



WHEELER UPHELD BY COURT

BELOW ZERO WAVE RULES GULF COAST

Killing Frosts In Florida Bring Out Smudge Pots To Protect Big Orange Groves.

Washington, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—A gradual rise in temperature tomorrow in the eastern part of the country was promised today by the weather bureau, but frost was predicted as probable tonight as far south as central Florida.

Elsewhere it was reported there would be little relief from the cold wave.

There has been somewhat warmer weather in eastern Montana and Wyoming, the western Dakotas, the southern plains states, Missouri and the southern states except Florida, but the weather still is abnormally cold over most sections east of the Rockies.

Reports this morning disclosed that the temperature is below freezing along the gulf and South Atlantic coast except in southern Florida, while killing frosts prevail in northern Florida and light frosts as far south as Fort Myers.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Traffic on the Ohio river here is paralyzed from the bitter cold that swept the country over the weekend and the cofferdams constructed last October on the Indiana side of the river and a hydro-electric dam here are endangered by the heavy ice flows.

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Hot blasts from hundreds of smudge pots early today were sweeping many citrus groves in Florida to combat the onset of chilling winds from the north. The burning of smudge pots was in response to a warning of killing frosts and freezing temperatures issued by the United States weather bureau. Assisting in the preventive work were the Florida citrus telegraphic exchange, which last night issued telegrams warning to many of its members and through radio station WDAE of the Tampa Daily Times, which was broadcasting warnings every half hour.

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Freezing temperatures have led three girls to anonymously write to Police Chief Henry Lee for permission to wear boys' trousers. This, they intimated, would allow them to wear winter length underwear, without jeopardy to artistic effect, probably not so easily solved with sheer hose visible to the knee or thereabouts.

Chief Lee stipulated that the petitioners reveal their identities before he gives the request "due consideration."

TEACHERS FAVOR PAID SECRETARY

Portland, Or., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Business routine and reception of reports of various officers and committees of the Oregon State Teachers' association occupied the full session today of the annual convention here. Tomorrow the convention will divide into groups for department study.

GOOD EVENING WORDS and MUSIC By Stoddard King

APPRECIATIVE LINES (Acknowledging receipt of "Dr. Miles' New Weather Almanac and Hand Book of Valuable Information, 1926.")

On March the seventh, 1862, Was fought the famous battle of Pea Ridge; One pungent line informs you what to do To drive away the chigger and the midge; If you were born in Taurus, you are prone To serious ailments of the lungs and throat; Read what one bottle did for Mrs. Cohn, Whose unsolicited note of thanks we quote.

In January, storm waves, first to third, The birth of James G. Try one Pink Pellets if your sight is blurred; Ammonia will remove an acid stain Joseph H. Wolf, who lives in Kankakee.

Says: "To your remedy I owe my life." His and a hundred letters free; Use father's earth to clean a rusty knife.

Dear Dr. Miles, you generously dispense Health and knowledge to a needy race; Both health and information you condense Within a small but highly fertile space.

We read the facts and figures of the age, And when to their appeal we are injured, We need but turn an illustrated page To find the grateful people of the cure!

At this time of year it should be pointed out to schoolboys that if they work hard, save their money and brush their teeth they will some day become prominent citizens and not first choice of the new auto license numbers.

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M'NARY PLEADS FOR STATUES TO OREGON PIONEERS

That the state of Oregon should erect statues to Colonel James W. NeSmith and George H. Williams NeSmith, the conclusion drawn by John McNary, Salem lawyer, in a speech before the Salem Kiwanis club this noon. The entire speech was devoted to a recounting of the lives of the two men, and their connection with Oregon and United States history. "They were two of Oregon's greatest men," said McNary.

The two men were on opposite sides of political controversies at times, said McNary, but became friends shortly before their deaths. At one time NeSmith stated that in Oregon Williams "rode along the roads of the state on the hurricane deck of one of those useful animals which have neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity." NeSmith, said McNary, had a keen wit, loved his friends and hated his enemies. He was Irish by birth. Both men were early pioneers in Oregon, crossing the plains to settle here.

BRIAND WINS SUPPORT FOR NEW BUDGET

Premier's Threat To Replace Radicals With Conservatives Forces Hand Of His Cabinet.

Paris, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—The French cabinet at a meeting this morning agreed to support the fiscal measures of Finance Minister Doumer.

The ministers unanimously approved a scheme for balancing the budget and stabilizing the franc, and authorized the finance minister to introduce the bills in parliament.

It is understood that M. Doumer will submit his measures this afternoon and the chamber's finance committee will discuss them during the new year's parliamentary recess.

Today's decision by the cabinet brought an end to the sharp race of the last 10 days between Premier Briand and leaders of the majority on which he has relied in the chamber of deputies.

Premier Successful The premier, although distanced in the first stage by the hasty introduction of financial bills prepared by the coalition leaders as substitutes for the governmental measures won the final lap by a vigorous and daring maneuver.

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SOUTH OREGON ROAD DIVISION TO BE ABOLISHED

Effective January 1, on account of curtailment of the new construction program of the state highway department, the south Oregon division will be discontinued and Klamath and Lake counties will be consolidated with the division now supervised by District Engineer C. W. Wanzler whose headquarters will be transferred from The Dalles to Bend. Jackson and Josephine counties will be consolidated with the southwestern Oregon division under the supervision of W. E. Chandler, whose headquarters will be transferred from Marshfield to Grants Pass.

Under this new arrangement the northern boundary of Chandler's division will be the Douglas county line on the coast highway and Roseburg on the Pacific highway. District Engineer J. S. Sawyer's territory, with headquarters in Salem, will be extended correspondingly south to the Coos-Douglas county line.

First Baby Born In 1926 Will Receive Complete Equipment

There is a complete head-to-toe outfit, including all of the accessories, awaiting the first baby, boy or girl, born in Polk or Marion county in 1926.

In cooperation with its advertisers the Capital Journal will on Thursday announce a list of gifts, sufficiently complete to care for the immediate needs of any baby, to be given to the first baby born in either of the two counties after the stroke of midnight December 31, 1925.

Each of the advertisers cooperating in the plan will have in either of the two counties, along with the details of the contest will be published in the Capital Journal Thursday.

MANY LETTERS OF HARDING'S DISAPPEAR

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—A check of the index of the correspondence files of the late President Warren G. Harding reveals that many letters have disappeared.

Mr. VanFleet, who was for many years associated with Mr. Harding in the publication of the Star, declared that the charges that Mrs. Harding destroyed many valuable official papers when she brought his correspondence to Marion following Mr. Harding's death, are erroneous.

Mrs. Harding, Mr. VanFleet said, brought five boxes of letters of the late chief executive to Marion, which she either saved or destroyed, at the same time checking them off the index. This check shows that many of Mr. Harding's letters never reached here. Where the missing letters went is not known.

The charge that Mrs. Harding had destroyed important official papers followed failure to locate some documents which had been in possession of the chief executive. What letters Mrs. Harding did destroy were those of a very personal and unimportant nature, the check shows. She saved those which are considered of interest to posterity.

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"We stand today at a critical point. The world teacher will soon be among us. It is known to very many of us that he has slightly hastened what we call the date of his coming because of the troubles of the modern world. It is the world's great need that calls him from his own great retreat in the Himalayas to rescue the world."

GIANT BANK TO BE CREATED BY MERGERS

Country's Largest Financial Institution Rumored With Capital Of Billion And A Half.

New York, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—What may become the country's largest bank, an institution rivaling the gigantic financial institutions of London, began to take vague shape today out of the multitude of rumors in Wall Street pointing to the merger of several existing banks and trust companies of New York city.

Given impetus by a \$50 raise in the stock of the Mechanics & Metals bank, the report, runs that a consolidation of that institution with the Chase National bank is imminent as a preliminary step in the building of a large financial structure. John McHugh, president of the Mechanics & Metals bank, admitted that negotiations looking toward amalgamation have been begun.

Five other institutions are mentioned as being involved in the banking venture, which it is said, Clarence Dillon, of Dillon, Read & Co., is sponsoring. Their total resources—when and if combined—will be in excess of \$1,300,000,000.

The other institutions mentioned are: The Chatham & Phoenix, the National Park, the Chemical National and the Central Union Trust company.

A denial that the Central Union Trust company was interested in the reported bank merger was made by its president, George W. Davidson.

Categorical denials that their institutions were involved in merger discussions also were issued by Percy H. Johnston, president of the Chemical National bank; John H. Fulton, president of the National Park bank; and Richard N. Higgins, first vice-president of the Chatham & Phoenix National bank and trust company.

NAB HENDERSON WITH HIS STILL

Although he had a nice little still in Linn county, hidden in the depths of a strawstack, Jim Henderson of Salem and well known here, is today in jail at Albany. The charge against him is setting up and operating a still.

Henderson has been under surveillance so far as time. Yesterday Officers R. S. Amy of the state prohibition force and C. L. Hickman of the Salem police, who also has a state commission, followed Henderson out of Salem and nabbed him in Linn county about six miles from Corvallis. His still was a small one of the wash boiler variety.

Pierce Proud of Picture with Bull He Tells Kiwanis

"I'm extremely proud of this picture. I intend to hang it up in my office," said Governor Walter M. Pierce at the Salem Kiwanis club luncheon this noon, in accepting the framed portrait of a weeping white faced bull presented to him by the club.

A formal speech of presentation was made this noon by Judge Coshow of the state supreme court.

In accepting the picture Pierce related his version of the origin of the reason why his white faced calves stick to him through his political career. "I think it was about in 1912," said the governor, "when I was a member of the state

legislature, that some legislation was put through that I disapproved of very heartily. After it was all over, I got on my feet and roared 'em. At the conclusion of my speech I said I was glad the legislature was about over, so that at least I could go home and look some honest white faced calves in the face.

"Those white faced calves have stuck to me. People have grieved me about them ever since." Examining the picture Pierce declared that he did not know "what the bull could be crying about."

"He's crying because he misses you, governor," said Coshow.

SUBMIT PLAN TO END STRIKE IN COAL FIELD

New York, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Alvan Markle, chairman of the joint committee of miners and anthracite operators today submitted to the joint conference of the two sides a proposal which he said would insure permanent peace in the Pennsylvania hard coal field.

Markle's proposal contained eleven points which will be discussed by the operators and the miners' representatives in their joint negotiations.

An suggestion was that the joint conference ratify and confirm the provisions of the award of the anthracite coal strike commission and the subsequent agreement as well as the decision of the board of conciliation, except as may be modified.

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COOLIDGE SR. LOSES USE OF LOWER LIMBS

Plymouth, Vt., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—While the condition of Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, was reported improved today, his physician, Dr. Albert W. Cram of Bridgewater, said it was improbable that he would ever recover fully the use of his lower limbs.

Colonel Coolidge, who is 31 years old, had a severe illness several weeks ago, when he suffered from a recurrence of "heart block." He has had slight heart attacks at intervals since, the physician said, and at the end of last week lost the use of his legs. Dr. Cram attributed this to faulty circulation, but today admitted that the condition was not likely to show much change.

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PERSHING PLANS EARLY RETURN TO WASHINGTON

Washington, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Formal announcement of the early return of General Pershing to the United States was made today at the state department.

The purpose of the trip of the general from Africa where he is endeavoring to compose the Chile-Peru boundary dispute was said officially at the department, to be for the purpose of allowing him to receive dental treatment and official work to be done in the question of his general health. Known to have been impaired during his long sojourn in South Africa.

The position was taken that the condition of General Pershing's blood pressure which has caused some anxiety among friends here, was a subject on which the department could not comment. It was merely stated that he had been awarded an opportunity to return to the United States to receive the care of his own dentist.

It was emphasized that General Pershing's return had no political or diplomatic significance and that there was every indication that he would return to his work at Africa.

DEATH PENALTY FOR INGRAHAM

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Jesse Ingraham, itinerant teamster, was found guilty of first degree murder by a jury in superior court this morning. The jury imposed the death penalty.

Ingraham was driving overland from Tacoma, shot and killed Joseph C. Hedges, a Seattle attorney, last September 19. The shooting occurred on the Pacific highway near here, and Ingraham said that he shot because the Hedges car had jumped into his wagon. He claimed that he had been hit by motorists many times on his trip west.

MOVIES AND WAR PUZZLE PAGANS

Omaha, Neb., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—George W. Creel, former correspondent for the Globe Trotter in Asia and the South Sea Islands, believes that "moving pictures are the greatest enemy of the Christian nations in waging ruthless war after stressing the commandment 'thou shalt not kill,' have done more to retard the progress of Christianity among the non-Christian races of the Orient and destroy their respect for the white man than any other cause."

After viewing American-made motion pictures these people have come to look upon the United States as a country of glittering palaces inhabited by suitably dressed pleasure loving men and women who must have some hidden motive in trying to force Christianity upon the heathen.

Opponents of Science In Category With Witchcraft Believers

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—Abundant product of anti-research was laid by scientists today before section meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and related organizations. Scientists from widely scattered parts of the country brought contributions as widely different in character.

Dr. Edwin Linto, parasitologist of the University of Georgia, appropriated the name fundamentalist would consult their common sense," he added, "and apply the scientific method to anti-scientific tenets of their theology, they

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FRENCH FLOOD GETTING WORSE

Paris, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—The flood situation, due to the recently heavy rainfalls and the melting snow, is getting worse. The river Rhone, which last night apparently was about to recede, suddenly started to rise again early this morning and more rapidly than ever, owing to the waters coming down from various tributaries.

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COOLIDGE TO DECIDE ISSUE

Washington, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—There will be no withdrawal of President Coolidge as arbitrator in the Tacna-Arica question, it was made clear today at the White House.

The president feels that the arbitration is proceeding in accordance with the original plan. It was said that the executive would not consult General Pershing in regard to the Chilean appeal against one of the general's decisions, because under the terms of the award only Chile and Peru could be legitimately consulted in such a matter. Briefs from these countries will be filed.

GREAT TEACHER COMING SAYS MRS. BESANT

Madras, British India, Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—At the conclusion of the Theosophical Society's jubilee convention here, Mrs. Annie Besant, the president announced the expected early coming of a "world teacher." Declaring the world now stood at the beginning of a new age she added:

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Pre-Glacial Man May Have Existed in America Says Savant

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 29.—(A.P.)—The problem of the origin of man is engaging the attention of some 500 scientists here today for the dedication of the Peabody museum at Yale.

One section of the museum has exhibits outlining the theory of evolution. The visiting scientists already have had disagreements at meetings.

Dr. E. P. Goddard of the American Museum of Natural History in New York, aroused a mild controversy by his assertion that man may have existed in America prior to the last glacial period, contrary to prevailing scientific belief, which holds that man crossed the Bering straits from Asia after the last pre-historic ice flood.

Dr. Goddard cited the finding of bones found under 26 feet of glacial gravel.

Dr. Walter Hough, of the United States national museum at Washington, took exception to Dr. Goddard's conclusions on the ground that the examples found were so advanced as to preclude the possibility of their being old and inquired if it were to be assumed that man sprang full grown in America without undergoing the usual evolution as exemplified in Europe.

Dr. Goddard retorted that western Europe in primordial times was notoriously backward. "He may provoke me into saying that man originated in America, and I don't want to do that," he declared.