

NATION CELEBRATES THE NEW YEAR



"CHARLES is a swell kid," chorused these six schoolmates of Charles Mattson, kidnaped Tacoma, Wash., youth, being held for \$25,000 ransom. They're shown grouped around the desk that they occupied in the Sherman School, Tacoma. Left to right: Dorothy Christkautz, Jerry Ostland, George Lawton, Robert Hoberg (peeking into desk) Burnham White and Francis Christkautz. Lower, a sample of Charles' handwriting from one of his lessons which would be used to identify any possible ransom note.

'B'K' SEEN
IN MATTSON
KIDNAP CASE

Observers Believe Contact
Established With
Kidnap

RETURN IS AWAITED

Neighbors Ponder Over
Use Of Names In
Advertisement

By WILLIS DUNIWAY
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TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—The stage was set today for a "break" which may determine the fate of Charles Mattson, 10-year-old school boy victim of a kidnap. It was believed the expected development would be the return of the boy to the home from which he was taken by a swarthy gunman last Sunday night.

Two things brought the belief that the youth was safe and that the Mattson family, or an intermediary, was in contact with the kidnaper. Lieut. Col. Gus B. Appelmann, close friend of the physician-father, Dr. William W. Mattson, and frequently mentioned as a possible intermediary, said he believed that a "crucial development" was to be expected "anytime now."

The statement, which was made to the United Press, followed closely behind the appearance of an advertisement in the Seattle Times classified section which read:

"Mabel—we are ready. Everything entirely in accordance with your desires—Ann."

Contact Forseen

Col. Appelmann's statement—"I am expecting a definite break in the kidnap case."

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PONTIFF TROUBLED
BY RETURN OF PAIN

VATICAN CITY, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—The piercing pain which has troubled Pope Pius returned late today after the pontiff had spent most of New Year's in an improved condition.

The pope, it was stated, again was suffering from a varicose condition in his left leg.

The spirits of the 70-year-old Holy Father, seriously ill for nearly a month, brightened with hope for his recovery and the possibility he might again turn to administration of church affairs.

His doctors, although cheered by the pontiff's progress, were cautious in their optimism. They pointed out that periods of comparative strength for patients suffering the pope's complications of circulatory, respiratory and cardiac ailments sometimes turn abruptly into a relapse.

The Holy Father slept virtually all night for the first time in weeks. Awakened early, he listened to mass said by his secretaries. Except for his physician, his only visitor was Eugenio Cardinal Pacelli, papal secretary of state.

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Love Interest Dominates

Wallis' Feat Brings Choice As Outstanding
Feminine of 1936 Parade

EDEN DRAFTS NEW
NEUTRALITY PACT

BULLETIN:
SANTANDER, Spain, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—The German cruiser Koenigsberg today bombarded the Spanish steamer Soton. The bombardment of the ship occurred in the vicinity of Santander.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden prepared today to send immediately to General Francisco Franco and Premier Francisco Largo Caballero an outline of a plan for controlling and supervising non-intervention in Spain's civil war.

It was expected that the communications would go out before night to the Spanish insurgent leader and the loyalist premier, in order to speed up action on the program. Eden will request that they accept or reject the plan within 10 days after receipt.

Italy will insist on financial neutrality, suppression of propaganda and strict and immediate enforcement of restrictive measures on migration as conditions to an agreement prohibiting participation of foreign volunteers in the Spanish revolution, the latest official Italian expression on the question revealed.

The Italian viewpoint was set forth in a note which Ambassador Dino Grandi handed Lord Plymouth, chairman of the international non-intervention committee.

The statement was accepted as forecasting the nature of Italy's forthcoming replies directly to Britain and France in answer to their latest neutrality proposals. "The Italian government does not consider it would be advisable to detach the question of volunteers from other aspects of the problem and deal with it separately," the note asserted.

"Selfish" Education
Rapped By U-O Dean
In Chicago Address

CHICAGO, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—Persons who seek knowledge for knowledge's sake were called "intellectual misers" today by Dean John J. Landsbury of the University of Oregon school of music.

"Liberal education should help the student solve his problem of finding the universe and his place within it," he said in a talk at the closing session of the Music Teachers National association convention.

"But that is not enough. Language, science and arts must be aimed to develop a wholesome emotional life for him." He criticized music history courses which emphasize dates and names as "barren."

Persistent Painter
Calls at White House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—John W. Hunefeldt, elderly house painter, kept faith with White House tradition today. For the tenth consecutive year he was the first visitor to the presidential home—a reminder of the days when President Roosevelt abolished the custom in 1933, but Hunefeldt keeps hoping the President will change his mind.

one or not. She looked all glittery-like and awful nervous. She wants you fellows to go 'ways."

The red-haired woman, whose father made a fortune in Colorado gold mines and who herself became one of the nation's most colorful social leaders, seemed especially proud of her arrangements, a couple of days ago when she invited reporters to come out for a look, but something must have gone wrong later. Anyway, she changed her mind, which is a lady's right.

The party was the first New Year's eve ball she had given in more than 10 years. In those days her social events were the talk of Washington. President Harding was a frequent guest. So was visiting royalty.

Then came bad luck. One of Mrs. McLean's sons was killed by an automobile in front of Friendship. She lost a large part of her fortune and even was forced to pawn the Hope diamond in an effort to retain ownership of the Washington Post, long a property of her family.

She lost the Post, but soon repaid the diamond. Last night's party, she said when she first invited newsmen to view it, was a revival of her New Year's Eve ball. It was held specifically as a coming of age party for her son, Jack.

Eager Newsmen Cold Shouldered
At McLean's Super-Super Brawl

By FREDERICK C. OTHMAN
(United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—We'd like today to tell about the \$500,000 New Year's Eve party to which Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean invited us for an early look, but when we got there we were met—not by her hostess—but by the police department which said: "Scram!"

It probably was an elegant party for the 500 other guests who got in. We understand they had two orchestras, a lot of champagne, a specially built ballroom and goodness knows what else. We even understand that Mrs. McLean wore her \$2,000,000 Hope diamond—when we left Friendship, her 300-acre estate, we hadn't seen it.

She was behind the door demanding shrilly that Police Lieut. McGill Grove remove the representatives of the press, whom she had asked in for a "preview" of the preparations for the biggest party in the capital since the boom days of 1929. The lieutenant saw Mrs. McLean all right, but he wasn't sure about her celebrated 44½ carat blue-white jewel, which she wears on a chain of smaller diamonds.

"Sorry fellows," Lieut. Grove said, "but she had on so many diamonds I don't know whether I saw the big

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—Dan Cupid drew a taut bow to place Mrs. Wallis Warfield Simpson and Mrs. Ruth Bryan Robbe at the head of the list of outstanding women of 1936, the New York Sun said today.

Citing 14 women as outstanding, the Sun's annual list placed the former Baltimore society woman and fiancée of the Duke of Windsor at the head of the list, with Mrs. Robbe, the daughter of William Jennings Bryan who gave up a diplomatic career to wed a Danish guard captain, in second place.

"When Wallis Warfield Simpson didn't become queen of England," the Sun said, "she affected more people, more governments and more history than a whole carload of feminists engaged in international activities."

Whereas Mrs. Robbe gave up all for love, the Sun said, Mrs. Simpson's charms made her man do it which gives Cupid the year's honors.

Listed after Cupid's coup the Sun placed: Lucy Moore, youngest woman ever admitted to practice before the Supreme court.

Mrs. Florence Kahn, for 12 years congressional representative from California.

Mme. Irene Joliot-Curie who became under-secretary of scientific research in the cabinet of Leon Blum.

Mme. Suzanne Leclerc and Leon Brunschwig, who also were given posts in the French cabinet.

Sally Salminen, Finnish servant girl who wrote the prize-winning novel "Katrina."

Mary A. Beard of Washington, historian.

Mrs. Palma Guillen, Mexico's minister to Denmark.

Isobel De Palencia, Spain's minister to Sweden.

Senorita Aurora Mesa Andraza, mayor of Chilpancingo, Mexico.

Mrs. Barbara Hanley, mayor of Webbwood, Canada and Lillian D. Rock, president of the woman for president and other public offices league who predicted a woman vice-president by 1940 and the title Mme. President by 1950.

These, the Sun said, are the outstanding feminists internationally for 1936.

GRUESOME MOBSTER
VENGEANCE IS TOLD

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—Three alleged racketeers were sought throughout the northwest today in connection with a weird gangland plot to send two persons to death in a shattering blast of five tons of high explosives.

In the scattered ruins of a WPA powder house, four miles from here, police searched for the remains of a man believed to have been Harold (Ed) Baker. His body was believed blown to bits by the blast which rocked Sioux Falls and was felt in towns 50 miles away at the height of New Year's celebrations.

The other intended victim, Helen Seidler of Sioux City, Ia., miraculously escaped. Her body torn by four bullet wounds and her head battered by hammer blows, she dragged herself a half mile to a road where she was picked up by a farmer and brought to a hospital here. Although she is wounded seriously, hospital attendants said she probably will recover.

From her pain-twisted lips, Sioux Falls authorities today pieced together a tale of brutal mobster vengeance.

Woman Found Dead
In Drinking Party

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—A few hours after the coroner reported Thelma Stradley, 23, died of a blow on the head during an all-night drinking party, her widower, Al Stradley, 33, was booked late yesterday at the city jail on a manslaughter charge.

Stradley is a former pugilist. Jimmie Cottrell, 26, who said he formed a property man at Paramount studios in Hollywood and played "tuxedo" picture roles, and his wife, Ethel, 27, were held on open charges.

Decision Due in
Legislator's Case

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—Circuit Judge John P. Winter will decide Saturday whether Dellmore Lessard of Multnomah county can serve as attorney for the veterans' state aid commission and still retain his seat in the senate.

Arguments in the test case which may determine the status of at least 19 other lawmakers concluded late yesterday. "The people elected me for four years," Lessard said, "and I am going to lay down."

DEATH TOLL
REMAINS AT
LOW LEVEL

Decline In Violent Deaths
Noted Throughout The
Country

GOTHAM GOES "WILD"

Biggest Spree Since 1929
Brings Flow Of
Ready Cash

(Copyright by United Press)

The nation staged its wildest New Year's eve celebration since 1929 but a United Press survey early today indicated it was remarkably free from violent death.

State by state tabulations in 23 states disclosed only 64 persons lost their lives in murder, automobile accidents, fires and explosions.

Automobiles caused more than half the fatalities. Early tabulations showed at least 28 persons were struck and killed by automobiles or died in auto crashes.

Illinois and Pennsylvania reported the most violent deaths with 12 each. Illinois had more automobile fatalities than any other state, reporting six.

A grotesque story of mobster's vengeance in South Dakota was the most sensational violent death reported.

In Washington, Senator Joseph P. Guffey, democrat, Pennsylvania, suffered a fractured rib and bruises when a taxi cab and a truck collided. His condition is not serious.

Violent deaths by states were: Alabama 1, California 1, District of Columbia 1, Illinois 12, Iowa 1, Louisiana 1, Missouri 2, Michigan 4, Nebraska 1, New Jersey 6, New York 5, Ohio 1, Pennsylvania 12, South Dakota 1, Texas 2, Utah 2, Virginia 1, and Wisconsin 2.

Setting the pace for the nation, New York city greeted 1937 today with the wildest orgy of spending since 1929 and the most hilarious New Year's celebration in its history.

The hysterical merry-making continued through the night and night clubs, saloons, hotels and dance halls—all of whom reaped handsomely from the \$10,000,000 that metropolitan dwellers threw to the winds—still were jammed at daybreak with horn-toting, paper-hatted celebrants.

The city's wild greeting reached its climax in the theatrical district at the zero hour of midnight when almost 2,000 police struggled with little success to retain order among the estimated 250,000 that congested the section.

Traffic in Times Square was held

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RAILROAD TRAGEDY
IS AVERTED HERE

Another train-car crash was narrowly averted Thursday night at 1:10 when a car driven by Charles K. Herburger, Route 3, Eugene, ran into the side of a Southern Pacific switch engine at the Jefferson street crossing and halted directly in the path of the incoming Cascade.

The Cascade engineer braked to an emergency stop and halted some 60 feet away from the car, but the force of the halt threw Mrs. Alice Abbott, San Francisco, to the floor of the train and fractured her ankle. She was taken to the Eugene hospital for treatment and was placed aboard the noon train Friday to continue her journey.

The switch engine was on a siding at the time of the crash and Herburger apparently failed to see it. The front end of his car was badly damaged by the collision. His car stopped broadside on the main line. A woman who was with him was not identified by Friday afternoon.

Pine Group Reports
Decrease For Week,
Increase For Year

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—New business totaling 72,762,000 feet or a decrease of 18 per cent under the previous week, was reported here today by the Western Pine association for the week ending Dec. 26, based on the reports of 111 mills.

Shipments were 53,284,000 feet and production 37,590,000 feet. The same mills for the corresponding week a year ago showed orders 41,533,000 feet and production 26,350,000 feet. For the period Jan. 1 to date of this year, orders are 31 per cent above the same period a year ago.

The McKenzie pass celebrated New Year's day by remaining open to traffic, although highway officials pointed out that in several spots along the road only one-way traffic could be permitted.

It was expected that the pass would remain open until further snows came along. At present there are 36 inches of snow on the summit.

Football Scores
First Quarter
L. S. U. O. O; Santa Clara 14.
At Dallas, first, Texas Christian 10, Marquette 6.

At Havana, first quarter, Auburn 7, Villanova 0.
At Miami: First quarter, Mississippi State 6; Duquesne 0.

STATISTICS: Minimum temperature Friday, 27 degrees; maximum temperature Thursday, 39 degrees. No precipitation. Willamette river, minus 1.6 today. Wind from north.

2 Millions Asked
For Valley ProjectSOCIAL SECURITY TAX
LEVY BEGINS FRIDAY

Program Precedes
U. S. Engineer's
Findings

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—Funds to build the huge old-age pension fund called for in the social security act became effective today.

More than 23,000,000 workers in business and industry henceforth will find one per cent of their first \$3,000 in wages deducted by the employer for payment to the treasury. The employer must match that contribution. The first payments fall due at the end of February.

Latest estimates at the security board indicated 2,500,000 employers had registered. Besides making the monthly tax returns, each is required to keep records of wages paid so that the internal revenue bureau can check on the reports.

With congress about to convene, the tax question is among the principal interests of those who fathered the security act. The present rates contemplate a \$17,000,000,000 revolving fund by 1930, but the necessity and soundness of that provision has been challenged.

The one per cent rate has three years to run, increasing gradually thereafter until three per cent is reached in 1949.

Some sources apparently plan an attempt to reduce the rates to .5 per cent for both employers and employees, with increases at longer intervals to assure a more moderate but still workable revolving pension fund.

John G. Winant, chairman of the security board, and experts have been working on revisions to recommend a congress. Prospects are that few fundamental changes will be adopted, however, until the supreme court has passed on constitutional questions involving the federal pension principle.

Organized labor intends to drive for exemption of the workers' wages from the taxes, putting the whole burden on employers. Chairman Harrison of the senate finance committee and other leading democrats are expected to oppose the move.

King Makes Brief
Notice of Edward

LONDON, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—In a New Year's greeting to the empire, King George VI referred to the reign of his father, former King Edward VII, as one "cut short by circumstances wherefrom from very sad cause none of us would wish to dwell." He also repeated the words "My father, George V, used on a occasion of the latter's silver biter, 'My wife and I dedicate ourselves for all times to your service,' he said.

Early Edition

So that employees in the composing and editorial staff may enjoy New Year's day, this edition of the Register-Guard is going to press early.

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—A vast program of flood and erosion control in the Willamette valley will go before the legislature at the coming session, said Senator Douglas McKay of Salem.

State sponsorship of a \$2,430,000 project will be sought. The program, McKay explained, will be preliminary to possible army engineers' recommendations for a \$50,000,000 development. The army engineers will complete a year-long \$300,000 survey next month.

R. H. Kipp, executive secretary of the Columbia valley association, said the contemplated program would increase the region's farm population by 25,000 families and add materially to city populations.

Officials explained the \$2,430,000 has received congressional authorization but allowance has not yet been made for an appropriation.

Senator McKay, chairman of the Willamette valley project, said Representative Grace Kent Magruder and other legislators as well as Governor Martin favored the state sponsorship.

One million dollars would go to the Willamette river work, \$40,000 to the Clackamas, \$810,000 on the Tualatin, \$250,000 on the Molalla, \$180,000 on the Santiam, \$70,000 on the Mary's and Muddy rivers and \$80,000 on the McKenzie.

The proposed \$50,000,000 development takes into consideration at least half a dozen dams on the Willamette, flood control, irrigation, drainage, navigation, stream purification and development of hydro-electric power.

Cottage Grove Man
Dies From Injuries

Thurman Allen of Cottage Grove died Thursday afternoon at the Eugene hospital from injuries received Tuesday afternoon at the Bohemia Lumber company logging operations near Culp Creek.

He received a badly crushed leg in the accident and was taken to the Eugene hospital here. His leg was amputated Thursday morning.

Mr. Allen had been employed by the Bohemia Lumber company for several months and the morning of the accident which took his life, he was in another slight accident in which he was hit by a slab.

Coroner Charles P. Poole investigated the death and reported it as accidental.

Kyle C. Jones of Culp Creek, Leslie Wicks of Dorena and Corbett Smith of Culp Creek, were witnesses of the accident.

The body has been taken to the Karl Mills funeral home in Cottage Grove and obituary and funeral notice will be given later.

Wilford Baby Girl
Born on New Years

Starting the new year off right was the baby daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Wilford, 245 Pearl street, who was born at the Sacred Heart hospital at 4 a. m. Jan. 1.

So far Friday, the Wilford baby is Eugene's only New Year's baby.

SEVERAL YEAR-END
ARRESTS ARE MADE

The fourth arrest in the local state police officers' roundup of alleged bad check artists was made at Salem on Thursday. Sidney Richards was brought here that afternoon and was in the county jail Friday, awaiting action on his case in the justice court.

On his way back to Eugene with Richards the state trooper who went to Salem to get him arrested Peter William Hansen on a charge of drunken driving and Robert Floyd Pittman, charged with being drunk on a highway. Pittman was with Hansen in the car the latter was driving. Both are in the county jail.

Phillip St. Clair was arrested by a state police officer late Thursday on a larceny charge. He is accused of the theft of a riding saddle from Dr. Gaven Dyott. He is alleged to have sold it at a local riding academy.

Edwin Bernhart of Cushman was fined \$25 and costs in the Florence justice court Thursday for operating a set net more than a third of the way across a stream. He was arrested by a local state police officer.

Booming Tom Toms
Thump Year's End
For Idaho Indians

FORT HALL, Idaho, Jan. 1.—(U.P.)—Tom Toms boomed the old year out and the new year in last night on the Fort Hall Indian reservation.

Hundreds of Shoshones and Banocks gathered in their buffalo lodge of logs and danced through the night to beating drums, shrieking whistles and weird orchestral chants.

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