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THE WEATHER Generally cloudy today and tomorrow; occasional rains on the coast; freezing temperature interior.

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PRISONERS TO HAVE SHARE IN MERRY-MAKING

Turkey Dinners and Special Shows at Asylum and At State Prison

Only one man in City Jail But He's to get all Turkey he Wants

While Christmas trees glitter and sparkle in private homes today, family dinners are enjoyed and gifts dainty, pretty and useful are exchanged, several thousand "hidden" residents of the city will also be treated to special observance of some nature.

At the county jail a special feed will be prepared by the chef, although there may not be turkey. Last night 17 prisoners were held in the fall, all of whom will be fed today.

At the Oregon state hospital, a Christmas tree and trimmings has been provided for the patients and a Christmas dinner of special attractiveness and preparation has been arranged.

The state penitentiary gang will have a turkey feed, about 60 turkeys and all trimmings incident to a real Christmas will be served at the noon meal. And as the long line of men pass from the dining room after enjoying a turkey dinner, each will be presented with a package containing fruit, candies, nuts and oranges.

Turkey, too, will feature the day's cheer at the tuberculosis hospital, and the other institutions will have a dinner appropriate to the day.

Chief of Police Frank Minto says he has only one man in the city jail, but that he will get plenty of turkey.

Christmas is being by members of the Jason Lee church at the Salem General hospital brought nearness of the Yuletide to the patients there.

At the Deaconess hospital, a Christmas program for the old folks was held Monday night, and Tuesday night a program for all the workers was held, and caroling was done by members of the Business and Professional Women's club.

Last night two Methodist church groups sang carols at the hospital. And today there will be turkey and goose and all things associated therewith for all who can enjoy them.

50 NEW CREWS TO AID EMPLOYMENT A survey completed by the state highway department here last night showed that 50 crews, with a total of 1162 men, has been organized under the emergency employment plan adopted by the Oregon state labor employment commission and the state highway commission.

In eastern Oregon 15 crews, with 340 men, have been organized. Central Oregon has 10 crews, with 201 men, and southwestern Oregon nine crews with a total of 210 men. Sixteen crews, with 411 men, have been organized in northwestern Oregon.

The survey also showed that 155 extra men have been added to the regular maintenance patrols operated by the state highway department. Approximately 235 men are working on extra crews, making a total of 1581 men actually at work in addition to those usually employed at this time of the year.

Many of the emergency crews are rotating on a three day a week basis. More crews will be operated on this plan if the number of men registering exceeds the jobs available.

Meteor Seen in Idaho; Dozens of Towns Rock LEWISTON, Ida., Dec. 24. (AP)—A meteor, preceded by a brilliant flash that lighted up the countryside over an area of 50 or 60 miles, was reported to have fallen at 9:57 tonight. Buildings in a dozen towns were rocked by the explosion that came when it struck the earth.

Several hundred persons in north central Idaho said the flash which lighted up the countryside with a brilliance that was almost like daylight, preceded the explosion by about three minutes.

Dr. Carlton Smith is Stricken; Operation Fails to Save Life

2nd Delegation Member Called

Marion County Physician and Legislator Dies in Portland

Dr. W. Carlton Smith, prominent Marion county physician, native of this county, and a member of the state house of representatives, died in the veterans hospital in Portland early last night following an operation performed Tuesday.

Dr. Smith had been in poor health for several months and went south on a trip recently for a respite from work but his condition was not considered grave.

He went to Portland Tuesday for further medical treatment and an operation for gallstones was advised immediately. Physicians found upon operating that his condition was grave and while he rallied somewhat early Wednesday morning he failed to survive the day.

Salem friends were shocked last night at the news of his death, having not considered him as gravely ill. His wife was with the doctor at the time of his death and his sister who lives at Klamath Falls was in an auto rushing to his bedside.

Funeral arrangements had not been completed last night. The doctor's sudden death marks the second fatality among Marion county's delegation of (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

CHRISTMAS MAIL IS LARGEST ON RECORD

High Mark Reached Monday With 87,500 Stamps in Machine

More Christmas mail was handled at the Salem postoffice this season than in 1929, reports Postmaster J. H. Farrar, with the high mark in the history of the office being reached Monday when 87,500 pieces of mail were put through the cancelling machine. This mark was 11,000 pieces more than the previous record.

Early prediction that the Christmas mail was falling short of a year ago went quickly to smash when business piled up the first day of this week and continued heavy every day, even up to yesterday.

With the volume of business done by the postoffice a major index of business conditions, those who are grumbling hard times may take heart that things are not as bad as they seem.

Last Four Days Make Up For Earlier Deficit The last four days mailings at the postoffice overcame a 10 per cent decrease in the business of the mailing period from December 15 to 19, and established the mark above that of last year.

In the 1929 Christmas mail period from December 15 to 24, \$10,574.83 worth of business was handled. In the same period for (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

500-Pound Man Dies in Portland

PORTLAND, Ind., Dec. 24. (AP)—George Butterworth, 60, reputed to be one of the world's fastest men, died at his home Monday following a paralytic stroke. He was said to have weighed nearly 500 pounds. He had traveled with show and carnival troupes.

"Tired but Happy" Says Ensign Williams of Army

capacity and it was very difficult to make even a pretense at any effective kind of organization in connection with the filling of the baskets," Williams said, "and I surely hope that this will be the last Christmas effort which we will have to make in the present building."

Hope to Reach '29 Mark The fund amounts to \$1169.12, but Williams says he feels that it will probably reach approximately the same figure as last year, \$1459.19.

The public radio donated by the H. P. Stiff company remains to be disposed of and there are other sources of income which will swell the fund, Williams states.

Among numerous contributions reported by Williams there is the 4 1/2 cases of fruit from Eng Bros. cannery, 49 cases from the Northwest cannery and 84 boxes of pears from Paul Wallace.

"Everybody has been very generous of kindness and we wish Salem to know that the Salvation Army deeply appreciates the help and cooperation given so generously during this Christmas season," the ensign said, "and we wish one and all a very happy Christmas."

Ensign Williams states that this is the largest number ever delivered by the Army in Salem any Christmas.

"And such magnificent donations of foodstuff I have never before seen, the ensign stated. "Our building was simply jammed to

THE SALVATION ARMY "GOOD-WILL" FUND

Prev. reported... \$1,012.00

First Cong. church 11.00

Mrs. G. J. Pearce 5.00

High Speed IS MAGIC WORD IN AIR IS BELIEF

Captain Hawks Says Pace Of 150 Miles an Hour Must be Regular

20-Hour Schedule Across Continent not far Distant, Leader Views

By FOSTER HALEY NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—Speed, speed more speed. That's the wish Captain Frank Hawks would serve aviation for Christmas.

"I'd like to see all schedules speeded up to at least 150 miles an hour cruising speed," he said today to the Associated Press in commenting on the year which lies ahead of aviation.

"We've got the push interiors, the heated planes, the ash trays," he said. "What we need is more speed."

Captain Hawks has flown during 1930 the fastest commercial plane in the world—his little low winged Travelair, the so-called "mystery ship."

He holds the transcontinental record, at less than 12 hours flying time. He has made the trip between New York and Washington, between New York and Boston, between New York and a lot of other places faster than any aviator ever flew those distances before.

At 250 miles an hour he has dashed around the country telling manufacturers, pilots, flying executives: "Speed up, speed up." That's where the real value of airplanes lies, he believes—in their ability to get you somewhere in a hurry.

If his wish should come true—a schedule of 150 miles an hour—the flying time from coast to coast would be cut from its present rail-air time of 36 hours to 20. With lighted transcontinental airways a reality of the near future it only remains to perfect a plane which can hold that speed and the passengers can have an early breakfast in New York and a late dinner in Los Angeles. (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

LOS ANGELES LOAN ASSOCIATION FAILS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24. (AP)—The Consolidated Building and loan association, a local organization, is in the hands of the state building and loan commissioner, it was revealed tonight.

Before Charles A. Whitmore submitted his resignation as state building and loan commissioner he appointed Carlston W. Holbrook custodian of the association and filed a petition in superior court asking approval of his action.

The petition sets forth that the association is "in an unsafe condition" and the custodian has appointed December 17 "prevent waste or diversion of funds."

The consolidated association, which was licensed to do business March 1, 1928, is a much smaller institution than the Guaranty Building and Loan association, which recently was placed in the hands of a receiver because of the huge defalcations of its manager, Gilbert H. Beesemyer.

Snow Lacking at Ketchikan Today KETCHIKAN, Alaska, Dec. 24. (AP)—A rowboat and umbrella would be more appropriate than a sleigh for Santa Clause when he visits this "far northern town" the weather men predicted tonight. Though one degree north of the historic 54-40 line, Ketchikan will experience its tenth snowless Christmas in 14 years.

10,000 Men Will Be Back on Full Time January 5

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 24. (AP)—The Sacramento Union will quote officials of the local Southern Pacific company headquarters tomorrow as saying approximately 10,000 shop and maintenance employees of the railroad's northern district are to return to work January 5, on a full time basis.

The men have been working for two months on part time shifts of three days a week. Two ten day layoffs were put into effect during that period.

The northern district includes that part of the system between Tracy, Calif., and Ogden, Utah; Oakland, and Portland.

Newspaper Goes To Press Sans Any Crime News

POPULAR BLUFF, Mo., Dec. 24. (AP)—The American Republic, local afternoon daily newspaper, went to press today without any crime, disaster or otherwise depressing news on page one. The newspaper said today's policy would prevail on each Christmas eve.

"We want to forget the sorrows of life and cling at least for a day to the threads of love and charity and proclaim to the world good will toward all men."

LEGGE BEHIND WHEAT BAN TO HOLD UP PRICE

Slump in World Markets Could be met Through Embargo, View

Capper and Farm Head Will Confer; Imports Fatal To Domestic Crop

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24. (AP)—Chairman Legge of the farm board suggested today to members of the senate agriculture committee that a temporary embargo would be the most effective step if world wheat prices continue to slump below domestic quotations to a point permitting imports of Canadian wheat.

Senator Capper, Kansas, a republican member of the senate agriculture committee, in making public the chairman's proposal, offered to sponsor such legislation if Legge's fears of imports materialize.

Burdensome Surplus Justifies Move, Legge Writes A temporary embargo would seem justifiable, Legge wrote, "in view of the fact that we will have a burdensome surplus without importing any wheat."

Before the Christmas recess ends, Capper expects to confer with Legge.

Briefly reviewing the world wheat situation, Legge said the Liverpool market on Tuesday had closed at 60 1/2 cents, while the (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

MAN WHO WOULD BLOW BANK HERE

J. W. S. Stanford of Stayton, who Tuesday was arrested following threats by mail to blow up the Bank of Stayton unless \$500 were paid, is being held in the county jail here yesterday afternoon.

Stanford, a woodcutter whose arrest was due directly to an attempt to cash a \$30 check which officials believed was not backed by funds, was brought here following appearance in the Stayton justice court on charge of forging a check.

He was committed to the jail here for trial, and will probably be returned to Stayton for that.

Stanford admitted to officers yesterday that he had written the letter which was in possession of Stayton bankers and which threatened the bank.

EINSTEIN LOUD IN PRAISE OF CANAL

NEW YORK, Dec. 24. (AP)—A view of the Panama Canal inspired Professor Albert Einstein in radio Christmas greetings to the United States today, broadcast from the steamship Belgenland at sea. Describing the canal as "one of the greatest works of American labor," he said:

"It was not only a difficult engineering feat, but also those who worked on the job needed to be guarded against malaria. In the solution of these problems it is shown that the American people have not only great technical skill, but a deep consciousness of social responsibility. Certainly this peace festival should serve not only to keep this feeling alive, but to deepen it. In this sense, I wish you a merry Christmas."

Steeg Talks to French People Through Movies PARIS, Dec. 24. (AP)—Premier Steeg set a precedent in France tonight when, speaking to representatives of a French talking picture company, he gave a message of Christmas good cheer and good wishes for the new year to the people of France.

In his message, which will be broadcast in movie houses and theatres throughout the country tonight at the stroke of twelve, Premier Steeg declared the government held good will for all Frenchmen and wished peace to reign in the world.

He called upon his friends to support him and asked his political enemies for fair play.

Loose Maniac Captured With Tear Bomb Aid

CHICAGO, Dec. 24. (AP)—John Redeker, a farmer described by his physician as a dangerous maniac, was captured late today on an isolated Cook county estate.

Redeker had barricaded himself in a cabin, holding off deputy sheriffs and county highway police with rifle fire. He fell asleep and was routed out by officers who closed in on the cabin and tossed tear bombs.

The maniac had three rifles and a shotgun.

Rich Junk Man Gives Fortune To His County

WENATCHEE, Wash., Dec. 24. (AP)—After a life spent accumulating about \$75,000 by buying and selling junk, Ben Greenburg, 66, who died here Saturday, left every cent of his fortune to Chelan county, it was revealed today when his will was admitted to probate.

Greenburg came here penniless in 1906.

Senator Cameron Morrison new Senator From North Carolina

Senator-elect R. J. W. Bailey of North Carolina has been elected to take office March 4. The state's other new representative in the upper house is Senator Cameron Morrison, former governor, who was appointed senator to succeed the late Senator Overman.

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