

The junior business men who deliver your Statestman this morning join heartily in wishing you all a very Merry Christmas.

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

"No Favor Sweeps Us; No Fear Shall Awe" From the First Statestman, March 28, 1923.

Salem, Oregon, Wednesday Morning, December 26, 1923.

Unsettled today with occasional rain; somewhat colder. Max. temperature Tuesday 32; Min. 25; Rain .77; River 0.3; Wind south.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION LAWS SAID FEASIBLE

Names of Winners Published in Great \$25,000 Prize Plan Contest

Malcolm D. Almack of Palo Alto Gets First Place in School Group

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Major Chester P. Mills of New York, former federal prohibition administrator for the New York district, today was announced as winner of the \$25,000 prize offered by W. C. Durant for the best and most practical plan for making the eighteenth amendment effective.

The winner of the \$5,000 school prize was Malcolm D. Almack, representing the high school at Palo Alto, Calif. Under the terms of the contest Almack receives \$1,000 and the school \$4,000.

Checks were mailed by Durant to reach Major Mills, Almack and Walter H. Nichols, principal of the Palo Alto high school Christmas day.

Industrial Alcohol Would Be Guarded

The winning Mills plan, which was released today, deals in detail with prevention of the diversion of industrial alcohol, which according to the author is the principal source of supply for the bootlegger.

Young Almack's plan is to be made public January 1. The prize winning plans were selected by a committee headed by Dr. W. O. Thompson, president emeritus of Ohio State university.

There were 23,320 persons in the contest for the \$25,000 prize, submitting 19,000 plans. Half of the contestants were women. Prize plans were received from every state in the union, the District of Columbia, every territorial possession of the United States and 10 foreign countries. One was from a Brazilian general, another from an official in China.

Some Want Government in Liquor Business

Plans submitted ranged from suggested modification of the 18th amendment, urged by 774, to jail sentences for all convicts and deportation of all alien offenders.

Modification of the Volstead act was urged by 5,340 while 1,536 favored government manufacture and sale of intoxicants and 400 wanted light wines and beer.

"Diversion of alcohol and liquors under cover of indifferently enforced prohibition controlled by unreliable persons provides the vast majority of liquor consumed today," Major Mills said in the preface to his plan.

"Any plan logically carried out and energetically pushed to a definite conclusion is better than no plan at all. Unfortunately, except for the coast guard, the federal agencies charged with enforcement have never adopted any one plan and carried it through."

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Four Divisions Of Plan Submitted

His plan for making the act effective he divided into four parts:

1. Permissive: Closer scrutiny of those to whom permits to manufacture alcohol are granted and closer government supervision of its making; issuance of only "temporary permits, not longer than six months' duration; make each local administrator responsible for the issuance of the permits.

2. Enforcement: (a) imports; (b) domestic supply; for smuggling only increasing vigilance is needed; for domestic enforcement, strike at the source; make each private still and illegal distillation under permits.

3. Take these enforcement agencies out of politics. "Political interference is one of the serious handicaps to effective control," he said.

4. Detailed method of controlling diversion of industrial alcohol; strict supervision of distillation.

Death Toll Large After Christmas Day's Festivities

Fatalities Reported From Many Sections of United States as Tragic Accidents Follow on Heels of Yuletide Rush; Automobile Crash Most Common Form of Accident

PORTLAND, Dec. 25.—(AP)—William Lyman, 75, died in a hospital here today from a skull fracture suffered when he was struck by an automobile driven by Dr. D. V. Turner. Witnesses said the man seemingly lurched into the path of the car, falling against its side.

Camillo Sestino, 60, died today from injuries received a few days ago when he was struck by an automobile driven by Otto Johnson. Florence Olson, 18, was taken to a hospital today following a crash between an automobile and a street car. Enoch Lion, operator of the automobile, was arrested on charges of reckless driving and failure to stop at a through street.

Miss Olson was thought to have a fracture of the skull.

Mrs. Barbara Garcia, 49, was in a hospital tonight suffering from internal injuries received when she was struck by an automobile.

RICHMOND, Va., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Two women were fatally injured in two automobile accidents here tonight.

The dead are: Mrs. Sadie Ford Davis, 40, and Miss Lizzie Ragland, 40.

Mrs. Davis was hurt fatally when the automobile in which she was riding collided with another at a street intersection.

Miss Ragland was knocked down by an automobile as she was crossing a street. She was rendered unconscious.

NEWSBOY DETECTED SELLING MOONSHINE

Jimmie Gustello Arouses Cop's Curiosity When Papers Fail to Sell

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Jimmie Gustello apparently nursed no worries, police said today, even though he sold liquor on a downtown street corner. The trouble was that Jimmie didn't sell enough newspapers.

Jimmy used to operate a newsstand at Ninth and Broadway. In fact today was the first time in quite a spell that Jimmy didn't "wax."

It happened that an observant policeman had been perplexed by the lack of sales. Jimmie's stand. Then, too, it didn't look so good when Jimmie deserted his business for minutes at a time to make conversation with various individuals in an adjoining alley.

Last night the policeman decided to investigate Jimmie's protracted visits to the alley. He saw Jimmie talk and then slip a bottle from his pocket and hand it to another man. That was the end of Jimmie and his stand.

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Desert Campus For Christmas "Cheer" Quest

"We spent an hour of merry Christmas anyway," said one of four Chemawa Indian school students who were reported to have been arrested "A. W. O. L." in Salem Tuesday night.

The group included Edna Dean, Elizabeth DeBray, Louise LeClaire and Ike Curley.

The police noted few violations of the law on Christmas day, and that were reported were confined to the common misdemeanors. G. H. Chambers, 550 Electric avenue, was charged with speeding; John Sills, Olympia apartments, was driving an automobile with four persons in the driver's seat; S. A. Hoyer, of June, 1116-150; July, 1138-475; August, 1133-725; September, 1144-165; October, 1138-850; November, 1103-750.

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Irving Berlin's Son Dies After Short Sickness

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The twenty-four day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Irving Berlin died today of a heart attack at the family home.

The boy, named Irving, Jr., had shown no signs of illness until seized with the attack early this morning.

The composer and his wife, daughter of Clarence Mackay, are the parents of a girl, Mary Ellen, two years old.

AGREEMENT ON PEACE TERMS GROWING NEAR

Special Committee Decides Upon Special Protocol Stating Views

Text of Statement Will be Drawn Up Within Next Few Days, Word

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—An agreement on the general terms of a special protocol to govern the Pan-American arbitration conference efforts to conciliate the Bolivian-Paraguayan dispute was reached today by the special committee on this question. The Bolivian and Paraguayan representatives attended the committee session.

The committee met shortly after the Bolivian legation here had received from its home government a reply to a questionnaire addressed to Bolivia last week by the special committee. The questionnaire sought information as to that government's attitude on certain phases of the proposed conciliation proceedings and the legation today said the tone of the reply was "favorable."

To Be Drawn Soon

At the committee meeting Mr. Victor Maurtua of Peru, chairman of the special committee, Minister Diaz de Medina of Bolivia, and Eligio Ayala, Paraguayan delegate to the conference, were instructed to draft the text of the conciliation protocol. This will be transmitted to the two interested governments for their approval after which it will be reported to a plenary session of the arbitration conference for that group to take action and appoint the judges of the conciliation tribunal.

Agreement as to the general purpose of the protocol was quickly reached by the special committee after considering the replies of both Bolivia and Paraguay to the questionnaires which requested a definition of the controversy and the make up of the proposed conciliation tribunal. It was said that a close agreement on the main points at issue was found in rapid and that this would expedite the work of the committee.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Four persons died here on Christmas day of injuries received in traffic accidents.

Seven persons were arrested Christmas Eve on charges of driving while intoxicated.

Reverend H. Robert Smith, 64, Baptist minister and city clerk of Azusa, a Los Angeles suburb, was killed and his wife seriously injured when their car was struck by a Santa Fe train at a crossing today.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Four persons were killed today when their automobile was demolished by a Louisville and Nashville passenger train at a crossing.

Witnesses said the automobile approached the track at a fast rate of speed, disregarding danger signals.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Three persons were killed and several injured here this afternoon when a bus collided with railway cars being switched at a crossing.

The driver of the bus, Emmet Burge, was severely but not seriously injured. A man and his daughter were the most seriously injured among the 30 passengers. All those hurt are in hospitals here.

The scene of the accident was at what is known as a "dead" crossing on a spur track to the state fair grounds park that is rarely used.

One side of the bus was completely torn away. The body of an unidentified victim was badly mangled.

DECEMBER BUILDING EXCEEDS NOVEMBER

With nearly a week yet to go, December building permits have already passed the November total, completing a gradual increase from the low mark of the year reached in August. The total for December so far is \$114,800, as compared to the November figure of \$103,750.

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Stevens Leaves To Face Idaho Fraud Charges

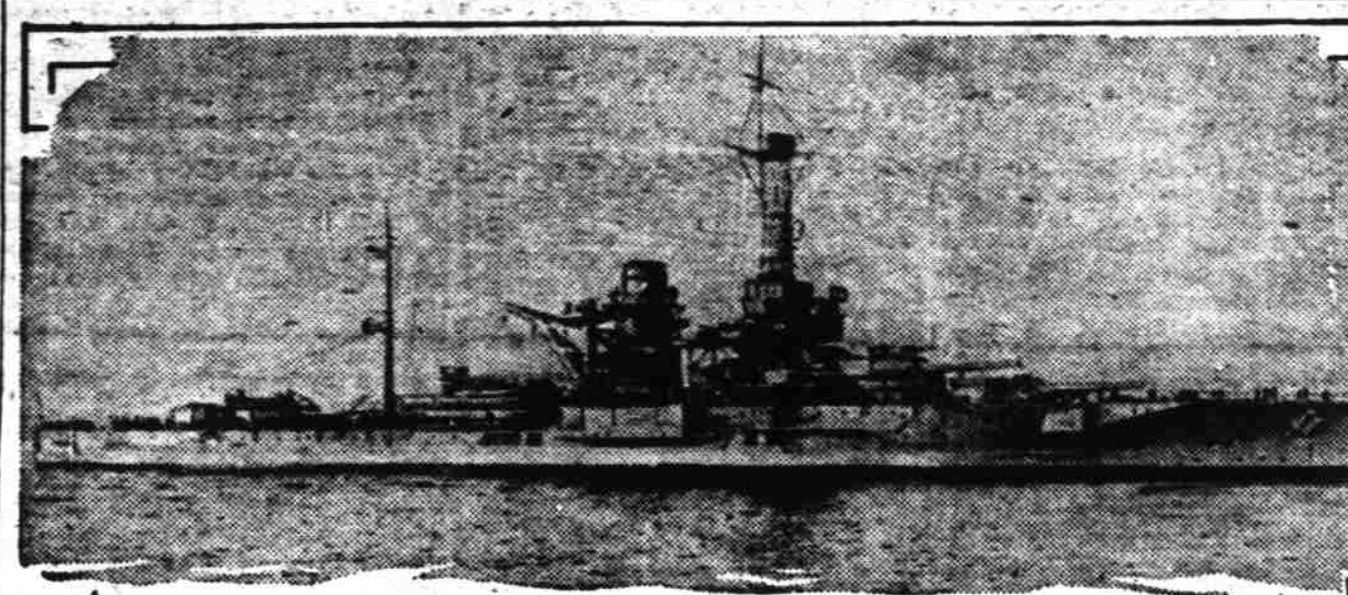
The Salem chapter of "Prof." S. Stevens' checkered career will close early this morning, when Stevens, accompanied by Deputy Sheriff L. J. Matthews of Pocatello, Idaho, boarded a train to return to that city and face numerous charges of obtaining money under false pretenses.

Stevens, who was known at Pocatello as Meyer, was arrested here several weeks ago on suspicion of a heart attack at the family home. He has been held here pending the arrival of the Idaho officer and the hearing of habeas corpus proceedings which were dismissed in circuit court here Monday.

BOYS TO BE GUIDED

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—A \$5,000,000 campaign to stamp out juvenile delinquency by guiding the activities of boys in congested districts of the city was announced today by the Chicago Boys' club.

Heads for Hampton Roads With Hoover



The U. S. S. Utah, on which President-elect Herbert Hoover and his party are returning from the good will tour of Latin America. Latest dispatches report that the vessel will proceed direct to Hampton Roads, its home base, instead of landing Mr. Hoover in Florida, permitting him to attend to matters awaiting his attention in Washington.

YULE FESTIVITIES OBSERVED BY U. S.

Whole Nation Pauses in Its Activities to Celebrate Christmas Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—(AP)—The roar of America's mighty industries were hushed to day and in its place was heard in the capital city as well as throughout the length and breadth of the land, the century-old shout of "Merry Christmas."

Everywhere there was a renewing of friendships and the exchange of greetings as a nation at rest from its labors gave itself over wholeheartedly to the spirit of the season and the peace on earth towards man for which it stands.

At the white house the President and Mrs. Coolidge, like millions of other Americans, were up early undoing the tinselled bundles bearing tokens of good wishes from friends. For the chief executive and first lady the day was an unusually busy one because of their departure in mid-afternoon for vacation in the milder climate of the Georgia coast.

Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge left the city by special train about the hour that the naval radio brought word from the other side of the equator, that the President-elect and Mrs. Hoover were enjoying the holiday aboard the big battleship Utah now cruising northward to Washington.

The radio told of the holiday festivities planned on board the man of war which, with the tampons in the muzzles of its big guns, is bearing the incoming chief executive homeward from a good will trip to South America.

BERKELEY, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Phonograph records of the University of Redlands were shot and killed here today by Patrolman Thaddeus Ornes, and William Corne, well known, 21, and George I. Keller, 23, both juniors at the same school, were arrested after they had looted a jewelry store.

After Hall was shot Cooney surrendered after he had been fired at twice by Ornes. Later on information given by Cooney, Keller was arrested at a hotel. Both boys are alleged to have confessed and said they had no plan to commit more robberies as a means of raising funds. The robbery of the florist's shop was their first attempt.

Word from Redlands confirmed that the three young men had been shot to death by the police. All three were described by President V. L. Duke of the institution as "average students with good records."

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Grid Sport Found Much Safer Than Perilous Rockers

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—That it is safer to play football than to sit in a chair is indicated by death statistics compiled by Dr. Herman Bundsen, Cook county (Chicago), Ill., coroner.

Only one death in the county during 1923 caused by football while the death of seven persons during same period was attributed to falls from chairs.

PILGRIMS GATHER AT SACRED SHRINE

Church of Nativity Scene of Solemn Christmas Rites; Many Present

BETHLEHEM, Palestine, Dec. 25.—(AP)—This little town of the Nativity was the scene of impressive services last night as thousands of tourists and natives visited it to partake in solemn Christmas celebrations.

Hundreds of automobiles, their headlights making one great glare of light, blocked the road over a great distance.

At the Church of the Nativity, the heads of the Bethlehem municipality and other prominent persons headed by choir boys intoned hymns for two hours and then followed in procession to the grotto while along the steps and walls black robed nuns knelt in silent prayer. After ceremonies at the grotto by the patriarch, the procession left the grotto by the opposite side.

The neighboring Franciscan church was packed with crowds from the late afternoon. At midnight the Latin patriarch, clad in a purple robe entered the Franciscan church and celebrated holy mass in the presence of the governor of Jerusalem and the council of the Catholic powers, meaning in prayer unity of this morning when a new pontifical mass was begun.

PARTY YET SEEKING "THRILL TRIP" PAIR

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Christmas Day passed and the shades of night fell upon the deep gorge of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado river marking the close of the 67th day since Glenn Hyde of Hansen, Idaho, embarked with his adventurous wife on their "thrill trip" down the great river canyon. Searchers for the missing couple found boot prints on the silt on the bottom of the mile deep canyon at Ruby Canyon, but they were further traced of the couple has been reported.

One searching party headed by Emory Kolb, pioneer of the canyon region, is on its second day out of Diamond creek in a crudely constructed boat searching the 13 miles between Diamond creek and Separation rapid. This party will make a survey of the camp engineers to have been left in the stranded scow of the Hydres.

A pack horse party will meet the Kolb party 13 miles down the canyon Thursday when the first report of the Kolb's findings will become known.

Six Killed When Hotel Is Swept By Fierce Blaze

AKRON, O., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Six persons lost their lives and seven others were injured when flames broke through from the basement of the Park hotel early today. The victims, along with some eighty other guests who were in the building when flames broke through from the basement, were trapped in rooms and corridors of the hotel. Gaseous smoke rose up a clothes chute from the basement and filled the structure. Most of the guests battled their way through the smoke, those on the lower escaping down the stairs.

Stop Means Stop To Gun Wielder

DETROIT, Dec. 25.—(AP)—When William Remsen hails a taxicab he believes it should stop. As a result of that theory he today was in a hospital with a bullet wound in his leg. Remsen was shot by a patrolman who answered a report that Remsen was sniping promiscuously at passing taxicabs. Remsen told police he fired when the cab failed to heed his hail.

HOOVER CHANGES PLAN FOR FUTURE

President-Elect Will go Directly to Washington on Arrival in U. S.

ABOARD U. S. S. UTAH, Dec. 25.—(AP)—President-elect Herbert Hoover has changed his plans and will proceed directly to Washington upon returning from his South American tour. This announcement was made today in the midst of Christmas celebrations on board the battleship Utah which now is cruising northward.

Under the revised schedule the battleship will head for Hampton Roads, Va., where it is expected to arrive January 6. The Hoover party then will disembark and proceed to the capital city. Mr. Hoover probably will remain in Washington for a week or ten days attending to matters awaiting his attention. After that he will go to Florida as originally planned.

This change in schedule was hailed with pleasure by members of the Hoover party as well as the officers and crew of the battleship as it had been expected that Mr. Hoover would land in Florida and remain in that state until almost time for his inauguration.

Hampton Roads is the Utah's base and it now will be possible for its officers and crew to pay brief visits to their families before leaving on a three-months practice cruise to Panama.

The revised plans also will enable the president-elect personally to attend to his affairs in Washington rather than to attempt to execute their direction from a winter home in Florida. Whether a trip will be made to Cuba and Mexico before the inauguration is expected to be decided after Mr. Hoover reaches Washington.

As the battleship moved northward today schools of flying fish played alongside in the tropical waters.

BILLY RANIERI IS GUARDED BY COPS

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Big policemen with real guns stood watch outside Billy Ranieri's home today. Inside, ten-year-old Billy and his two brothers played with toy guns.

There have been guns around Billy since he was a famous little boy last September when he pointed out the men who kidnapped him and held him prisoner. The weary policemen pacing the sidewalk in front of his house gripped their guns a little tighter. Just last week when assassins shot a man who was to have testified against Billy's kidnappers.

So toy guns were Billy's choice for a Christmas present.

Judge Robert E. Gentzel, who presided at the trial of the youngsters' abductors, gave Billy a new ten dollar bill for Christmas and his dad gave him another.

"I spent \$15.00 of that to buy the judge a present," Billy said today. "But this afternoon Alex, baby brother and I went out and bought a toy gun apiece. They were only a quarter but they work and shoot sparks."

World's Largest Meeting Of Scientists Will Open Tonight; Papers are Read

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—(AP)—Scientists from all over the United States and Canada gather here tomorrow for a meeting forecast as the largest conference of scientists in the world, the annual convention of the American association for the advancement of science.

The sessions open tomorrow night and continue through New Year's night. Forty-five scientific societies, their subjects ranging from home building and ancient tombs, to chemistry and endocrine glands, will participate in the meetings.

The American association membership is composed of a great number of college, university and school scientists. Their field is "pure science," that is, research for the sake of discovery alone, regardless of the immediate financial benefit, or even of the immediate usefulness. Nevertheless, their work is the foundation upon which in the past two decades an amazing world of applied scientific improvements has been erected, and they are the principle trainers, through their profession as teachers, of the American scientists of the future.

The papers to be delivered are not yet all on hand, but advance estimates place them at upwards of 2,000. Most of them are on technical subjects. Each year these papers are scanned a little breathlessly because among them may be another important scientific discovery. Recognizing this interest, the association makes an annual award for an "outstanding" paper, carefully refraining from calling it the most important paper on the ground that the significance of the most important paper may not even be recognized for several years.

CREW OF BOAT FACING DEATH AS LINE SNAPS

Roosevelt Drifts Disabled in Dangerous Section of Alaskan Waters

New and Desperate Attempt Made to Take Crippled Vessel in Tow

SEATTLE, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Radio advice from the coast guard cutter Unalga early this morning said that the disabled tug Roosevelt was in tow of the tug Sea Star, which the Roosevelt had been towing when she was disabled, was holding her own in vessels reef with the steamer Northwestern standing by.

Sixteen men aboard the Seattle tug Roosevelt faced a new fight for life today when the line which their ship was being towed by the halibut boat Attu snapped before the two vessels cleared the danger zone off Vesela reef in the Gulf of Alaska. The Roosevelt had been disabled previously while attempting to tow the disabled steamer Starr to Seattle.

With the tug Roosevelt drifting steadily toward the reef, anchor dragging, and the halibut boat Attu unable to get a line aboard the tug early today. Meanwhile the Starr was holding its anchorage in sixty fathoms of water and the steamer Northwestern was standing by.

The coast guard cutter Unalga, speeding from Juneau to the scene, was reported today off Cape Spencer, normally a sixteen-hour run to the stricken vessels, but probably a longer one because of the heavy weather.

The sea drama began nearly two weeks ago when the Starr struck a reef off Dark Island, western Alaska.

The Starr was towed to Seward by the steamer Alameda, and the tug Roosevelt was sent north from Seattle last week by William G. Calvert, Jr., head of the San Juan Fishing company, to bring the Starr to Seattle.

EL CENTRO, Cal., Dec. 25.—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret Kilgore, over whom Martin Ray Kilgore is alleged to have killed F. A. Bartley, wealthy dairyman, today sent her son back home and wished him a Merry Christmas in jail here.

The message was brought by his father from the Kilgore home at Mar Vista, near Los Angeles.

"For the last two years, dad," young Kilgore told his father, "I've been after you mother has caused me untold grief, but this is the happiest Christmas I have spent, even if I am in jail charged with murder."

Kilgore surrendered to the sheriff here after Bartley