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# RAILROAD MERGER PLAN SHADED

## ARCTIC COLD FOLLOWS WAKE OF BLIZZARD

### Middle West Digging Out Of Deepest Snows of The Past Decade

Sub-Zero Temperatures  
Extend to South and  
Atlantic Coast

By The Associated Press  
Cold continued to reign supreme over a great portion of the United States Saturday but the blizzard which sent the icy blasts as far south as the Gulf of Mexico had spent its fury.

The middle west and Great Lakes regions were digging themselves out of one of the worst storms in a decade. Zero temperatures hampered the snow removing process but most transportation facilities, except on Michigan highways, were back on normal schedules.

Several southern states still reported freezing weather. The cold wave was felt over the entire south with the exception of southern Florida and the Atlantic coastal states.

New England started repairing the damage from several days of sleet and ice which broke down trees and wires and crippled both transportation and communication systems.

The middle Atlantic section welcomed the chilly winds which dispelled the fog and rain that had hung over the region for days.

Chicago (AP)—Winter, an unofficial guest so far, observed the first day of his official regime by settling down as if for a protracted stay in the middle west.

Frigid weather was predicted for Sunday and probably until Christmas, indicating the heavy blanket of snow laid during the furious blizzard of the last few days would be in place.

## HEFLIN TO HELP SHAPE LOCKE'S CAMPAIGN PLAN

Birmingham, Ala. (AP)—Hugh A. Locke, independent candidate for governor, said that Senator J. Thomas Hefflin, who also has announced for re-election as an independent, would attend a statewide meeting here January 3 to plan Locke's campaign.

Locke has no comment to make on reports that his followers would form a coalition with the Hefflin forces and arrange a full independent ticket.

Meanwhile, steps were being taken to obtain opinions from the courts and the attorney-general on the decision of the state democratic executive committee, which barred Locke and Hefflin among others from competing in the next party primary. The committee excluded as candidates from the 1930 democratic primary all persons who supported the republican presidential ticket or who openly opposed the democratic nominees.

"I had hoped," Locke said, "that A. Smith would cease to be an issue in political affairs in Alabama," but the twenty-seven members of the state committee who voted for the ruling made him the test for qualification for office.

## JUDGE CLAYTON OF ALABAMA DIES

Montgomery, Ala. (AP)—Judge Henry D. Clayton, 72, of the middle Alabama federal court district, former congressman, died at his home here Saturday afternoon.

Author of the Clayton anti-trust act, which was one of the leading legislative measures of the first administration of Woodrow Wilson, Judge Clayton had a distinguished career in the national congress, in law, on the federal bench, and in the history of the democratic party. He was born in 1857, in Barbour county, Alabama, and obtained his education in the schools of his home county and the University of Alabama.

**BYRD AN ADMIRAL**  
Promotion of plans for bonding the city for sewers and bridges.

Promotion of plans for bonding the city for establishment of an airport.

Request to the county court for extra funds to make prairie investigations.

## Good Evening!

### Sips for Supper

By DON UPJOHN

LET'S SETTLE IT  
We suggest that when this contest to determine the town's outstanding citizen comes off, that the following be put on the ballot.

Ellis Purvine, the only man who voted against the bridge bond issue.

Hal Patton, the only man who voted against the bridge bond issue.

Thus, the people in voting on this question, could not only determine the outstanding citizen, but also could determine as well who really was the only man who voted against the bridge bond issue.

### TIP TO BOB HENDRICKS

We suggest to Bob Hendricks when he starts taking the next census, if he wants to get the Scotchmen lined up, that he toss a nickel in the street.

This McEwan business at the University of Oregon, like the Bagshaw business at the University of Washington, is merely another indication that more and more football hounds are beginning to think that coaches win the games instead of teams. McEwan got kicked out because he could not beat some of the best football teams in the world with two or three stars.

### Don't forget tonight's last Christmas to take a bath before

Christmas.

Henry Lacar, says the Statesman, is back in the auto business here. We though Henry's Lacar was always pretty much in the auto business.

## COMPTROLLER URGES BRANCH BANKING PLAN

Washington (AP)—Urging the extension of branch banking by national banks as a way to assure a safe and sound system to rural communities, John W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency, said in his annual report that such a development would be of advantage to agricultural communities.

At the same time the comptroller pointed to the growth of group banking, in which holding companies have acquired the stock of several banks, and the defections of banks from the national field to seek broader privileges under state laws as reasons why the national bank laws must be liberalized.

He said that total resources of all of the 25,330 banks in the country on last June 30 aggregated \$72,172,305,000, an increase of \$398,177,900 over the previous year. National banks numbering 7,500 were shown to have total resources of \$27,440,288,000, a decrease of \$1,069,000,000, while the number of all banks had decreased in the year by 883.

Of the total resources, he continued, 350 banks in the cities had resources of \$23,400,000,000 while three-fourths of the banks of the nation were in country communities and classed as country banks.

The country banks, he said, operate with small capital funds and economic developments since the war have had the effect of decreasing their opportunities to operate at a profit.

On the question of bank failures, Pole said that no "important failures" had occurred among banks in larger cities between last January 1 and November 1 and that "whereas a depositor in a large city bank, whether a wage earner or a business man, has had full protection, the depositor in the small country bank has suffered severely from the inability of so many banks to meet their deposit liabilities."

## INCOME TAXES SHOW INCREASE

Portland (AP)—Cyde C. Huntley, collector for internal revenue of the Oregon district, said Saturday that the recent slump in the stock market did not prevent Oregon residents from paying their final installment on their 1928 income taxes during the first 29 days of December. An increase of 25 percent in receipts over the same period for last year was noted, Huntley said.

Income tax collections from this district alone totaled \$1,031,896.93 for the period of December 1 to 20, 1929 while collections for the same period in 1928 totaled only \$827,659.77, Huntley said.

There were no requests for extension of time, the collector reported.

## ENGINEERS PLAN FLOOD PREVENTION

Eugene, Ore. (AP)—Flood control projects, brought out again this year by the overflow of the Willamette river onto the Pacific highway were discussed by R. A. Klein, state highway engineer; R. H. Baidock, state maintenance engineer; H. W. Libby, resident highway engineer; Marvin Dreiser, resident bridge engineer and other members of the state highway department.

## Bankers Who Refuse To Pay Taxes Backed Tax Increase Plans

During the past several years when various matters came up before the public for extraordinary expenditure of public funds, either one or more persons connected with the banks of the county have assumed an active part in the promotion of such plans.

For instance the following might be mentioned: An \$850,000 bond issue for building of paved market roads.

Promotion of a plan for giving Marion county a county agricultural agent.

Promotion of plans for bonding the city for sewers and bridges.

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## STORMS AT SEA BRING DISASTER TO THREE SHIPS

### Steamer Santa Ana, Leaking Badly, Steering Gear Gone

### Steamer Venator Goes Aground in Gulf—Pas- sengers Take to Boats

Boston (AP)—The steamer Santa Ana, leaking badly, 130 miles south of the Isle of Pines, which is directly south of Cuba, has lost its steering gear and is "barely able to keep afloat."

This report was received at Tropical Radio here at 11:30 a. m. Saturday by the United Fruit steamer Tolosa, one of three vessels speeding to the aid of the sinking ship. The Tolosa was in direct communication with the Santa Ana.

The message here from the Tolosa read: "Santa Ana reports 10:50 a. m. steering gear gone and ship has settled in trough of sea. Barely able to keep afloat."

The Tolosa was making all possible speed in a race to cut down the nearly 300 miles believed to separate it from the sinking steamer.

Shortly afterwards, however, advices were received that the steamer Athelief had arrived alongside the Santa Ana at 11:24 a. m. The Tolosa Radio station here was advised at noon of the completion of the rescue dash of the Athelief, which proved to have been much nearer the sinking craft than either the United Fruit steamer Tolosa or the steamer Gatun, which also had responded to the S. O. S.

## RAIL MERGER HALTS PLANS OF NORTHERN LINES

St. Paul (AP)—The proposed merger of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways—to the exclusion of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, their subsidiary—as recommended by the interstate commerce commission Saturday left the plans of the great northwest lines very much in the air, rail leaders declared.

Ralph Budd and Charles Donnelly, presidents of the former lines, agreed that nothing would be done on their unification projects until the full text of the interstate commerce commission report was thoroughly studied and a decision made by the federal government as to what is to be done. The presidents assumed that the commission in the face of its general report would favor the separation of the Burlington before the Northern could consider consolidation.

"It has been rumored for some time that the commission might allow the consolidation or unification of the Northern lines," Donnelly said, "provided they gave up their ownership of the Burlington and the possibility of our having to face such a situation, therefore, has been recognized."

The plan will, of course, be carefully considered by the deposit committee, consisting of J. P. Morgan, James F. Hill, Arthur Currier, George L. W. Hill and Stephen Birch.

The Burlington, owned by the stockholders of the two roads always has been considered an invaluable connection and is the link between the two lines and the east by way of the Twin Cities and Chicago.

## CHRISTMAS MAIL PASSES PEAK

The flood of Christmas mail, outward bound which has been swirling into the local postoffice during the past few days, apparently reached its peak Friday night and from now on will be on the ebb, according to Postmaster Farrar, who with coat removed, was aiding his army of employees to see that gifts were dispatched as promptly as possible.

While an accurate check had not been made, it was believed at the postoffice that the volume of mail during the holiday season this year will be fully as large if not larger than a year ago. While the bulk of the outgoing packages were probably on their way Saturday, Christmas greetings were coming into the office in increasing volume. Very few postcards are found in the thousands of pieces of mail that are handled, most of the greetings being enclosed in envelopes.

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## Hollywood Kiddies To See Film Free Matinee Scheduled For Tuesday

### Cheer Fund To Be Closed Monday

Whatever the total at that time may be the seventh annual Christmas Cheer Fund of the Salem Lodge of Elks and the Capital Journal will be closed at 6 p. m. Monday, December 23. The minimum amount of money needed to care for the children on the list of those who, except for the Cheer Fund, would be missed by Santa Claus this year has been placed at a minimum of \$1500.

If that total is not reached it will simply mean that some of the articles budgeted for the Christmas Cheer Fund will be omitted.

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## TUNNEY FIGHTS WITHDRAWAL OF BALM SUIT

Bridgeport, Conn. (AP)—The desire of Mrs. Katherine King Fogarty, Fort Worth, Tex., divorcee, to withdraw her \$500,000 breach of promise suit against James J. Tunney, champion retired heavyweight, found demanding a fight to a decision.

Frank L. Wilder, Mrs. Fogarty's counsel, announced in court Friday, after he had been granted permission to quit the case as her representative, that Mrs. Fogarty had withdrawn a letter of authority for withdrawal of the action which was brought in superior court last May.

Tunney's attorney, Homer S. Cummings, immediately filed a motion for judgment on his cross complaint, which, among other things, alleges that the suit was brought merely to defame Tunney and to extort money. The motion will be argued next Friday before Judge Carl Foster.

At the present time Tunney is living in Greenwich with his wife, the former Polly Lauder, whom he married abroad before the breach of promise suit was filed.

A suit for \$500,000 brought against the former boxer by John H. Fogarty, one-time Fort Worth plumber, who charged that Gene's promise to wed his wife influenced her to obtain a divorce from him, is pending.

## OPPOSITION TO RAIL MERGERS

Washington (AP)—The first congressional reaction to the plans of consolidation on the railroad consolidation came Saturday in a declaration of opposition to details of the plan from two senators from the west.

Consolidation of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railroads as proposed in the plan would be a "great calamity" for the northwest, Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, asserted.

Presenting the commission's report for incorporation in the congressional record, Wheeler said the two northwestern lines were competing roads and he added he would vigorously oppose any attempt to link them into a single system.

## FOG PREVENTS FLIERS' SEARCH

Nome, Alaska (AP)—Dense fog over the Siberian coast again interfered Friday with the search for Pilot Carl Ben Eielson and Mechanic Earl Berland, missing since November 9, although one pilot was able to reach the icebound fur trading ship Nanuk at North Cape, near where the fliers were believed to have been forced down.

Pilot Harold Gilliam, who took off from Teller, Alaska, Wednesday in company with Pilot Joe Crosson, reached the Nanuk late Friday afternoon. He said that he and Crosson flew half way to North Cape Wednesday but were separated by fog when they resumed their flight Friday. He said he believed Crosson had landed somewhere en route when he found flying conditions unfavorable.

Pilot Ed Young flew to East Cape, Siberia, Friday, but returned to Teller when he was unable to find a suitable place to land. He said that the fog extended to a height of 15,000 feet over the Bering Strait.

## CLEAR SKIPPER OF LOST SHIP

Seattle (AP)—Captain Eric Strandquist of the steamer Skagway used good judgment in the beaching of his burning vessel near Cape Flattery last Monday, steamboat inspectors, Donald S. Ames and Thomas Short said here Saturday when making known the results of their investigation of the wreck. The inspectors cooperated the captain in the wrecked vessel from all blame for the accident in their decision.

The master of a ship is responsible for the property under his care and the lives of his officers and crew and Captain Strandquist followed what he believed to be the safest course, the inspectors ruled.

Accusations that the captain ignored counsel of his officers and crew and headed for the rocks after being told he could make Neah Bay, three miles away, were held groundless by Ames and Short.

## NESTUCA BRIDGE

Washington (AP)—The war department approved plans of the county court of Tillamook county, Oregon, for a bridge across the Big Nestucca river at Woods, Ore., under the authority of the state law.

## Christmas Cheer Fund

Capital Journal	\$25.00
Henry Jaquet	5.00
Curtis Cross	10.00
Receipts, Elks Shows	483.00
A Rotarian	5.00
Mrs. Margaret Lefurgy	2.00
Bert Hill	25.00
Cash	1.00
Mr. & Mrs. T. B. Kay	5.00
Mrs. Demarest	5.00
Mrs. N. E. G.	3.00
Hawkins & Roberts	25.00
A Christian Friend	2.00
U. S. Bank Employees	11.50
A Friend	1.00
A Friend	5.00
Hubbard Friend	1.00
Salem Engraving Co.	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. Frederick	50.00
Lampert	1.00
A Friend	1.00
Phil W. Barrett	1.00
Margaret M. Barrett	1.00
Associated Oil	15.00
Employees	15.00
Dan J. Fry	15.00
O. P. Goodrow	5.00
Salem Fire Department	16.50
A Friend	2.00
Phi Chi Frat	4.00
Elks Club Contribution	35.00
Box	2.00
Unruh Printing Co.	10.00
A Friend	2.00
Fuller Brush Man	1.00
Dreamland Risk	5.00
Crystal Gardens	5.00
Mr. & Mrs. A. N.	5.00
Fulkerson	5.00
A Friend	1.00
Russell Woody	2.00
Marion Hotel Employees	5.55
Dr. C. H. Schenk	5.00
Wacoada Community	10.00
Club	10.00
Trade Street Store	10.00
Marion Wiggins	1.00
Mrs. Edward G.	3.00
Patterson	3.00
Cherry City Baking	15.00
Company	15.00
Elks Club Meeting	200.00
Night Meeting	200.00
M. E. C.	5.00
City Bus Drivers	5.00
Local 889	5.00
Mrs. Emma Murphy	5.00
Brown	5.00
The Bonus Commission	7.55
A Friend	10.00
Salem Bargain House	5.00
& Salem Bank Co.	5.00
Faith Friday	5.00
Little Patsy Ramsdell	.34
One II.	2.00
Mrs. J. F. Whitting	2.00
A Friend	1.00
Late Returns Elks	43.50
Show Tickets	43.50
South Salem Neighbors	2.50
Elks Benefit Dance	33.70
Total	\$1135.04

## MORALS OFFENDERS ARE GIVEN LASHES

Vancouver, B. C. (AP)—Roderick McDonald and Dewey Vaughan, who were convicted of kidnapping a girl from a dance hall and assaulting her, were sentenced in the Assizes Saturday to 15 years in prison and 15 lashes.

A Japanese, convicted of assault upon a Japanese woman in a north coast cannery, was given a similar sentence.

Lashes were ordered in three other offenses involving morals charges.

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## RESCUE 700 ON RAMMED FERRY

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