

REGON: Cloudy Sunday and Mon- day. Occasional rains northwest por- tion of the state; temperature; fresh breeze off shore. Tuesday, 30 degrees; Wednesday, 45 degrees. Stage of river, 4.5 feet. Wind, northeast.

TERMINAL TAX RULING KNITS COUNCIL BROW

Fathers Will Study Problem at Meet On Monday

WOULD LET LAND GO

Springfield in Good Spot With Requirement to Pay Just \$1

Important business is due to come before the Eugene city council Monday night at the last regular meeting of 1930. The city fathers apparently are unwilling to "take it" in custom with the holiday season, but are primed for consideration of numerous weighty mat- ters.

That course the city of Eugene will pursue in regard to the ques- tion of paying taxes on the 247 acres of land owned by Eugene on the outskirts of Springfield prom- ised to be the most interesting of the problems to confront the coun- cil.

The matter of naming a successor to the late B. H. "Tex" Baker, for 13 years superintendent of the city parks, will be another of considerable consideration. Whether or not the council will permit the Knox park, a temporary frame structure, to continue to stand is also due for consideration. Besides these issues, there will be a list of minor street improvement jobs to be discussed.

COURT GIVES DECISION

Under the state supreme court decision returned last week, the city of Eugene must pay taxes on property acquired at a cost of \$1000 in the deal which brought the Southern Pacific terminal to Eugene. Back taxes due on the property to date amount to \$2567.23, which the city is bound to pay or to have a lien against the prop- erty for taxes.

Should the council decide to pay the back taxes, it will then have to decide whether the city is to con- tinue paying taxes of about \$700 a year on property which is leased to the city of Springfield for 40 years at \$1 a year. For the single dollar, which is Eugene's sole revenue from the property, Springfield has the use of 100 acres within the city limits as well as an airport, and the remainder to be used as industrial sites.

Mayor Pay Taxes Eugene may continue to pay the taxes in view of possibility of having a property greatly in- creased in value when the present lease expires. It may decide to let the property go.

LABOR GROUPS MAY CONSOLIDATE

CLEVELAND, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A campaign was in progress tonight to unite the major railroad labor groups with the American Fed- eration of Labor to enable organized labor to meet its future problems with a "solid front" of 3,500,000 members.

William Green, president of the A. F. of L., was disclosed today by Alexander F. Whitney, president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Train- ing, as the announced appoint- ment of a trustees' committee to investigate the consolidation of the labor groups.

In the belief of many labor leaders, the proposed affiliation of the brother- hood groups with the A. F. of L. is the most important step taken in the history of organized labor in this country.

U. S. Diplomat Is Dead at The Hague

THE HAGUE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—John Diekmann, United States consul to The Netherlands and a member of the house of representatives from Michigan, died here today. He was 71 years old. Mr. Diekmann was operated on last week for a stomach ailment.

It is reported that he had not been considered serious.

Carpenter Tells Need of University School of Law

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—The chief problem of the University of Oregon school of law is that it can- not keep the best teachers because the schools offer larger salaries.

John O. Carpenter, dean of the school, said today. He said that the moderate attendance at the school makes it impossible for Oregon to pay the salaries.

Continuation in the judgment rolls in the cases of the finger prints, and the signature of all con- victed criminals was recommended in the resolutions adopted today by the as- sociation.

The attorneys pointed out that the present law makes it much easier for an old offender to make a new start than it does for a young offender.

The following officers and members of the executive committee were elected: Samuel E. Notson, Heppner, presi- dent; Edwin D. Hicks, Canyon City, vice-president; John Baker, Hood River, secretary; Executive com- mittee: Fred A. Miller, Oregon City; W. Barrick, Tillamook; and Earl E. Nott, McMinville.

Critic Lewis Tells World To Criticize

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 20.—(AP)—As a critic, Sinclair Lewis expects criticism. Returning here today from Gote- burg, the winner of the Nobel prize for literature commented again on Dr. Henry Van Dyke and also had something to say about former Pres- ident Coolidge.

"I have challenged my critics, and as I am a critic myself I don't ex- pect any other treatment," Lewis said in discussing American comment on his recent utterance in Sweden.

"But why should I worry about it?" he went on. "Henry Van Dyke has swung his sword again and I have also read what Coolidge said. But I repeat—should I worry?"

Lewis paused and then observed: "I wonder what Coolidge would say if I told him I disapproved with his tariff policy. I shall bother with his opin- ions just as much as he would bother with mine."

Lewis said it would have been "dif- ferent if Edith Wharton had come out with her opinion. I shall listen to her criticism."

"Candidly," he added, "I admit that in some cases criticism of me has per- haps been justified. I am not sur- prised that Fanny Hurst published her criticism."

He said his reception in Sweden had been of genuine friendship of such warm heartiness that he hoped to come again in the summer and stay some time.

LANE TURKEYS GET PRIZES AT OAKLAND

Judge Declares Show Is Among Best Staged in United States

Lane county turkey growers made a fine showing at the Northwest Tur- key show held at Oakland Friday and Saturday, O. S. Fletcher, county ag- ricultural agent, said on his return Saturday night.

The Lane county growers carried away a large share of the awards offered with some of the finest birds exhibited among the 361 choice tur- keys entered for the show. Mr. Fletcher stated, "A ruling that no grower be awarded more than two out of the first ten places in any division of the show kept a number of additional prizes away from the Lane people. E. C. Branch of Lee's Summit, Mo., who judged the show, stated the show to be surpassed by but two in the United States."

Mrs. Arch Wasson, Harrisburg, in southern Linn county, carried away the largest share of the best dis- play of bronze turkeys at the show. C. R. Dear of Cottage Grove won the Eugene Clearing House association cup for the best display of dressed turkeys in the show. Lane county and took the Bank of Cottage Grove cup for the best display of dressed turkeys from the Cottage Grove district. A. E. Cameron of Lane county won a \$5 prize for the best bronze young hen from Lane county.

Prize awards for Lane and southern Linn entries were as follows: Bronze: Mrs. Arch Wasson, Harrisburg, first for adult tom, third for adult hen, first and fourth for young tom, first and second for young hen.

Ex-Newsies to Peddle Papers

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—(AP)—For charity's sake a score or more of Portland officials and prominent citizens will return to their boyhood vocations Monday.

For two hours at noon Portland newsboys will give up their favorite occupation to these former newsboys who once again will try to raise their voices above the roar of traffic.

The "newsboys" will include Dis- trict Attorney Stanley Myers, Chief of Police L. V. Jenkins, City Com- missioner Stanhope Pier, Circuit Judge W. A. Ekwall, Governor A. W. Norblad, and others.

CATHERINE ADAMS DIES

VENETA, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Catherine Elvira Adams, 72, died at her home near Veneta this evening at 6:45 o'clock. She had been ill one month. She was born in Elkhart, Iowa, Sept. 25, 1858, and married John O. Adams in Bondurant, Ia., Sept. 2, 1892. In 1902 the family moved to Kalspell, Montana, and in 1908 to Oregon.

Woman Killed in Ambulance Crash

SPOKANE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A woman was killed and a man and a woman were hurt as an automobile and a motor ambulance carrying three persons crashed in a street today.

Emma Bates, Seattle, an occupant of the car, was killed outright and L. C. Markham, Ron and Mrs. W. H. Harlow, who were with her, were badly cut and bruised.

They Didn't Say What Kind of Cow

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Postmaster H. E. Ross and his force in times past have solved very complicated riddles regarding the deliv- ery of letters addressed in vagus fashion, but a missive came today that has the best of them baffled.

The address read: "Mrs. E. H. Holmes. 'Who lives next door to Mrs. Jen- kins.' 'Who owns a cow.' Jacksonville, Fla."

HOPE GIVEN FOR RESCUING WRECK VICTIMS

47 Lose Lives in One of Worst Disasters in Danish Coast

CAPTAIN TELLS STORY

Survivors Say Fog Thick Before Crash of 2 Ships

HELSINGFORS, Finland, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The commander of the steamer Arcturus, Captain Oasi Hjelt, to- night wireless a graphic account of the collision between his vessel and the Oberon, commanded by his brother Erik Hjelt, which resulted in the loss of the latter's ship with possibly forty lives. The message follows:

"We have five dead aboard includ- ing Elizabeth, daughter of Captain Erik Hjelt. The Oberon sank within three minutes. The captain, from the bridge, immediately closed the water- tight bulkheads but it is not certain that these functioned. Those who were saved floated in the water and were supported by buoys and other objects."

"It is believed that every one who leaped overboard was saved by the Arcturus, but most of the passengers were asleep in their cabins and had no possibility of escape."

"I stood by on the spot where the disaster took place until noon, and am now on my way to Copenhagen."

SEARCH GIVEN UP

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Rescue vessels that had combed the fog ridden cattegat for 24 hours to- night virtually abandoned the search for possible additional survivors of one of the worst marine disasters in the history of the Danish coast, the sinking of the Finnish liner Oberon off Lasa Island.

Commanders of the vessels ex- pressed belief any further search would be unsuccessful.

At least forty persons, and possi- bly more, were believed to have been drowned when the Oberon went down, or to have perished later in a sea of fogging oil that escaped from the ves- sel's hold. The Oberon was rammed and sank late last night in a dense fog by her sister-ship, the Arcturus, of the same line.

Survivors of the disaster who ar- rived in Copenhagen said that when the crash came the fog was so dense that they could not see two yards. The Arcturus rammed the Oberon amidships on the starboard side. There was a terrific shock and in less than a minute the doomed ves- sel's stern was afloat. There was no time to launch boats and passen- gers and members of the crew flung themselves into the water, trusting they might be picked up.

GARAGE FIRE LOSS \$500, ONE TRUCK

A 1½ ton truck was completely de- stroyed and the cabin of another was demolished and building property dam- aged to the extent of \$500 in the fire which destroyed the state highway department garage at Blue River Saturday morning.

This was the estimate made by Raymond Walsh, resident maintenance engineer, who went to Blue River Saturday to investigate.

L. A. Stites, an employe of the de- partment who was burned on the face, hand and wrist, was at the Pacific Christian hospital. He is not seriously injured, it was reported.

The fire broke out at about 3:40 o'clock in the morning. Mr. Walsh said, Stites, the night man in the garage, had a fire going in a heater. A short distance away was a drum of gasoline. Stites said he saw the gaso- line burning and picked up the drum and tried to carry it out. He dropped it near the door. Looking back, he saw the end of the back of the building wrapped in flames.

Explosives stored in the garage ignited and exploded, smashing the cabin of the second truck, and shat- tering windows in the sports ho- tel nearby. A small building beside the garage burned also.

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AS THE YULETIDE SPIRIT TAKES GRIP ON EUGENE!



These diverse scenes were snapped as Eugene welcomed the Yuletide spirit which prevails this week. Right, above, Mrs. Dollinger, in charge of Salvation Army kettle at Broadway and Willamette. And above, left, a trio of little girls, one of whom, Barbara Ann King, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. King, 1451 Ferry street, is not sure she likes waiting until Thursday. The girl at Barbara's left is Donna Viola Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wallace Gray, 1455 Ferry street, and the other is Carmen Jean Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Campbell, 722 East Broadway. Below, Roy Jorgensen and L. C. Cozad, Veneta, selling Christmas trees. Right, downtown decorations. Carl Baker Photos

LUCAS UNDER FIRE FOR AIDING NORRIS

G. O. P. Executive Chief Hears of Doubts of Republicanism

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A republican demand that Robert H. Lucas, of Kentucky, resign as execu- tive director of the republican na- tional committee, was made during heated debate in the senate late to- day after Lucas' frank admission that he helped finance the last campaign against Senator Norris, republican, in Nebraska.

Senator Howell Norris' colleague, demanded that Lucas resign. Senator Glenn, republican, Illinois, challenged the republicanism of Norris and the latter replied with a denunciation of Lucas. He gave his reasons for sup- porting Alfred E. Smith in 1928, told the senate he had no apology for op- posing Herbert Hoover and would do it again.

"If the republican national com- mittee has any respect for its reputation it will ask for Lucas' resignation im- mediately," Howell said.

Lucas had told the senate campaign funds committee earlier in the day he paid more than \$4,000 out of his own pocket for anti-Norris literature last October for circulation in Nebraska. He said the national committee had nothing to do with it, but he wanted to see Norris defeated because he was a democrat.

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Hasn't Santa Claus A Fire Department

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Mrs. B. B. McGinnis wants a "little piece in the paper" to tell her friends she can't send them Christmas cards this year because a fire destroyed her home.

After her husband had been carried to safety from his invalid's chair, one book constituted the salvage from the ruined home.

"There's just so much to do I can't find time to mail my cards," Mrs. McGinnis said today. "Maybe you'd put a little piece in the paper for me so my friends will know we'd like to."

Yes, indeed, Mrs. McGinnis.

Postoffice Hit by Rush Of Xmas Mail Saturday

THE REAL Christmas mail rush at the Eugene postoffice began Saturday when long lines of men, women and children appeared before the mailing windows all day long with outgoing Christmas gifts. As a matter of fact, Postmaster D. E. Yoran stated, Saturday was probably the biggest day of all for outgoing mail, as nearly everybody has the habit of mailing early and to wait until this week would be too late for the gifts to reach the recipients in time in case they live very far from this state.

The big rush of incoming mail will be on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, said the postmaster. Mailing is usually timed so it will reach its destination a day or when the big force at the office is expected to be kept on the jump.

Ten extra men were employed in the office Saturday and 28 or 30 ex- tra will be at work in the different departments of the office during the first three working days of this week.

Each of the 17 city mail carriers will have a helper as will each parcel carrier and each rural carrier. Be- sides these there will be three extra men to deliver parcels by truck and a number of extra helpers employed in the office.

"We will have enough men to handle every piece of outgoing and in- coming mail on time, that is, if they are properly addressed," said Mr. Yoran. "There will be hundreds and perhaps thousands of pieces of Christ- mas mail, including packages, letters and cards, that will have improper ad- dresses and we will not be able to de- liver these promptly but we have been cleaning everything up each night and intend to keep up this record until after Christmas day. Even many of the improperly addressed pieces of mail will be delivered promptly."

It will be no fault of ours if any- body in Eugene fails to get the ex- pected Christmas gifts or cards by mail," said the postmaster.

Beaver Hoopsters Beat Chico State

CHICO, Cal., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Oregon State college hoopsters shot their way to a 47 to 29 win over Chico State Teachers college in a rough basketball game here tonight. It was the opening tilt of an Oregon State in- vasion of California.

Fast passing and exceptionally ac- curate shooting gave the invaders an early lead which they steadily in- creased. Score at half time was 25 to 17. Lewis, O. S. C. center, shot 14 points to top the individual scoring list. Frost, Chico center, was high for the losers with 8.

Robbers Get Big Haul at Gotham

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Three robbers today \$31,925 from an up- town bank today in a holdup that was all over in four minutes. They disarmed a special policeman, men- aced a dozen employes and custom- ers, scooped the cash and vanished. In fact, they were in such a hurry they overlooked \$25,000.

Not a shot was fired although Mrs. Sophie Guberg, assistant man- ager, was halted as she moved to- ward a telephone with a warning.

LATEST NEWS—The Eugene Register-Guard with full night leased wire service of the Associated Press in addition to the full day service brings to you the very latest world news and home news, a service which will be constantly improved.

CONGRESSMEN QUIT LABORS FOR HOLIDAY

\$311,000,000 Is Voted in Relief as Christmas Gift to Nation

FARM BOARD FUND O.K.

\$150,000,000 Appropriation Is Granted as Solons Quit After Midnight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—(Sunday)—Clo-knads had crept past midnight when congress quit early to- day for the holidays after voting \$311,000,000 in emergency relief as its Christmas gift to the nation.

It was a snarling, strife-torn senate that yielded to permit enactment of the emergency legislation, and anxious leaders looked ahead with mis- givings to the prospect of finishing the regular business before March 4.

The senate began its session at 11 a. m. Saturday and made stubborn, halting, hard fought progress through- out the day and into the night. The last action was the passage of the \$150,000,000 farm board appropriation, which was fought to completion while house members, their own work long since finished, watched the clock, told stories, and yawned.

The heralded republican-democratic cooperation movement to speed legisla- tion and to avoid an extra session of congress in the spring was all but buried under the disension which flared into both parties.

None of the regular appropriation bills carrying the funds to meet the government's expenses during the next year got through the senate for final enactment—and these must be disposed of before March 4 if the extra session is to be avoided.

Work Given The substance of the accomplish- ments for the first three weeks of the session—and most of it was expected today in the closing hours of the senate—included:

Passed \$116,000,000 appropriation for immediate use in public improve- ments;

Passed authorization of \$45,000,000 for loans to drought stricken farmers to put in next year's crops;

Passed additional appropriation of \$150,000,000 for farm board, giving it a total of \$400,000,000 of the \$500,- 000,000 fund at its disposal;

Confirmed nominations of five ap- pointees to the reorganized within cabinet.

President Hoover signed within an hour after receiving them from con- gress today the emergency bills for employment and drought relief.

The last act of the senate was to reauthorize the federal highway ap- propriation and it required three hours to thrash over its differences on board's policies.

ROBBER KILLED BY CLERK AT GROCERY

SEATTLE, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Al Ber- ricelli, grocery clerk shot and killed one robber and wounded another here tonight after one of the men had rifled his cash register.

Berricelli, told police, after the robber ran to his warm bed, he seized his gun, ran to the sidewalk and fired three times at the fleeing bandit. He said one of the men toppled over in his seat.

A short time after the holdup, police found two men in their wrecked car in another section of the city. One occupant was dead and the other badly injured. They believed them the same persons who robbed Bericelli.

Brothers Arrested On Larceny Charge

Two brothers, L. H. Beebe, 21, and Larry Beebe, 18, were arrested by county officers Saturday evening on the charge of larceny. They were lodged in the county jail while await- ing a hearing. They are residents of Coburn.

Sheriff Stevens of Kennewick, Washington, stopped in Eugene Sat- urday night with two prisoners, en- route home from California. He lodged a man in the county jail and a woman in the city jail. They are charged with embezzlement.

Government Challenge to Dry Law Ruling on File

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The government's challenge of the re- cent decision of Judge Clark in New Jersey, holding the prohibition amend- ment invalid, was filed today at the supreme court.

Taking direct issue with the dis- trict judge, the government through Solicitor General Thacher will ask the supreme court to hold the 18th amendment was legally ratified and enforced in the city jail. They are charged with embezzlement.

Word came from commission cir- cles today that the pending report would not be held up until the su- preme court passed on the case and that no continuance would be taken of the New Jersey judge's ruling.