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WEATHER

Generally fair today; Light ground fogs; No change in temperature. Max. temperature 41; Min. 23; River 3.3; No rain.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SEVENTY-EIGHTH YEAR

FORGERIES ARE HIT IN SENATE; PROBE TALKED

Mysterious Thefts of Genuine Documents Also Discussed by Solons

American Embassy in Mexico City Loses Over 200 Valued Papers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Tales of the mysterious disappearance of state documents need their equally mysterious recovery today formed another chapter for the long record on Capitol Hill involving Mexican documents and Russian documents, now branded as forgeries, in which the names of United States Senators appeared freely purported recipients of rich sums of money.

Borah and Norris Demand Full Probe

Incidentally, the testimony showed that Senator Borah of Idaho, who, with Senator Norris of Nebraska, was named in documents published yesterday as having received \$100,000 each from Soviet Russia, had demanded an official investigation by the American government to determine who forged these papers which yesterday were branded as spurious by Chairman Reed, of the committee.

The Committee Record Also Included a Typewritten Note Purporting to Show that the Soviet Ambassador at Paris had Authorized Payments to Ivy Lee, who runs a New York publicity organization and who recently wrote a book on Russia.

The records likewise embodied a statement from Chairman Reed that "there is reason to believe that the typewriter on which they (the documents) were written is one of those which was in the Soviet embassy at Paris."

Under Questioning by the Committee headed by Senator Reed, republican, of Pennsylvania, Arthur Bliss Lane, chief of the Mexican affairs division of the state department, admitted negotiating almost 300 papers from Baker which had come from Mexico, and 200 of which were genuine documents taken from the American embassy.

LIQUOR VICTIM HAS SIGHT IN ONE EYE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Mrs. Thelma Sanford, 19, asserted liquor runners' revenge victim, who was stricken blind here Sunday night after she had had drinks with friends, tonight had recovered the sight of one eye.

As soon as her condition will permit, detectives plan to question her as to the identity of a man known as "Jack" who left liquor at her apartment Saturday. The friends who drank with her Sunday were not affected.

Bank Reelects All Directors

All officers and directors of the Salem Bank of Commerce were reelected at the annual meeting held Thursday. Dr. B. L. Steeves, president, S. B. Elliott vice president, H. V. Compton cashier and A. W. Smith assistant cashier. Dr. Steeves, Mr. Elliott and J. C. Perry are directors.

Scientists Gather to Find Means of Combating Flu Epidemic; Fear New Wave

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Public health officials and scientists from all over the United States mobilized here today for an attack on influenza which for weeks has been spreading over the country.

They gathered, however, without the presence of the commander-in-chief, Surgeon-General Hugh S. Cumming, who called for the mobilization only to find himself afflicted with the disease and unable to attend when the session began.

Assistant Surgeon-General Draper, presiding for Dr. Cumming, appointed three committees on epidemiology, prevention and research, to summarize the deliberations and report them in a form which may be distributed to the public for information.

While public health officials for several weeks have been issuing reports on the prevalence of

Rockefeller Will Attempt to Oust Firm's Chairman

Extensive Stockholder in Standard Oil Company to Depose Stewart

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—John D. Rockefeller, Jr., disclosed today that he is mobilizing his forces in an effort to oust Col. Robert W. Stewart from the chairmanship of the Standard Oil Company of Indiana at the stockholders meeting March 7. Col. Stewart declined to resign when requested by Mr. Rockefeller after the colonel's refusal to answer certain questions before the senate Teapot Dome investigation committee last spring.

Mr. Rockefeller made public a form letter which he has mailed to stockholders requesting those opposed to Col. Stewart's reelection to join the movement to oust him by mailing stockholders proxies, properly signed and witnessed, in order that the stock may be voted against Stewart's candidacy.

Mr. Rockefeller then pointed out that he had announced publicly at the time that letter was addressed to Col. Stewart that the request was made because of loss of confidence in the colonel, and in the belief that the oil company best would be served by his resignation. Mr. Rockefeller stated that although eight months had passed, Col. Stewart had not replied to the letter.

BECKERS CONVICTED ON ASSAULT COUNT

Most of Gervais Population Present at Trial; Three Boys Accuse

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Becker of Gervais were found guilty of assault and battery following a trial in justice court Thursday afternoon that was attended by a crowd that packed the small court room and overflowed out into the hallway. It was commonly reported that two-thirds of the population of Gervais was on hand to observe developments.

The convicted pair will be sentenced this morning at 10 o'clock. It was announced by Justice of the Peace Small.

One after another the three youths who were beaten by the elderly couple, each recounted his version of the affair that took place at the Becker home Sunday of this week. The defendants both declared that their grievance dated back to Christmas day.

They were away from home that day, they asserted, and the three boys, Alfred Bowley, Tony Lykic and Maurice Stolz, all of Gervais, came to their place to buy some cream.

Two lads who are staying at the Becker home were on hand and sold them the cream, but the Beckers assert that before the trio left they had ransacked the house in search of wine, and that some time during the course of this procedure two ten dollar bills disappeared. This currency and its whereabouts remained a mystery after Thursday's trial was finished.

One of the lads admitted that he had found some wine, however, but declared that he did not drink it "because it was too sour."

Plotting to avenge themselves on the youths for these alleged depredations, Mr. and Mrs. Becker had an invitation issued to them to return Sunday. A jug was filled with water and a yeast (Turn to Page 2, Please.)

GENERAL BOOTH TO BE ASKED TO QUIT

Delegation Will Wait on Aged Salvation Army Leader in Near Future

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Members of the high council of the Salvation Army started to mark time tonight while a deputation of seven councillors prepared to visit General Bramwell Booth with a proposal that he voluntarily retire from active duty. This proposal was framed at a session of the council which ended at noon, adjournment being taken until Saturday when the reply of the commander is expected.

It was emphasized that by retirement from active duty General Booth would not be deprived of his honors and dignities of his office.

The sudden turn in affairs resulted largely from publication in a London newspaper of a digest of a letter sent to the council by the general on January 6. In this letter the commander had proposed that control of the affairs of the army should be put in a commission which would include Evangelin Booth, leader of the reform element, and Catherine Booth who has been her father's "right hand man."

The council found itself unable to agree to this plan and had decided to offer the counter-proposal. It had been intended, however, that these negotiations should not be divulged until some decision had been reached, thus giving the general opportunity to retire in a more or less voluntary manner and without suffering the odium of a forced retirement. Publication of his letter, however, upset this procedure.

Dr. Cumming in a message read to the session reiterated a recent warning by the public health service that a more severe epidemic might follow the present outbreak.

Dr. Erwin O. Jordan, of the University of Chicago, a member of a committee which has been investigating influenza and pneumonia for a year, praised efforts of the public health service in obtaining information about influenza.

2 ASSAILANTS OF R. A. WOOD FACE CHARGES

Both Men Declare Intended Victim's Estranged Wife Employed Them

Fourth Member of Quartet Set Free as Reward for Being Informer

DETROIT, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Warrants charging assault with intent to kill will be recommended. Prosecutor James E. Chenot said today, against Mrs. Grace M. Wood and two of four men she is accused of having engaged to "take for a ride" her wealthy husband, Ralph A. Wood.

The two men are William Thompson, 24, and Taylor Pierce, 30, both of whom charged Mrs. Wood had hired them to slay her husband so that she might collect his \$100,000 life insurance and inherit his real estate business.

Ambrose L. Hagerty, 27, was shot and killed in a police ambush at Wood's office in Wyandotte, a suburb, last night as he attempted to blackmail the real estate man. The fourth man in the alleged plot, Cecil Holt, an accountant, turned informer, and it was his story that led to preparations to shoot down the would-be assassins. Holt said he had informed Wood of the alleged plot as it was broached to him. Prosecutor Chenot said Holt would not be held as a police witness.

COOPERATIVES TO MEET NEXT WEEK

Annual Session of Oregon Council in Salem Thursday and Friday

The program of the Oregon cooperative council annual meeting, which will be held in Salem Thursday and Friday of next week was announced Thursday. Sessions will be held in the Salem chamber of commerce auditorium which will open at 1:30 p. m. Thursday, with an address of welcome by Governor Patterson following initial routine business. Addresses at the afternoon session will include:

"Significance of Proposed Changes in Oregon's Cooperative Laws," by Arthur A. Goldsmith, Portland attorney.

"Plans for a National Organization of Cooperatives," R. A. Ward, manager of the Pacific Cooperative Wool Growers.

General discussion and appointment of committees will follow.

The annual banquet will be held Thursday night at 6:30 o'clock at the Marion hotel. A representative of each member organization will respond to roll call with a five minute report on the status of the organization represented, including number of members, volume of business in 1928, and other information.

On Friday morning, beginning at 9:30, an address will be given, "Analysis of Farm Relief Bills," by Dr. M. Nelson, O. S. C. There will be one other address which has not yet been announced, and a report of the council's legislative committee.

In the afternoon James G. Bretherton, United States bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, will discuss "Foreign Markets for Oregon's Farm Products." V. C. Follenius will lead open discussion of this subject with respect to fresh fruits, John F. White concerning dried fruits and J. W. Mayo, canned products.

The afternoon program will include a report of the resolutions committee, general business of the session and election of officers.

Al Smith Slated To Make Speech On Radio Hookup

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The democratic national committee announced today that former Governor Alfred E. Smith would speak over the red network of 32 stations of the National Broadcasting company next Wednesday evening, January 16, at 8:30 o'clock Eastern Standard Time. His subject was not announced.

The stations will include WEAF, New York; WBAL, Baltimore; WRC, Washington; WCAE, Raleigh; WTAM, Cleveland; WWJ, Detroit; WSAI, Cincinnati; WGN, Chicago; KSD, St. Louis; WOC, Davenport, Ia.; WHO, Des Moines, Ia.; WOW, Omaha; KGW, Portland, Ore.; KOMO, Seattle; KHQ, Spokane, W. Va.; Denver; and KSL, Salt Lake City.

3 High Mexican Officials Slain

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 10.—(AP)—From a muddle of reports from Atlixco, state of Hidalgo, tonight it appeared that three men, one of them a general in the Mexican army, had been killed in a clash there last night, while a fourth, Jose G. Parros, under-secretary of agriculture, at first reported dead himself, had escaped and was seeking to return to Mexico City.

Extra Session of Congress Will Be Started In April

Congressman Hawley of Salem Makes Forecast After Long Conference With President-Elect Hoover; Farm Relief and Tariff Revision to be Chief Issues Settled

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover gave today (AP) conferences chiefly with congressional leaders on the questions of farm relief and tariff revisions and his last call, Representative Willis C. Hawley, of Oregon, after being cloistered with the President-elect for some time, forecast an extra session about the middle of April to tackle both.

Hawley, chairman of the powerful house ways and means committee which already has started hearings on tariff revision, emphasized that he was voicing his own views as Mr. Hoover himself had said nothing on the subject.

The Oregon member, however, said it was his opinion the new congress would be called together about the middle of April, and that an attempt would be made to put tariff and farm relief bills through by July 4.

During the campaign Mr. Hoover promised to call a special session if the farm problem were not disposed of by present congress and although Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee

has a measure pending and a number of members in both the senate and house have expressed a desire that this subject be settled by the Hoover administration, the tariff work now under way by the ways and means committee is intended to serve as a basis for legislation to be enacted at either a special session of the regular session which will start next December.

In this connection Mr. Hawley said he believed house members from the midwest do not wish farm legislation to come up at the present session of congress and added that the farm question and the tariff were closely allied and should be put through together.

Close Relationship Of Two Issues Seen "Tariff is the greatest relief the farm has or ever will have," he declared.

The tariff hearing by his committee, he said, would be completed during the present session and the work of drafting the bill then would be turned over to sub-committees. He said he expected the sub-committee would have their work in shape by April 20. Approximately fifteen percent of the items now on the tariff lists, he said, would be affected.

"In my judgment," he continued, "we should have an extra session and have it early, to get through by the Fourth of July, so that the farmers could have the advantages of tariff adjustment this crop season. From the standpoint of business also, that would be better, for the sooner we let the country know what the tariff is to be, the sooner they can adjust their manufacturing and prices correspondingly."

The house debated the bill to reappropriation its membership on the basis of the 1930 census.

The senate unsuccessfully tried to reach an agreement for a vote on the Kellogg anti-war treaty.

The federal trade commission resumed its inquiry on public utilities publicity.

The house ways and means committee started hearings on the second schedule of the tariff act, earthenware and glassware.

Congressional action on the Hawes-Cooper bill to regulate interstate commerce on prison-made goods was completed by the house.

The name of George Barr Baker, former newspaperman, was brought into a senate committee testimony in connection with Mexican documents.

Former Secretary Work and Attorney General Sargent told a senate committee about the stopping of a grand jury investigation of Commissioner Burke of the Indian bureau.

NAVY DIRIGIBLE OFF ON JOURNEY AGAIN

PORT ST. JOE, Fla., Jan. 10.—(AP)—The navy dirigible Los Angeles resumed her Florida cruise late today, and taking a southwesterly course from the tender Patoka in St. Joseph's bay, here, slipped out of sight behind the clouds.

The dirigible, which left her base at Lakehurst, N. J. Tuesday night, was bearing out into the Gulf of Mexico, but before leaving the mooring mast, Lieutenant Commander Rosendahl said the craft would pick a route taking it over a number of Florida cities before returning to the Patoka tomorrow.

The Los Angeles arrived at the Patoka at 11:30 o'clock this morning after bucking a southerly wind all night as she was turned from her course to Miami, Fla., to cross the peninsula and seek a mooring in St. Joseph's bay.

TAX GROUP HAS MUCH TROUBLE FRAMING PLAN

Entire Day Consumed in Conferences With Bankers and Financiers

Everybody Wants Levy Put on Everybody Else, Committee Finds

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—The "fourth subcommittee" of the property tax relief commission, faced numerous complications today as it continued efforts to whip a draft for the proposed excise tax into shape for submission to the legislature.

The subcommittee spent practically the entire day in conferences with bankers, representatives of building and loan associations with state tax commissioner Fisher and State Superintendent of Banks Schramm attending.

Banks are desirous of having what they termed "competing capital" taxed, these being loan associations which represent a large amount of money, the associations want, as deductions, interest paid on money for shares as part of the expense of operation, but above six per cent they favor applying a tax.

Exemptions Subject Of Much Discussion In the draft of the California excise bill which is being used as a pattern, sky scrapers are exempted on the theory that they pay a heavy real property tax and would have no personal tax offset as a sky scraper company probably has nothing more than a desk and a few chairs.

However, the subcommittee argued over permitting this exemption to appear in the Oregon bill and arrived at no conclusion. The exemption was fostered by building managers in California cities, but they are few in Oregon cities.

Applying the excise tax on conducting installment sales did not meet with the enthusiasm of Commissioner Fisher. He believed this class of business could be handled better if it was left out of the bill.

Much Grief Foreseen In Collecting Levy on Dealers in furniture, automobiles, radio and similar enterprises where the installment plan is followed. This same question came up under the 1923 income tax law and caused the collecting agents of the state much grief.

No provision is made in the proposed excise bill for deducting the federal law permits a deduction of the federal income tax it would be a point of much dispute. Such a deduction would make a difference of three fourths of one per cent on the rate, it was said.

One section proposed exempting public utilities. Commissioner Fisher explained this was handled in a different manner and asserted the very mention of such exemption would bring protests from the public.

The subcommittee will have a draft ready for the legislature next week, but committee hearings on many controversial items probably will be held in Salem.

JUGO-SLAV SOLONS FIRED FOR KEEPS

BELGRADE, (By Telephone to Vienna) Jan. 10.—(AP)—Dismissal today of several disgraced officials and employees attached to the Skupshtina, or Jugo-Slavian parliament, was accepted here as indication that that body will remain suspended under the new dictatorship of King Alexander for a long time, perhaps indefinitely.

At the same time there were other indications that possibly in the near future the government will undertake negotiation of a loan with an English group, and will dismiss half of those now connected with the civil service, retiring some on pension and maintaining others at half their annual wage.

King Alexander today had a long conference with Dr. Vojislav Markinkovitch, foreign minister in the newly formed cabinet, regarding the tri-kingdom's foreign policy, in which, it is forecast, there will be no change. It was announced afterwards that Dr. Markinkovitch will leave Saturday for Davos, Switzerland, to recuperate from an illness which nearly has incapacitated him.

Reports here Thursday indicated that a proposed constitutional amendment would be referred to the voters of Oregon at the next election providing for a meeting of the legislature every four years instead of every two years under the existing law.

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Retired



Commander, Evangeline Booth

above, head of the Salvation Army in America, who may succeed her brother, General Bramwell Booth, below, commander-in-chief of the Army, who has been asked by the Army's high council to retire.



MAN ADMITS DEATH PACT WITH SPOUSE

Arrangements Told Whereby Divorced Wife and He Were to be Killed

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10.—(AP)—An amazing story of a death pact by which Garland Williams, 28, was to kill his former wife, and then submit to execution by the state, was related to police by Williams today after his arrest on a charge of murdering the woman, Mrs. Lorraine Ambrose, who was found choked to death here last Sunday.

Williams said Mrs. Ambrose had begged him to turn on the gas so they might die together, but he had refused, saying he could never commit suicide.

"I agreed to kill her, and then give myself up so that the law would take care of my death," police said Williams told them. He added that Williams' story had the ring of truth, although several points required investigation. The prisoner said he had "several little things to attend to," and had deferred surrendering until his affairs were in order.

Williams said he and his wife were happy together for four years, until they were separated by "a double crossing friend" whom he had employed as a stevedore, and who carried tales to Mrs. Williams.

"She left me, and I did not follow her or molest her," police quoted Williams as saying.

"Last Thursday she came to my room and wanted to talk things over. She could not live without me, she said. She wanted me to kill her and then commit suicide, but I told her I couldn't do that."

Burglars Visit Two Residences

Two houses on North 19th street were entered, evidently by the same burglars or burglars, Thursday night. At the home of George C. Clark, 1945 North 19th, which was entered through a window which had been left open, about \$5 in change was taken. The uninvited visitors obtained nothing at the home of E. L. Brunk, 1225 North 19th.

Permits to Appropriate Water Total 1176 in Two Years; Power Small Item

Approximately 1176 permits to appropriate water from Oregon streams were issued during the past two years, according to the biennial report of Rhea Luper, state engineer, which was filed with Governor Patterson here Thursday. The permits covered 4874 cubic feet per second of water for various purposes.

"Power does not seem to be a large factor," read the report. "As the development of but 35,811 horsepower is covered by the permits issued during the biennium."

The construction of 23 dams is contemplated for the storage of 79,247 acre feet. Among the large permits is that for the Owyated project, which will irrigate approximately 127,000 acres at a cost of about \$18,000,000.

A permit, Mr. Luper explained, does not become a vested right until the contemplated work has been completed and the water applied to a beneficial use. When

BLAZE SWEEPS LARGE HOTELS; GUESTS SAVED

24 Companies Combine to Bring Flames Under Control; Loss Large

Heroic Rescue Work Witnessed by Large Crowds Filling Streets

SEATTLE, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Half an hour after a fire started on a downtown corner here tonight, 24 fire companies had brought the blaze under control. The flames ate their way through the Seneca hotel and badly damaged the adjacent Victoria hotel and neighboring buildings. Ten persons were carried unconscious to safety.

Twelve others were believed by firemen to be trapped in flames that were eating their way through the two hotels and adjoining stores. At 11 o'clock tonight police and firemen had carried out nine semi-conscious persons.

An explosion in the Model Electric laundry, to which fire spread before a fire apparatus arrived, rocked neighboring downtown buildings and spread the fire through adjacent structures.

The blaze was reported when a thin trail of black smoke was coming out of the transom of the American Stationery store, first avenue. When firemen arrived the blaze had spread to the hotels and nearby stores, and the explosion burst the entire corner into fire. Heroic Act of Fireman Saves Woman

With the explosion a woman in night attire appeared at a third story window of the Seneca hotel, screaming and apparently ready to leap. Hundreds of onlookers shrieked at her not to leap as the first of the fire trucks arrived.

Before firemen had begun running up ladders to rescue people who had appeared at a number of windows, Police Officer W. M. Palmer dashed into the blazing Seneca and seized the woman as she collapsed. The crowd cheered the officer, as he reached the street carrying the unconscious woman.

Firemen brought eight others overcome by smoke to safety in rapid succession. They were searching other rooms for persons (Turn to Page 10, Please.)

WOMAN ADMITS SHE HAS GIRL FOR WIFE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Katherine Wink, who yesterday frustrated officers' attempt to prosecute her on Mann Act charges when she revealed that she was a woman posing as a man, faced the possibility of another court action today when she admitted having been married to Elleen Carnet.

The girl who was raised on a ranch in Tintio, Utah, said that she has always worn men's clothing. Two years ago, she said, she met Miss Carnet in Los Angeles, and married her. She said the ceremony was performed by a justice of the peace in Santa Ana, Calif.

The marriage was happy, Miss Wink said, until a final two hotel owners became Miss Carnet's parents and other relatives came to live with them. She then returned three months ago bringing Stella Harper with her. Miss Wink posed as a man and was employed as a barber. A Mann Act charge was filed against her when it was discovered that she was not married to the girl.

Officers say that it is a felony under California law to take part in such a marriage as that Miss Young describes in Santa Ana. The girl is being held for Santa Ana officers.