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ENFORCEMENT OF DRY LAWS IS DEMANDED

No Serious Effort Yet Made To Make Country Dry Norris States

Borah Attacks Present Personnel of United States Prohibition Force

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Increased attention was directed to prohibition enforcement today as Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, the foremost campaigners for President Hoover's election on the dry issue, assailed the entire personnel charged with making the Volstead act effective. He said they would never enforce the law.

Senator Norris, of Nebraska, a republican dry who supported the candidacy of Alfred E. Smith, on the democratic ticket last year, contended that efforts to suppress the alcohol traffic had never been made in good faith in many sections. He expressed the opinion that time and again officers had disregarded cases where men with political influence were making millions of dollars, but had investigated less ignorant violations.

Commission Conceals Facts Says Borah

The Borah statement dealt with a proposed report by the Hoover law enforcement commission, saying that agency "will not tell us anything we do not know, either as to law or as to the facts."

"We will still be back to the one proposition," he averred, "and that is with the present personnel nothing will be accomplished."

After publication of his statement that "the prohibition forces of the country will be greatly disturbed" unless President Hoover removes Judge Paul J. McCormick from his law enforcement commission, Senator Harris, democrat, Georgia, was called to the White House for a talk with the president today and declined later to comment on the subject cov-

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FIRE DAMAGE SAID AT LEAST \$60,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Col. U. S. Grant, 3rd, superintendent of public buildings and parks, after an inspection of the burned White House executive offices, said the ceiling, roof, floors and plaster walls of the building would have to be replaced.

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Christmas Trade Heavy Business Men Announce

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Ex-Councilman Called Beyond



A. F. MARCUS

ALFRED MARCUS IS CALLED BY DEATH

Former City Councilman Passes Away at Home Tuesday Morning

Alfred Franklin Marcus, 53, resident of Salem for 25 years and a former city councilman, died at his country home near this city Tuesday morning at 6:45 o'clock following a stroke of paralysis.

Funeral services will be held Thursday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Clough-Taylor mortuary here under the direction of Harry Howe, Lebanon mortician.

The Rev. U. S. Crowder will officiate, assisted by Dr. Norman C. Tully. Interment will be in the L. O. O. F. cemetery with Masonic services at the graveside.

Honorary pallbearers will be George Shand, William Steusloff, S. E. Purvis, W. W. Moore, L. P. Aldrich and John Bayse. Active pallbearers will be L. K. Siegmund, C. F. Chambers, Max O. Buren, John Harlson, Joseph Baumgartner and Walter Winslow.

Mr. Marcus was born in Ontario, Canada, in 1876. He came to Salem 25 years ago in 1904, after living in Portland for three years previously. He was associated shortly after coming here, with George Shand in the ownership of the Salem Iron Works, a business which they conducted for 18 years.

In 1922 he became a partner in the Doughton-Marcus hardware company, retiring two years later to his country home where he spent his last years. His home in Salem was at 386 Bellevue street.

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Spruce Tree at Capitol Shines Christmas Cheer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—A giant spruce tree brilliant with myriad colors stood close to the White House tonight as symbol of those in homes throughout the land.

President Hoover, standing on a small platform in Sherman Square, his overcoat buttoned tightly as protection from the cold night air, turned on the lights of the national Christmas tree in conformity with the Christmas custom.

BARNES MOVED TO NEW POST AT ROME

Information has just been received by Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Barnes that their son, Ralph W. Barnes, has been transferred to Italy, as head of the Rome bureau of the New York Herald-Tribune, after nearly four years' service in the Paris Bureau of that paper.

Mr. Barnes graduated from Willamette University in 1922, and received his master's degree from Harvard in 1924, after which he returned to Salem and married Miss Esther Parounian, who had graduated from Willamette in 1923.

A year on the Brooklyn Eagle gave Mr. Barnes his first newspaper experience. He then changed to the New York Herald-Tribune, which sent him to its Paris bureau in April 1926, since which time he and his wife, who accompanies him on all of his trips, have visited practically every country in Europe, including Russia.

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LONDON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Old England, from the king to his humblest subject, tonight began to celebrate its traditionally home-like Christmas holiday.

FRAUD CHARGE CONTRADICTED IN ALBIN CASE

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Deny Misrepresentation In Insurance Deal

Issues Raised in Answer as Filed in Circuit Court Here Yesterday

In answer to the charges of fraud brought against J. A. Duncan and Minnie V. Duncan, the latter principal of the Washington grade school here, by C. E. Albin, former Salem mayor, the defendants declare that Albin investigated the insurance business at McMinnville before buying it and deny that it was represented to Albin that the business had netted a profit of \$150 a month. The answer to Albin's complaint was filed in the county clerk's office here yesterday.

Saturday of last week Albin filed the complaint in circuit court here asking the court to rescind a contract under which he purchased the insurance business of Duncan which was located at McMinnville. Albin alleged in his complaint that false representations had been made to him regarding the business when he made the deal, putting up \$300 in cash and giving the Duncans an abstract covering some property which Albin owned in Portland. The purchase price of the insurance business was \$1400.

Possibilities of Office Reiterated

In reference to the \$150 profit which the business was supposed to show each month, the Duncans in their answer to the complaint point out that it had been said by them that a man with ability could make from \$150 to \$200 per month. This allegation was expressed again in the answer filed Tuesday.

That the agency referred to is an old established concern is indicated in paragraph in Dun-

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FOUL PLAY HINTED IN SOLON'S DEATH

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Contradictory wills and dissension among relatives over the million dollar estate of the late George Lafayette Finn, former state senator of Iowa, today moved the case from probate court to the district attorney's office following reports that death might not have resulted naturally.

Calling at headquarters on lower Court street one could see the results of Christmas charities, of the work of ringing bells beside black kettles on street corners the past rainy days, of the effort to arouse a generous but sometimes indifferent citizenship. For there were the Christmas boxes, piled up ready to be distributed to homes where the need had previously been ascertained.

Army Officials

Are Hard at Work

Capt. Williams was there, coat off, collar off, directing the dispensing of Christmas cheer. Mrs. Williams was there, trim in the blue uniform of the Army, dropping a word here, giving directions there. Then others with the familiar bonnet or the cap of those humble soldiers of the cross, privates in rank, sacrificing to do their part for humanity, even as they feel that Jesus would command them. Others were there too, some with a past, derelicts who had found refuge in the army home, doing a bit to help the cause along till they might get anchored in some settled employment. There were ordinary citizens lending a hand to get the boxes distributed to the homes.

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Served by Salvationists

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The Statesman Staff from publishers to carrier boys, unite in expressing Cheery Christmas Greetings to the big family of Statesman readers.

Salvation Army Dispenses Cheer

Merry Christmas Made Possible for Many Salem Folk

"Headquarters" was a busy place for the Salvation Army yesterday—the day before Christmas. For weeks the "Army" under the direction of Capt. E. N. Williams had been working preparing to make Christmas day a happy one wherever the call for assistance came. Wednesday the Army moved to complete its plans for Merry Christmas for the needy.

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Gervais Children Find Coupons and Get \$25 Reward

GERVAIS, Dec. 24.—A sack of outgoing mail was run over by the train here Saturday evening and a large number of Christmas cards and first class mail was destroyed. In the sack were a number of coupons from Liberty bonds which had been sent out by the Gervais State Bank. Monday morning G. T. Wadsworth, president of the bank, posted a reward of \$25 for the return of the coupons.

During the afternoon, Alice, Roscoe and Flora children of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Colby, were walking down the track towards Woodburn looking for any mail that might have been lost, and they found the coupons. They brought them back not knowing that they were due for reward. Mr. Wadsworth is pleased and the children still believe there is a Santa Claus.

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FRED BURKE IS UNDER ARREST OFFICERS SAY

Suspect Held as Notorious Gangster and Slayer Sought by Cops

Manhunt Believed Ended at Nogales, Arizona, as Capture Made

NOGALES, Ariz., Dec. 24.—(AP)—A man believed by Sheriff H. J. Patterson to be Fred Burke, wanted in Chicago for questioning in connection with the St. Valentine's day gang massacre there, was captured in the hills west of here by the sheriff and deputies late today.

Sheriff Patterson, a few hours after the man, under the name of J. P. Barton, had been released here, found that a photograph of Fred Burke on a Chicago police bulletin bore striking resemblance to his late prisoner. Barton, or Burke, and a companion were arrested last night on suspicion of rum running. The man giving his name as Barton was allowed to go when it did not develop that there were any charges against him.

Suspect Soon Located After Alarm Sounded

As soon as Patterson discovered the possibility that his prisoner may have been Burke, he spread a cordon of deputies over his territory, and shortly located the man in the hills near the Mexican line. He was brought to Nogales, under guard.

For the first time in years, the outer door of the Nogales county jail was barred tonight, and no one except deputies are allowed in the sheriff's office. The prisoner was manacled when he arrived. He immediately was placed in a cell with guards stationed at the door while Sheriff Patterson communicated with Chicago and with St. Joseph, Mich., where Burke is accused of having killed a policeman, in an effort to definitely

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MARY IS SOUGHT BY VERY LONELY MAN

PORLTAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mary's hair probably has a tinge of silver and her face probably is gentle with the gentleness that is the heritage of age, but beyond that, no one here knows who she might be.

A smudged and torn envelope found its way out of the steady stream of gay Christmas cards and packages in the central post office today and came to rest on postmaster John M. Jones' broad oak desk. The envelope bore the address "Mr. Postmaster—Portland, Ore."

"Are there a woman comes to the postoffice whose name is Mary? I don't see her for many years, if there are, would you have her write me today—because it is Christmas and I am lonely."

The signature and address trailed off the edge.

Pilgrims Meet At Bethlehem For Christmas

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