

Unsettled today; Intermittent rain; Moderate temperatures; Max. 47; Min. 35; Rain 1.12; River 2.2.

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SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

BYRD REACHES WALL OF SOLID ARCTIC ICE

Expedition to "Bottom of World" Arrives at First Landing Place

Cliff Higher Than Mast of Ship Viewed by Party on Christmas Day

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Commander Richard Evelyn Byrd has sent the following wireless message to Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur through the New York Times.

"We have reached today the great mysterious ice barrier. It presents to us an ice cliff higher than the mast of the ship."

POST MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN TO OPEN

A rousing campaign for new members for Capitol Post No. 9 of the American Legion will be begun shortly after January 1.

Heads of State Discuss Budget

A. W. Norblad of Astoria and Ralph Hamilton of Bend, slated for president of the senate and speaker of the house during the next legislature, will spend a day in Salem within the next week studying the budget of state expenditures for the next biennium.

First Snowfall Of Winter Here Comes In Night

Wet Flakes Look Like They Won't Stay But Prognosticators Fooled

"The snow had begun in the gloaming and lasted through the night." The poet described it exactly, at least up to the wee sma' hours this morning, when huge flakes representing Salem's first snowfall of the winter were coming down—busily, that is.

SPORT BRIEFS

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Rain which had fallen in Portland throughout the day, turned to snow tonight; the first snow of the season.

POORLY ADDRESSED MAIL BULKS LARGE

"All advice to mail early, address plainly, and use sufficient postage seems to have been of little use," declared J. O. Benner of the post office.

Bermuda Nearly Votes Ten Autos To Double Total

HAMILTON, Bermuda, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The Bermuda house assembly has refused by a margin of one vote to allow physicians of the colony to operate automobiles.

WATER SUPPLY BETTERMENT IS ASKED BY POST

Resolution to City Council Framed by Legion Executive Meeting

Company Will Be Invited to Express Its Attitude at Meeting

Initial steps toward public consideration of Salem's water supply and the possibility of obtaining a more satisfactory source, were taken Wednesday night by the executive committee of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion.

LAID CITES VALUES OF PROHIBITION IN FIRST PRIZE PLAN

Educational Methods Stressed as Among Best Means of Enforcement

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Malcolm B. Almack of Palo Alto, Calif., author of the prohibition enforcement plan that won the \$5000 W. C. Durant prize offered to high schools, believes that the three essentials of improving the effectiveness of the law are better knowledge of the law, greater respect for the law and better administration of the law.

9 JUDGES WILL SETTLE ROW IN LATIN AMERICA

Paraguay and Bolivia Each to Nominate Two Members of New Body

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A concrete plan formulated by the Pan-American arbitration conference, establishing an international panel of nine judges to conciliate the Paraguayan-Bolivian boundary dispute today was before the Asuncion and La Paz governments for their approval.

Object of Mystery Pursuit

Central Press telephoto of Miss Ruth McConnell, 20-year-old New York heiress who was born in Salem and received part of her education at Mount Angel.

Tears Of Joy Sted As Christmas Boxes Reach Needy Homes

Real Spirit of Day Portrayed in Culmination of Good Will Effort

GEORGE THOMPSON, COUNCILMAN, DIES

Early Fire Department Driver Victim of Heart Trouble Wednesday

EARTH'S CRUST IS CHANGING SLOWLY

By HOWARD W. BLAKESLEE Associated Press Science Editor

Help in Collecting Wages Suggested as New Service By Commissioner of Labor

Giving authority to the state labor commissioner to collect wage claims and extending the scope of the so-called pay day law to include additional occupations, are among the outstanding recommendations included in the biennial report of C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, which was completed here Wednesday.

Vessel Lost on Northern Route

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A request for all vessels plying the northern route to the Orient to look for the American steamer Gilda Schuders has been sent out by headquarters of naval operations in Washington.

PERMANENT INCOME FOR SCHOOLS ASKED

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The legislative committee of the Oregon State teacher's association in annual convention here, tomorrow will introduce a resolution urging a definite and permanent income for school support to take the place of the present two-mill elementary school tax, should the law governing this tax be changed.

MILLS PLAN GOOD BUT OLD ASSERTS DRY LAW OFFICER

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Maurice Campbell, successor to Chester P. Mills as prosecutor and administrator of the New York district said today that Mills' prize winning enforcement plan was not new, but was formulated and put into operation by Lincoln C. Andrews, former assistant secretary of the treasury in charge of prohibition enforcement.

13 SANDWICHES ARE DEVoured AT ONCE

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 26.—(AP)—A patron in a bar room ate 13 sandwiches today in a vain effort to save his friend, Walter Benwell the bartender from arrest.

FIRE LACKING

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—For the first time in history, as far as the records of the fire marshal show, there were no Christmas tree fires in Portland this year.

JURY CONVICTS LAD OF KILLING BROTHER

Criminal Intent Lacking in Act, Verdict Declares in Portland Case

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—A coroner's jury here today, after 15 minutes' deliberation, found that Bennie Howard, 17, struck down and killed his brother, George, 19, but without criminal intent, and in defense of his mother.

Statesman Carriers' Christmas Present Is Y. Membership

Every carrier boy employed by the New Oregon Statesman has been given a membership in the Y. M. C. A. as a Christmas present from the Statesman Publishing company.

COAST'S CITIES PLAN MEETING ON PHONE RATE

Portland Issues Call and Receives Answers From Many Sections

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Portland today issued a call for a conference of all Pacific coast cities to consider a plan of action in the move against present rates and charges of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company.

CONCERTED FIGHT AGAINST COMPANY MAY DEVELOP AT BIG CONFERENCE

Replies to the letters were received from Dion R. Holm, special counsel, rate litigation, San Francisco; Loren A. Butts, City Attorney, Fresno; C. B. Goodwin, San Jose; Preston Higgins, City Attorney, Oakland; Charles F. Watson, City Clerk and Treasurer, Olympia; Otto A. Case, chairman, department efficiency committee, Seattle; J. B. Messick, Mayor, Baker, Ore.; J. C. Tenbrook, Mayor, Astoria; T. A. Livesey, Mayor, Salem; and M. Calkins, City Attorney, Eugene.

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