the majority say they won't be able to make it."

Mrs. S. Ruggles Recovers From Serious Illness

CLEAR LAKE, Ore., Dec. 11.—(Special)—Mrs. Sherman Ruggles has been seriously ill at the Deaconess hospital. Her condition is reported to be improving slowly. While at the hospital recuperating from a major operation, Mrs. Ruggles contracted influenza, which developed into pneumonia. The crisis seems to be past and she is beginning to recover.

When S. Paul Jones returned home Saturday evening from Gates where he has an interest in a saw-mill, he found that a new heir had arrived during his absence. The new boy made his debut Thursday evening.

Numerous Schools Closed Throughout United States Due to Prevalence of Flu

(By The Associated Press) The widespread prevalence of influenza in various communities of the country has led to the closing of additional schools, while health authorities sought methods of checking the disease. Almost all reports indicated that the disease was not taking a severe form and few deaths had been recorded. An epidemic in the Yakima valley in central Washington caused authorities at Yakima to order the schools closed there today and to ban public gatherings. At Grand Coulee and Castland, other towns in the valley, the schools also were closed. More than 1,300 pupils were reported absent from school today in Yakima. Oregon health authorities said the disease was prevalent in the light form in that state. The schools at Canby, Ore., have been closed. In Portland about 150 cases were reported, with one death last week. School officials in Denver estimated that 10 percent of the teachers and 15 percent of the pupils are ill. The St. Francis De Sales high school there was closed to illness among the teachers. With the closing of the University of Missouri at Columbia until after the holidays, officials of the

King Still Grips Life By Thread

Slight Improvement in Ruler's Condition Effected During Night

Long Struggle Causing Intense Anxiety Throughout Whole Empire

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—(Wednesday)—A special edition of the Daily Express issued at 6 a. m. today said that early this morning less anxiety over the condition of King George was felt at Buckingham palace. The paper added that the improvement in his condition noted overnight had been maintained and that the King had had some sleep.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—King George's struggling against his illness it was semi-officially said tonight at Buckingham palace. This was shown by the fact that his exhaustion has not increased while his pulse remains steady. The night bulletin was said to be even more satisfactory than had been anticipated.

Deep Anxiety Felt at Palace

The palace informant said, however, that it was not considered altogether reassuring and that deep anxiety persists and must continue. The quiet day which his majesty passed enabled his constitution to continue to fight against the general infection in his system which had been weakening him during the last few days.

The Duke of York and Queen Duchess had dined with King Mary tonight before he hastened to Victoria station to meet his elder brother and inform him of the condition of their father as they rode to the palace. Public Feeling Shows Worry at Condition

The British public today suffered a period of suspense such as it had not previously undergone during the illness of King George. Newspapers made no attempt to conceal how great the anxiety had become for the sovereign. Sir Stanley Hewett of the King's medical staff arrived at the palace about 7 o'clock but Lord Dawson of Penn was delayed and it was not until 8 o'clock that the two medical men went into a short consultation. At 8:30 they gave a brief statement which told the anxious public that the worst fears had not been realized. The bulletin said: "His Majesty had a quiet day. There is no increase in the exhaustion and the pulse remains steady."

The morning bulletin had recorded no impairment in strength and the evening pronouncement taken in conjunction with it, gave a renewal of hope in some quarters.

HIGHWAY AGAIN OPEN PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Traffic on the Columbia highway, after being halted by a landslide at Mosier, was resumed today.

AGRICULTURAL STABILIZATION IDEA LAUNCHED

Farm Cooperative Service Would Work Out as Trade Association

Research Board Is Wanted At Once to Study Market Situation

CHICAGO, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A nation wide agricultural cooperative service to function as a trade association for farm cooperatives is to be inaugurated by the American Farm Bureau Federation at the beginning of 1929. Frank Evans of Salt Lake City, general counsel and head of the marketing department of the federation announced today in addressing the annual convention of the farm bureau.

The various Farmers' Cooperative associations will be joined together in the national organization sponsored by the federation for the purpose of pooling their resources in stabilizing agriculture. The marketing expert and chief counsel said the immediate effort would be concentrated on the creation of a research board or fact finding commission which would supervise the analysis of markets, give legal advice on contracts, taxes, and similar matters and supply a transportation bureau and other special services.

Tuesday in Washington

(By The Associated Press) The senate confirmed the nomination of Secretary of Commerce Whiting. The house approved the \$34,630,968 Austrian settlement agreement.

A request for a \$55,000,000 supplemental appropriation for payment of tax refunds was submitted to congress by President Coolidge.

The international civil aeronautics conference will open formally Wednesday with an address by President Coolidge.

Several hotly contested amendments to the Boulder Dam bill were adopted by the senate including one to allot 4,400,000 acre feet of water to California.

Bolivia withdrew from the Pan American conference on arbitration and conciliation because of her unwillingness to present to conciliate her differences with Paraguay.

Establishment of a fund for propagation of salmon in the Columbia river district was proposed in a bill introduced today by Senator McNary, republican, Oregon.

CLIENT OF STEVENS WANTS MONEY BACK

POCATELLO, Idaho, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Salem, Ore., authorities notified Sheriff H. W. Henderson tonight that A. B. Meyer, a clairvoyant who is alleged to have obtained \$5000 from Mrs. E. D. Lyon Harris of this city on a pretense of investing it for her, is under arrest in the Oregon city on a felony warrant charging him with obtaining money under false pretense.

Sheriff Henderson said he was advised of a similar charge against Meyer from Michigan.

Almost as soon as reports were circulated Tuesday afternoon that S. Stevens, self-styled fortune teller, had been arrested in Salem on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, a man claiming to be one of his local clients appeared at the police station with a query as to whether he could get his money back, the police reported. They were unable to enlighten him.

Indications that Stevens would fight extradition on the charge filed in Bannock county, Idaho, were seen Tuesday afternoon when he engaged a local attorney to protect his interests.

The warrant for Stevens' arrest arrived shortly after he was taken into custody by Inspector Olson Tuesday afternoon. Details of the charge have not been learned here officially, but Stevens mentioned to the police Tuesday afternoon that he had received a \$200 fee from a client in Bannock county. The police identified Stevens as the person described in a circular which they received several days ago, partly through the fact that he was driving a Stutz automobile with Ohio license 527-215. The circular said the man wanted in Idaho was also wanted in the east. Information received by the police Tuesday night was that Stevens was refused a license to operate in Portland. He had established headquarters here two days ago in a building on South Commercial street.

KANSAS CITY IS WIDE OPEN SAY INVESTIGATORS

Liquor Scandal Faced After Irate Woman Runs Amuck In Speakeasy

Enforcement Is "Joke" and Police Accept Bribes, Chagrins Assert

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Local and federal authorities agreed today that bootleggers had made Kansas City a "wide open town," but they were far apart on the question of official responsibility or what to do about the situation. Assertions that policemen protected bootleggers and that prohibition enforcement was a "joke" were made after the smashing of a saloon yesterday by an irate wife and mother who wielded a hatchet in emulation of Carrie Nation.

W. Harold Lane, chief of federal prohibition agents here, said there were more drinking places here now than there were legitimate saloons before prohibition. He estimated the number at 1,000. Sarcasmic Comment Flung at Police Force

"The only ones who don't know it apparently are the police," Lane said, adding that he had evidence in his office of police protecting bootleggers.

From police came denials that they were responsible. Sergeant Elmer Duncan, in charge of raiding activities, said prohibition enforcement here was a "joke," but not because the police were "laying down on the job." He blamed "loopholes" in the law and in prosecutions, saying that penalties had been assessed in the cases of only 10 of 2,000 arrests made this year by police.

Lincoln R. Toyne, chief of police, complained that he was "jumped on" one week for giving too much attention to bandits and not to liquor, and the next week vice versa. "Why not jump on the government?" he asked.

Yes, Police Know It, Commissioner Admits

M. A. O'Donnell, police commissioner, admitted readily that the police knew secret drink places and bootleggers were operating. "They are like a fire," O'Donnell said, "put them out in one place and they break out in another. Undoubtedly there are men of the department who are winking at liquor and other vices. Where you have 700 men you cannot entirely avoid such things."

Lane disclaimed responsibility. "They are like a fire," O'Donnell said, "put them out in one place and they break out in another. Undoubtedly there are men of the department who are winking at liquor and other vices. Where you have 700 men you cannot entirely avoid such things."

Lane commended the act of Mrs. Maude Wilson in wrecking the saloon yesterday, saying he wished there were "a hundred Mrs. Wilsons."

"Kansas City needed something like that to wake it up," he said.

Good Will Fund

The Christmas spirit is gradually inoculating the people of Salem and their donations to the Salvation Army's Christmas fund are becoming correspondingly larger; both the amounts tossed into the street kettles and the larger special gifts.

On Tuesday the fund reached a total of \$270 even; strangely enough, the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and possible larger coins dropped into the street kettles amounted to just enough to round out the fund in even dollars.

The fund was increased by \$56.62 Tuesday, one of the best days yet, but even at that rate it won't reach the \$1500 needed unless the folk who can afford to give a little, keep on giving. Donations Tuesday in addition to the kettles' receipts included one of \$5 by U. G. Shipley and one of \$20 by Mayor T. A. Livesley. The previous total was \$213.38.

HOLIDAY SPIRIT IS GAINING FOOTHOLD

Real Meaning of Christmas; Realized; Kettle Contributions Grow

DOOR bell rings. The mother of the family answers. There stands on the porch a Salvation Army investigating worker. "Come in," says the woman, and he of the red banded hat enters. Tactfully he explains that the organization has been directed to the house and that he has called to inquire if there is anything that the organization might do, some little Christmas dinner, say, to make the Yuletide days more pleasant.

The father of the family comes into the room, worn with pain from sickness. Some of the nine children also come and stand gazing at the caller. He looks around. Signs of poverty greet his gaze everywhere.

He questions the parents and finds that the family is in quite a straightened circumstance. Sickening, impossible to work, the wolf at the door, etc.

Christmas? No, there won't be any Christmas. It is too bad, but how can they give the children anything for Christmas?

Christmas dinner? A feast? Candy, nuts and fruit for the children and enough provisions to last perhaps a week after Christmas. Why that would be nice. It would be good of the Salvation Army to send one of its generous boxes there. Otherwise, of course, the meal would be as meagre as one as on any other day.

"But look here," says the careworn mother of the large family, "Don't you folks go and do anything for us, now, if there are others who need your help more."

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WAR'S CLOUDS GROW DARKER ALONG BORDER

Bolivia Returns to Pan-American Conference Upon Conciliation

Earlier Action Rescinded; Forces Being Mobilized For Action

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Bolivian Minister Gutierrez tonight told the Associated Press that he had received a dispatch from the foreign minister in La Paz advising him that Bolivia has decided to return to the conciliation and arbitration now in session in Washington. It was added that Minister Diez Medina in Washington had been instructed accordingly.

LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Threatening war clouds continued to roll over Bolivia today with the country responding with patriotic demonstrations and offers of service. The general staff has called to the colors the class of 1929. Wartime Cabinet To Be Formed at Once

Three cabinet members today agreed to resign their portfolios to permit President Hernando Siles to form a ministry for national concentration. It is believed that the other ministers, who had been out of the country with the commission of welcome to Herbert Hoover, would join the move.

Retired army officers have offered the general staff to rejoin their former units. Students in the universities have agreed to form a battalion of troops. Taxi cab drivers and owners here have offered the government most of their conveyances for any use.

A patriotic committee composed of both men and women met here today and recommended the formation of similar committees throughout the country to acquaint all citizens by speeches and lectures with the rights of Bolivia to the Gran Chaco regions which are disputed by Paraguay.

National Defense Committee Meets

The committee for national defense and propaganda met today to formulate measures relating to the situation, the boy scouts have decided to become reorganized into military brigades, and have requested that they be immediately called for service.

The newspapers print long dispatches concerning the peace efforts launched at Washington, Montevideo and Lugano but general opinion seems to favor settlement without intervention. The newspapers continue to print extra editions with photographs of Lieutenants Manchego and Lozada, who were killed in the skirmish with the Paraguayans over the possession of the border fort. All editions are exhausted as soon as they reach the street.

Herbert Hoover's Death Is Averted When Plot Nipped

1500 Guards Protect American President-Elect From Danger of Assassination as He Approaches Chief City Of Argentina; Conspirators Plan to Wreck Train

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Official confirmation of the discovery of a plot against the life of Herbert Hoover and of its frustration by the police was made tonight by President Irigoyen.

His statement said: "The President of the republic, being desirous of making agreeable the visit of the president-elect of the United States of America and of offering the greatest possible guarantee of safety to the personnel of the illustrious visitor, commanded the police to intensify their observation of dangerous anarchist elements."

"This order was carried out by the division of investigation which, after discreet inquiries and investigations, this morning searched a house in Estomba street in which were found four hand grenades, two cylindrical bombs, one square bomb, dynamite, revolvers, automatic pistols, quantities of ammunition and 150 ten-peso notes—all of which have been placed at the disposition of judicial authorities."

Map of Railway System Is Discovered

The police said that a room in the raided house contained a detailed map of the railway system which apparently was used by the plotters in planning their attack. It was announced tonight that 1,500 guards had been employed on special duty to insure the safety of Mr. Hoover during his visit.

Other details obtained from the police indicate that the conspirators intended to place bombs on the railway tracks just before the arrival of the Hoover special train which is due here late Thursday afternoon. It was believed that the bombs were to have been placed somewhere near the outskirts of the city.

Young Radical Taken as Conspirator

A youth arrested in the raided house gave his name as Carlos Gutierrez, age 18 years. The police declared that his real name was Alejandro Romano and that he was 21 but posed as younger in the hope of obtaining leniency under the minors law. He is said to be a student of chemistry and was believed to have manufactured the bombs.

A second man arrested tonight near the house gave the name of Jaime Oliver. The police said his real name is Jaime Castro and that he is a chauffeur.

MENDOZA, Argentina, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The special train which will carry President-elect Hoover from the Chilean-Argentine frontier to Buenos Aires left here this afternoon for Las Cuevas, to meet him.

United States Ambassador, Robert W. Bliss and a welcoming Argentine commission, were on the train.

DAM HELD MENACE TO RAIL TRESTLE

Whose dam is that which the playgrounds committee was instrumental in having erected last summer in the mill creek running along the Fourteenth street athletic grounds? And who would be responsible in case the foot bridge across the creek at that point should wash out, carrying the dam with it and damage should result to the railway trestle west of the dam and bridge?

These two questions were the most weighty matters pondered by the city school board at its regular meeting last night. They arose following reading of a complaint from John H. Kersh, Southern Pacific engineer, who asserted that if high water should wash out the dam, it would cause damage to the railway trestle. The matter was threshed over at some length and two tentative motions put but no definite action had been taken when adjournment was called.

The board granted the request of Miss Margaret Cooper, principal of Garfield school, for installation of a hot water system at the school, and voted approval of asking the police force for a star of L. C. Steward, janitor at the high school building.

'S' Club Opposes Plan Of Dancing For High School

The Salem high school "S" club put its official foot down, and put it down hard, Tuesday when by unanimous vote the organization went on record as opposed to dances in the high school gymnasium. Dances ruin the gym floor for athletic use, said the "S" club members, because the resin used on the floor makes it so smooth it is almost impossible for a player to keep his footing. This situation necessitates washing the floor, which is injurious to the surface and makes the gym unsuitable for play.

WEATHER Rain today, with strong south winds. Max. temperature Tuesday 51; Min. 26; River 4.6; Rain .03; Part cloudy; South winds.



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