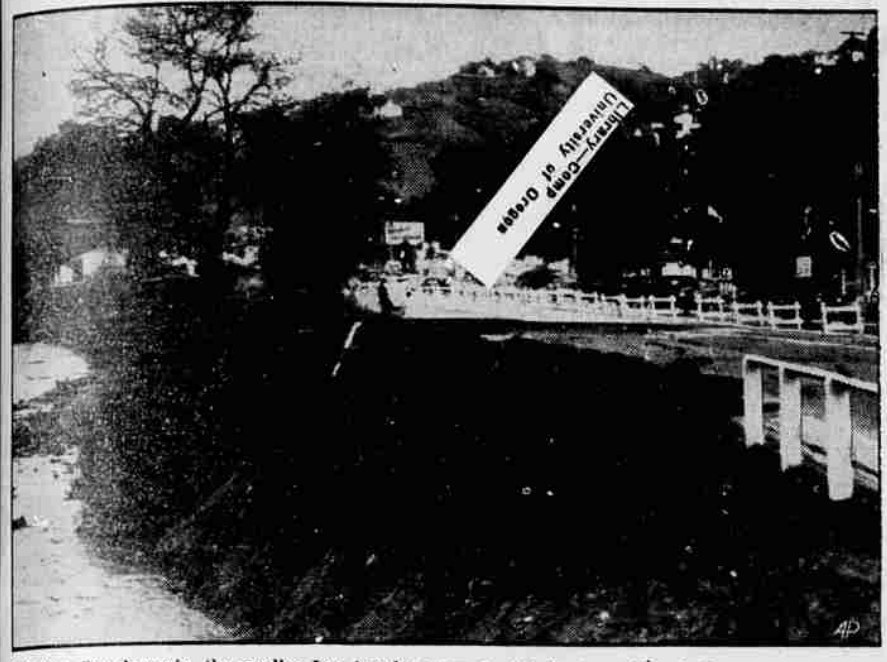


Drug Swindle Probe Takes Sinister Turn



Flooded by a five-day rain, the swollen Los Angeles gnawed at its banks and washed out part of Ventura boulevard in Los Angeles. Only minor damage was done by the storm.

Donations to Lane Xmas Relief Fund at \$1000 Mark Wednesday

Cash donations to the Lane County Christmas Relief fund have just under the \$1,000 mark Wednesday as several large subscriptions were reported by the Eugene banks, handling the fund.

Today's Typical Case

A family of six, living in a small shed which is virtually impossible to heat, was listed as the family typical of the group to be aided by the Lane County Christmas Relief fund Wednesday.

Christmas Spirit Extended To 80 Eugene Shut-Ins

Christmas cheer was brought to 80 "shut-ins" Tuesday afternoon by members of the Eugene and Springfield American Legion, with a party, held at the Mayflower theatre, including a program and the presentation of gifts.

3 Shopping Days Till Christmas



LOOKING BACK TO CHRISTMAS THREE YEARS AGO—Cleveland jubilant; it had just been named site of G. O. P. convention the following June.

Burning of Shingle Mill Investigated

Officers are investigating the burning of the Roy Swenson shingle mill at Horton early Tuesday morning, believing that the blaze was of incendiary origin.

Oregon CIO Invites Mooney To Aid Drive

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Arrangements Secretary James Fantz said yesterday he had invited Tom Mooney, widely known California prisoner, to address a state Congress for Industrial Organization convention here January 14 and 15.

Georgia Authorities Seek Slayer Of Five

SAVANNAH, Ga., Dec. 21.—(AP)—County and city police today launched an intensive search for a blood-spattered madman who slugged four members of a family to death with an iron pipe, then killed a garage watchman with a shotgun.

TROOPER PROMOTED—SALEM, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Clyde Warren, for several years attached to the Portland office of the state police, has been promoted to a captaincy at Salem. Supt. Charles P. Pray announced.

Southern California Pelted By Hail, Snow

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A cycle of "unusual weather" was completed in southern California tonight when hail whitened the streets of Pasadena.

Oregon's Net Debt \$50,000,000 Less Than All-Time Peak

SALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The net debt of the state of Oregon and all its subdivisions is \$136,406,809, about \$50,000,000 less than the all-time peak of 1930, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman said today.

White Pleads Guilty To Theft Of Jewelry

Homer White pleaded guilty in circuit court Wednesday morning to a charge of larceny in a store and will be sentenced later.

Radio Contact Made With "Lost" Colonists; Need Coal, Food

By HAROLD ETTLINGER PARIS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Radio contact with an adventurous band of French colonists on barren St. Paul's island, close to the outer edge of the antarctic ice shelf, was re-established today.

Workers Claim Many Needy Not Yet Cared For

Workers Alliance Group Holds Peaceful Meeting At Lane Relief Office

Approximately 100 members of the Workers Alliance gathered in an orderly demonstration at the Lane county relief offices this morning to ask additional relief for needy families which they claim have not yet received assistance.

Problems Discussed—During the hour and a half discussion which ensued the following problems were talked over:

1. The privilege of a person on relief who does not feel he is receiving adequate assistance to take up the matter with his case worker, one person of his own choice, and Mr. Sullivan, relief administrator.
2. Help and care for two aged women who are both in poor health and do not have enough money to keep them in fuel and proper food.
3. Assurance that all people eligible for relief be certified for WPA work as soon as possible.
4. Overburden of case-workers now employed.
5. Procedure for obtaining relief in an emergency.

Roper Says Business Should Be Better In 1939; Quits Friday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Secretary of Commerce Roper said today there are "several elements of strength" in the business outlook for 1939. At his final press conference as commerce department chief, Roper cited the following "hopeful" factors:

Neither State Nor U. S. To Tax Jobless Benefits

SALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Neither the state nor the federal government will tax unemployment compensation benefits paid to workers, the unemployment commission said today.

Broadway Star True to Best Of Traditions

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Mary Martin, 22-year-old Texas redhead who rose to stardom in her first Broadway show, felt something was wrong last night when she danced into the wings after singing her hit song "My Heart Belongs to Daddy."

Experimental Power Rate Plan Is Okayed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The federal power commission cleared the way yesterday for extension of an experimental contract between the Bonneville dam authority and the Northwestern Electric company by approving new temporary rates for power generated at the government's plant on the Columbia river.

New Snow Falling On McKenzie Pass

Snow fell throughout the morning on the McKenzie pass, Wednesday, but the roadway was open, the highway office reported.

Postoffice Sees "Biggest Day" In Stamp Sales

Tuesday was the biggest day for the sale of stamps ever seen in the history of the Eugene postoffice, according to a statement by Frank Armitage, postmaster. A total of stamps amounting to \$2600 was sold at that time.

Public Hearings in TVA Investigation Finished

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Public hearings in the congressional investigation of the TVA came to an end today more than nine months after congress authorized the sweeping inquiry into the vast administration project.

Rumor Holman Will Resign Post Thursday

Politicos Say Treasurer Determined to Dominate Successor's Appointment

By SID KING The enigma of Oregon republican politics—Senator-elect Rufus Holman—continued to buffet republican leaders of the state Wednesday as rumors that he might resign as state treasurer Thursday were circulated along with reports that he was clinging steadfastly to his determination to dominate the appointment of his successor as state treasurer.

Holman could not be reached by telephone Wednesday for a statement on the rumor he might resign Thursday.

WPA Official Says Funds Almost Gone

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Aubrey Williams, deputy WPA administrator, told a Pennsylvania workers delegation today additional funds the Works Progress Administration would be forced to shut down completely by February 7.

Winter's First Day Brings Klamath Snow

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The first day of winter brought the season's first real snowfall here, but a midday sun threatened to melt the two-inch blanket which covered the ground early this morning.

REALTY BOARD TO ELECT

The Eugene Real Estate board will elect 1939 officers at their regular Thursday noon session at Seymour's Cafe. After discussing several questions tabled at last Thursday's meeting the board members will enjoy a Christmas party and tree.

2000 Toys Taken By Lions To Needy

Delivery of nearly 2000 toys to 500 families of Eugene and Lane county started Wednesday by the Lions club toy committee, headed by C. L. Sigloh. Each year the Lions club holds its drive to secure these toys for children in needy families.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

BUCHAREST, Dec. 21.—(AP)—King Carol through the department of agriculture today gave 1,000 plows to poor Rumanian farmers as Christmas presents.



COAST GUARD planes and vessels are massed at Juneau, Alaska, to aid 18 survivors of the motorship Patterson, wrecked on Cape Fairweather. First Officer Gustaf F. Swanson, above, was lost in the wreck.

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Final Plans Made For Judging Junior Chamber Contest

Final arrangements for judging the entries in the junior chamber of commerce outdoor lighting contest have been announced by Warren Moore, chairman of the committee in charge. The judges will leave the city council rooms at 7 p. m. Thursday in groups of two.

Weather News

OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably showers in west portion and light snow over mountains; little temperature change; moderate northwest wind off coast.

AIRPORT BUREAU RECORD:

Minimum temperature, 24-hour and 12-hour periods ending at 4:30 a. m., Wednesday, 32.2 degrees; maximum temperature, 24-hour period ending at 4:30 a. m., 42.5 degrees; for 12-hour period ending same time, 38.6 degrees; precipitation for 24-hour period ending at 4:30 a. m., Wednesday, .09 of an inch; wind, at noon, Wednesday, southwest.

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The Cohen brothers were shot down, a month apart, in the spring of 1932.

Police Inspector Michael S. McDermott ordered detectives to question members of the Cohen family as well as Coster-Musica's three brothers—George Vernard Musica, George E. Dietrich-Musica, and Robert Dietrich-Musica—who are being held in \$100,000 bail each on charges of violating the securities act of 1934.

The investigation started as federal, state and city authorities delved into the fantastically involved activities of the Musica brothers—Philip who became the respected head of McKesson and Robbins, Inc., and the brothers who aided him, all working under the elaborate guise of fictitious names and fictitious backgrounds.

Coster-Musica killed himself last Friday after he had been exposed as the arch-swindler in a million dollar scandal a quarter of a century old. An investigation was already under way into the missing \$18,000,000 assets of the drug concern's crude drugs department when he fired a bullet into his head in his Fairfield, Conn., home.

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According to Mathis, about 12,000 building trades workers in the state will be represented in the section, planned to "unite the various building trades unions on matters of policy, wage scales and working conditions."

Howard Kenna, Salem, was named temporary president of the organization, with C. D. Long, Klamath Falls, as vice-president and Mathis as secretary-treasurer.

The executive board it made up of four Portlanders, Ed Nelson, plumbers' union; Lee Pullen, plumbers; John O'Neill, iron workers, and A. H. Hawkins, building laborers, and C. W. Crary, Salem.

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