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MERCURY FELL TO NEW LEVEL DURING NIGHT

Four Degrees Above Zero Is Recorded by Weather Man in This City

PORTLAND FREEZES

California Citrus Saved From Ruin by Use of Smudge Pots. Winter Holds Firm Grip

According to Louis Dodge, weather observer, old man Fahrenheit cut loose on a rampage last evening and early this morning, and before he was checked in his wild flight he had passed the mercury in the official thermometer down to the four degree mark, the lowest temperature registered here so far this year. The streets were coated with a thin film as a result of the freezing of the snow which covered the city Monday. Belated tourists and Californians visiting here were trudging about the streets singing their battle hymn, "California Here I Come" but reports from the supposedly sunny state show that snow has fallen in the San Joaquin Valley, the last outpost in the battle against winter.

PORTLAND, Dec. 18. — The coldest spell in five years still continues unabated over the entire Northwest, with the weather bureau officials here holding out only a slight hope for a break in the snap within the next forty-eight hours.

Enterprise, Oregon, reports a temperature of twenty eight degrees below zero. Spokane registered four degrees below and Yakima two degrees below. At Boise, Idaho, the mercury dropped to six degrees below zero.

The lowest temperature of the present spell in Portland was recorded early this morning when the mercury went hurtling down to eleven degrees above zero at six a. m.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18. — California's citrus fruit crop, covering thousands of acres and worth millions of dollars was saved from a biting, killing frost only by means of extensive smudging. It was indicated by early morning reports coming from the affected districts today. The weather bureau reported the cold spell coming, and the smudge pots were brought into use, saving from ruin thousands of orange growers throughout Southern California.

O. A. C. INSTRUCTOR WILL BE HERE SOON

Edwin L. Mowat, assistant in the O. A. C. school of forestry, plans to spend the Christmas vacation in Ashland. Mr. Mowat was graduated from Ashland high school in 1919 and from the school of forestry at O. A. C. in 1923. He is a member of Xi Sigma Pi, honorary forestry society.

FOUR MEN KILLED IN BLAST WHICH RUINS COAL MINE

SEATTLE, Dec. 18. — Four men are dead, two are missing and two are in a local hospital in a serious condition as the result of an explosion which took place early today at the Pacific Coast Coal Company's mine at Burnett, thirty miles east of Tacoma.

Company officials reported that the dead are Charles Kirby, B. Washburn, Elmer Crippen, and Elmer Landis. The addresses of these men are unknown to the officials of the mining company. The missing men are E. Ridley and E. Rush. It is almost positive that these men were killed in the blast, although their bodies have not as yet been recovered. The injured men are Harry Hummcke, suffered from burns on his body which will probably prove fatal and R. Lazarus, suffering from a broken leg and internal injuries which attending physicians state may prove fatal.

The cause of the explosion is unknown as yet. The men were working in a shaft at the time of the blast, and it is thought possible that one of them may have picked into an unexploded stick of dynamite.

MANY WORKMEN BACK AT WORK IN SHOPS

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 18. — More than 3,000 men have returned to work at the Chevrolet Motor company plant here since the announcement early this month that the company would go on full production before the first of next year. Charles F. Barth, vice-president and general manager, said today the plant now is operating on a night and day schedule.

SUPREME COURT OF STATE HANDS DOWN RULINGS IN CASES

Appeal of C. S. Butler in Case Against City of Ashland Is Dismissed

SALEM, Dec. 18. — Reopening of the disbarment proceedings involving Morris Goldstein, Portland attorney, was ordered in a verbal opinion handed down by the state supreme court here Tuesday. Under the ruling of the court the Multnomah County Bar association will take further testimony in the case.

The records in the case show that Goldstein was ordered disbarred by the supreme court after testimony had been introduced indicating that he had been unfaithful to a client.

C. S. Butler, appellant, versus City of Ashland et al, appeal from Jackson county; appeal from order sustaining demurrer to complaint. Opinion by Justice Coshov. Appeal dismissed.

W. C. Logan versus John Laukinen and Water Harrison, appellants; appeal from Clatsop county; action to recover money. Opinion by Justice Pipes, Judge J. A. Eakin affirmed.

E. C. Prestbye, administrator of the estate of Gerhardt Wiebe, appellant, versus J. W. Kliphardt et al; appeal from Umatilla county; action for negligence arising from death of Gerhardt Wiebe in automobile accident. Opinion by Justice Bean. Judge Harry Belt affirmed.

J. A. Harris versus J. S. Lebb and Hazel Lebb, appellants, and Security Savings & Trust company et al, defendants; appeal from Multnomah county; motion to dismiss appeal. Opinion by Chief Justice McBride. Appeal dismissed.

In the matter of the estate of Xarita J. Faling, deceased, on petition of Coy Burnett et al, petitioners and appellants; appeal from Multnomah county. Petition for rehearing and reconsideration of order of allowance. Petition denied in opinion by court.

In the matter of the application of Harry Ashley for writ of habeas corpus, versus Hazel Wender, defendant and appellant; appeal from Clatsop county; application for writ of habeas corpus. Opinion by Justice Barnett, Judge T. A. Eakin reversed.

REBELS MAY TAKE ALBANIAN CAPITAL

LONDON, Dec. 18. — The Albanian legation officials here announced today that the Albanian government had decreed a general mobilization of the country's military forces in order to cope with the Serbian invasion of Albania. The rebel forces, according to the announcement, hope to capture and hold Tirana, Albanian capital within three days. The rebels are at present within fifteen miles of the capital.

MALONE COMMANDER AMERICAN LEGION

Election of officers was held at the meeting of the American Legion Tuesday evening and the following officers elected: C. A. Malone, Commander; Millard Grubb, Vice-Commander; Gerald Wender Adjutant; Merton Hansen, Chaplain and Service Officer; and Fred Schuerman, news correspondent.

A good crowd was in attendance and a very successful meeting was held.

PIERCE APPOINTS NEW CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

SALEM, Dec. 18. — William Ramsey of McMinnville, a Democrat, former director of Pendleton and La Grande, was today appointed by Governor Pierce to succeed Judge Harry Belt, judge of the circuit court of Polk and Yamhill counties. J

MEN SUSPECTED OF ROBBERIES HERE CAUGHT

Arrest in Astoria Leads to Round-up of Suspects in Medford

TWO ARE IN CUSTODY

Chester Smead and E. V. Catin Under Arrest While Third Member of Gang at Large

Following a search lasting nearly two months, Chief of Police McNabb of this city, aided by Sheriff Terrill and members of the Medford police force have finally rounded up two members of a gang which they believe to have robbed the Plaza Confectionery and the Ender's store in this city two months ago. One member of the gang was taken into custody in Astoria several days ago, while the second member was arrested at Tolo yesterday afternoon.

E. V. Catin, arrested some time ago in Astoria on a charge of burglary confessed to the two robberies in this city, after being questioned by the police of the northern city and implicated "Whitely" Fuller and Chester Smead of Medford, stating that they aided him in the two thefts. Catin stated that the gang entered the Plaza on October 24, and removed all the money in the place, amounting to about two hundred dollars, together with a number of checks which were contained in the same drawer as the money. He then told the police that on the night of November 6, the outfit jimmied a window in the Ender's store and ransacked the place, leaving with a number of razors, pocket knives and safety razor blades, together with a large quantity of food.

Catin informed the Astoria police that the stolen articles had been cached by Fuller and Smead, and gave the exact location of the house in which the stolen property was located. The Astoria police informed McNabb and the sheriff's office, and yesterday the house at Tolo in which Smead was living was searched. A quantity of the hardware taken in the robbery was recovered, and Smead arrested. He steadfastly denied any implication in the theft, stating that the articles had been purchased.

Fuller is still at large, and the police of California and Oregon have been notified of his being wanted here. It is believed he is in Southern California and the authorities in that section have been given a description of him.

Sheriff Terrill expressed the belief that the gang was larger than the information given by Catin implied, and a search is being made throughout the county for the men suspected of connection with the crime.

ARREST EXPECTED IN POSTAL BILL SCANDAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — An arrest is expected shortly in the national capital's newest "scandal" involving the alleged sale of influence in connection with the pending postal pay increase bill in the Senate, it was learned at the Department of Justice today.

The \$13,500 for the fire pumper, will be paid by means of city warrants, the local banks having agreed to float the required number at 5 per cent, instead of 6 per cent, as always the case heretofore when bonds were floated. The council also last night voted to retire \$5000 worth of gravity water bonds, in accordance with its program long in force of retiring such bonds yearly to the amount of \$20,000.

ERROR IS MADE IN COMPILING STATE HOSPITAL BUDGET

SALEM, Dec. 18. — Through an error in compiling the approved estimated expenditures of the 16 state institutions operating under the board of control during the next two years, the state budget commission announced Saturday that the state tuberculosis hospital would expend during the current biennium approximately \$67,000 in excess of its appropriation.

The corrected figures show that there was appropriated by the legislature for the operating of the tuberculosis hospital during the current biennium a total of \$188,150, of which \$185,333 has been expended. There will be returned to the state by this institution at the end of the present biennium approximately \$280. The total to be returned by all of these 16 institutions is \$187,980.

MEN AND WOMEN IN THE NEWS OF THE DAY



Below: MRS. COLIN O'MORE, & MRS. CALVIN COOLIDGE. Below: PRINCESS KETTO MIKELADZ & C.A. STONEHAM.

Charles A. Stoneham, owner of the New York Giants, lost a legal point when Federal Judge A. N. Hand, in New York City, ruled that he must answer creditors' charge that he was a partner in the bankrupt brokerage firm of E. M. Fuller & Co. Princess Ketto Mikeladz, Russian exile, is about to break a 600 year record for idleness in the Aristoff family, of which she is a member, by working for a living on the New York stage. Mrs. Colin O'More, of New York City, known in private life as Mrs. Madeline E. Hornberger, has sued for divorce and \$75 a week alimony from the San Carlos Opera Company tenor. Mrs. Calvin Coolidge has been awarded the honorary degree of doctor of laws by Boston University.

MEDFORD COUNCIL VOTES PURCHASE NEW FIRE PUMPER

\$13,500 to be Expended in Putting Fire Fighting Equipment on a Safe Standard

MEDFORD, Dec. 18. — The city council meeting of Tuesday night was not the last meeting of that body during the present year, as it will require one or two more meetings in which to clear up the odds and ends of city business for this year. Hence Tuesday night's meeting adjourned until next Tuesday evening.

In addition to passing a number of ordinances straightening out property matters, passing an ordinance to purchase for \$13,500, a triple combination fire pumper for the fire department, the council also considered a tentative proposition for the opening up of West Sixth street, thru the F. Roy Davis property on North Oakdale street out to West Main street opposite South Newtown street. Mr. and Mrs. Bert Anderson, Emil Mohr, John Perl, Carl Fichtner, A. S. Bliton and F. Roy Davis appeared before the council in behalf of the suggested improvement.

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RAILROAD SUES TO RECOVER SUIT COST

MEDFORD, Dec. 18. — The Southern Pacific railway has filed with the county clerk its cost bill in the suit of Nelson J. Wiley against the railroad and the city of Medford for \$2000 damages, alleged to have been sustained, when Wiley riding a bicycle, ran into an obstruction while repairs were under way at the Jackson street crossing last April. After hearing all the testimony last week, the court upon motion of counsel for plaintiffs, directed the jury to bring in a verdict for the defendant corporations.

The railroad lists its costs engendered by the suit at \$232, mostly for witnesses, some from points in the Willamette valley. The attorney fees of the railroad are listed at \$10. Judgment against the plaintiff for the \$232 is sought.

AMERICA SAID TO BE FRIENDLY TOWARD JAPAN

Propaganda Concerning War Between Two Nations Declared False

CONFERENCE OPPOSED

President Declares Meeting Now in Making Would-be Direct Slap at People of Japan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — A new era of friendly and even cordial relations between the United States and Japan is expected to begin with the arrival of the new Japanese ambassador, Matsui Daira, it was declared here today by a high official in the Coolidge administration forces. The spokesman for the President said the present relations between the two countries had seldom been more placid, despite the speculation of the many members of the European press of the possibility of war between the two Pacific countries.

Both President Coolidge and Secretary of State, Charles Evans Hughes are both decidedly opposed to a proposed resolution, sponsored by Representatives Britton, Republican of Illinois, which would instruct the President to call an international conference of the white nations bordering the Pacific ocean for the discussion of their mutual economic and commercial relations and their national defense understandings. Such an action, Hughes and Coolidge declare, would be a direct slap at the Japanese nation.

The theft of the insignia from the door of the home of the Japanese consul in Portland, Oregon, on Armistice Day caused a considerable amount of propaganda to be circulated in this country that America and Japan were very near the breaking point. The fact that the insignia was found within an hour after the theft was discovered, and that the United States government was endeavoring to uncover the culprits were not taken into consideration when this propaganda was put out by Japanese opponents. Although there was some discussion between the diplomatic departments of both nations, Hughes declared that the notes which passed between were of the most friendly nature, and that the State department had assured the Japanese Foreign office that everything possible would be done to bring the thieves to justice.

BOCIL CONFESSES TO CRIME, GIVEN 60 DAY JAIL TERM

John Bocil, 30, a native of Serbia, who was arrested in Hornbrook and returned to this city yesterday to face a charge of robbing a Southern Pacific caboose in the local yards Sunday night, yesterday afternoon pleaded guilty to the charge of petty larceny before Justice of the Peace, Gowdy and was sentenced to pay a fine of twenty-five dollars and given a sixty day term in the county jail.

Much of the loot obtained by Bocil was recovered by the Hornbrook police, but a few of the articles taken in the robbery have not been returned to their owners. It is believed Bocil cached these articles either in the vicinity of this city or near Hornbrook soon after the robbery, and the police here are in hopes of obtaining information from him as to where the articles have been hidden. No report of any sale by Bocil has been received, although the authorities throughout this section have conducted an intensive search, and they are therefore led to believe that he has cached them with the idea of obtaining them when released.

REPORT SHOWS DEATH RATE IS DECREASING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — The Oregon death rate in 1923 was 1094 per 100,000 population, as compared with 1153 in 1922, according to figures made public today by the census bureau. The decrease was attributed to a decline in deaths from pneumonia, influenza, diabetes and suicide.

An increase over 1922 was shown in the deaths from tuberculosis and measles.

BRIDGE GATE KEEPER IS FATALLY INJURED

Portland, Dec. 18. Ira Hodges, 65, a gateman on the Morrison street bridge was knocked down and fatally injured here today by an automobile driven by Carl Cornelius, a shipwright. Cornelius is being held in jail in lieu of \$2500 bail on a charge of manslaughter. Hodges was attempting to close the gate, prior to allowing a river boat to pass through the draw, when the automobile crashed into the gate, knocking Hodges against the bridge beams. Cornelius told the police that the gate keeper closed the gate when he was fifteen feet away in his machine and that he did not have time to stop.

LONDON, Dec. 17. — Whether Great Britain is to bring back her army of occupation from Germany is now a question perturbing the British Cabinet.

NELLIE IS UNABLE TO SEE MA INAUGURATED

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 18. — Mrs. Nellie Taylor Ross, governor elect of Wyoming, will not attend the ceremonies at Austin, Texas, January 20, inaugurating Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson as governor of the Lone Star state, it became known today. The Wyoming legislature will be in session at the time and Mrs. Ross said she felt she should remain here.

PERJURY CHARGES LEAD TO FILING OF DIVORCE SUIT

Edith Rickman Starts Action Against R. Rickman Charging no Support and Abuse

Edith L. Rickman, whose testimony in the Medford justice court last Friday, resulted in her husband, Ruford Rickman, a Southern Pacific roundhouse employee here, being bound over to the grand jury, charged with subornation of perjury, Tuesday filed suit in the circuit court for divorce. Among the allegations of the complaint, is the one she told from the witness stand, that in fear and under threats, she swore to a complaint charging her husband, William DeBoit, with a criminal attack upon her.

The couple were married at Springfield, Nebraska, April 6, 1909, and have two children, the custody of which the mother requests.

Under an order issued by the court, Rickman is enjoined from interfering or annoying his wife and children, is ordered to turn over to them the home in Ashland, pending the settlement of the divorce, deliver to his family the clothing the wife alleges he is keeping from them, and in the event of his failure to comply, the sheriff is ordered to act. Rickman is also instructed to pay \$35 per month for the care of the children.

In her suit, W. M. Briggs, Jr., her attorney, the following allegations of cruelty were made:

"That Rickman in the last three years 'has become a persistent and confirmed gambler,' and has dissipated property valued at \$6000.

"That he has induced his mother to spy upon his wife, and that the mother has 'cursed and pulled the hair of plaintiff.'

"That the family is 'almost destitute of clothing.'

"That Mrs. Rickman, by the care of cows and chickens has managed to support the family.

And, that the defendant has accused the plaintiff of infidelity, until life has become unbearable.

Suit money to the amount of \$105 for attorney's fees is asked. Mrs. Rickman filing an affidavit that she is penniless, and forced to borrow \$10 to make the initial filings, and is now living with friends and neighbors.

FORMER RESIDENTS HEAR OF DEATH OF THEIR SON-IN-LAW

According to information received here, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Sullivan, former residents of this city have recently received news of the death of their son-in-law, J. T. C. Van Sreen, ex-commander in the Royal Dutch Navy. Van Sreen died in Nice, Southern France, according to the report. His body was removed to Paris for cremation.

Miss Alice Sullivan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sullivan, became the bride of the commander on August 10, 1918. According to the report received here she will continue to reside at their home at The Hague, Holland.

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LABOR LEADER IS LAID TO REST IN NEW YORK

Thousands Pack Elks' Temple Where Final Services Are Held

LABOR MUCH GRIEVED

Dead Leader wielded More Power Than Any Man in Country With Exception of President

NEW YORK, Dec. 18. — Race, color and creed together with capital and labor today met on the common ground of mutual sympathy at the funeral here of Samuel Gompers, late President of the American Federation of Labor. The Elks Club House was filled to capacity during the service, while two thousand persons, laborers, women, children and capitalists packed a hall across the street, listening to the service by means of radio.

Scarcely a person entered the immense Elks Temple without a tear wetting his cheek. Thousands passed before the bier of the dead leader, paying a final, silent tribute to the genius who put the American laboring forces on an equal footing with the corporations for which they labored.

Coming to this city sixty one years ago, when but thirteen years of age, Gompers fought his way up from the ranks, educating himself, organizing the now powerful American Federation of Labor and becoming president of that organization until at the time of his death he wielded more power probably than any one man in the country with the exception of the President of the United States.

Following the services in this city, the body was taken to Tarrytown, N. Y., where it was buried in the beautiful, quiet old Sleepy Hollow cemetery, in which Gompers had purchased a plot but a few weeks before his death.

Labor in this country is grief stricken over the sudden death of the leader who has been president of the American Federation of Labor for thirty seven years. Requiem services have been held by almost every labor organization in the country since the death of their leader, who fought his valiant fight for life in a foreign country, but returned to die in the country of his adoption.

VETERAN CALIFORNIA CONGRESSMAN DEAD

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18. — Congressman Julius Kahn, 63, veteran California member of the House of Representatives died here today. He had been ill for months. An infected foot, sustained following an injury in Washington started the decline which caused his friends alarm. He suffered a relapse last night which was followed by a cerebral hemorrhage. Kahn was elected to Congress during the last election without opposition.

INSURGENTS HOPE TO BLOCK VOTE ON MUSCLE SHOALS BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18. — Reinforced by the return of their leader, Senator La Follette, the members of the Senate insurgent bloc today opened their final drive to prevent a final vote on the Underwood bill on the Muscle Shoals project until after Christmas recess.

The insurgents, joining hands with the other government ownership advocate members of the Senate, threw all their resources into the effort to block the passage of the Underwood bill. This bill would give the Secretary of War until September, 1925 to lease the immense power and nitrate plants of the Alabama project to private interests.

From all indications at present, the bill will pass the Senate easily if it is allowed to be brought to a vote at this time. Test votes on measures dealing with the bill show that a majority of the Senators favor the bill, and it is to kill this feeling that the opponents of the bill are attempting to obtain the postponement.

Brownsville—Historic Brownsville woolen mills running to capacity, two shifts.