

Lightning and Fire Adds to Destruction of Cities

LIFE TOLL IS HEAVY

Miners Trapped in Mine Drowned by Heavy Floods. Holland Rainfall Heavy

LONDON, Dec. 31 - (UP) flood, lightning and fire wrought rious damage throughout the British Isles today, continuing the devastation which started vesterday as the result of the terrific floods.

Many factories and dwellings ere burned when they were struck by lightning.

In the slums of London's east end, a huge chimney of a poorhouse fell, burying forty aged men, inmates, who were still abed. One was killed and eight were injured.

BUDAPEST, Dec. 31 - (LP) Thirty six miners were drowned at Marosujver today, when they vere trapped in a mine, which recent storms. Great ice avalnches have been reported in Roumania mountains.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 31. -- (LP) - The present rain fall in Holland is the greatest for December for 45 years.

Temperature Drops to 21, No Change in Weather Coming

Last night the mercury tried to drop out of the bottom of the official thermometer. Although it didn't quite succeed, it reached 21, the lowest point it has reached yet this year. However, the temperature

is somewhat higher this year, compared with the same dates last year. At that time the temperature ranged several degrees lower than this season. The coldest weather registered last year was four degrees above

Indications are that the weather will continue cold for several days, Louis Dedge, official weather ob-Dedge, official no indications for a change in the weather, and Dodge predicts that the heavy fogs of the past few days will continue for some

BOYS CAUGHT IN ROBBERY ATTEMPT

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 31. Two boys, Earl Harrader, 17, and Roy Pruitt, 15, were arrested Tuesday night at about 10:30 by Night Officer Walker, who reports that he caught them in the act of robbing the Smith & Thompson hardware store on members of well known families ants in that city.

Entrance was gained through a window in the rear of the store room which was pried open with

Portland-Munson - McCormick Steamship line wil make weekly

sailings to Atlantic, Wapinitai-90 Carloads hogs shipped this year.



March 4

2-Prof J Bergonie developer of roentgenology dies in Bordeaux, a victim of the

28-Supply of anti-toxin leaves Nenana. Alaska, for Nome by dog-sled Leonard Seppala. famous dog-musher, starts from Nome to meet ream to relay anti-toxin to town stricken with diph theria epidemic February

15-Floyd Collins, imprisoned in ave near Cave City, Ky., found dead after 17 days. 25-Senator Medill McCormick of Illinois dies. 28-President Frederich Ebert

of Germany dies. March 4—Calvin Coolidge inaugurat-ed thirtieth president. 8—Twenty thousand homeless

when fire destroys 3000 Tokyo buildings: Tornado sweeps Illinois, In-diana, Missouri, Kentucky and Tennessee. Over 800 killed, 3749 injured. Property loss is \$15,000,000. Breakers and Palm Beach hotels. Palm Beach, Fla., destroyed by fire. Loss is over

bandit, convicted of murder of Policeman Skelly at Hartford, Conn. Sentenced to hang.

15-Lieut. Gen. Nelson A. Miles dies. 16-Senator Selden Palmer Spencer, Missouri, dies. 27-Fifty-nine miners killed in explosion in mine near Coal

Glen, N. C.

June 18-Senator Robert La Follette, Wisconsin, dies. 22-Senator Edwin F. Ladd, North Dakota, dies. 29—Earthquake destroys part of Santa Barbara, Calif., killing 12.

21-John T Scopes found guilt, of violating Tennesisco anti-evolution law and the

August Henry Ford's offer of \$1

800 for 200 scrapped Steamer Mackinac bol lodes near Newport, Thirty passengers kills September 3-Dirigible Shenandoah

stroyed and 14 of killed in storm at bridge, O. 25-All but three of crew

rammed and sunk.

6-United States Ship Board ousts Rear Adm Leigh C Palmer (retired) as president of the Fleet Corporation. Capt. Elmer E. Crowley. Boston and New York, takes his place. Dead body of Charles Ames. U. S. airmail pilot, Cleve land, O., who disappeared 10 days before, is found in wrecked place in mountains

10-House Ways and Means Committee completes work on tax reduction and sets

366.709. -Court-martial trial of Wil liam T. Mitchell starts.

December 1-Governor Miriam "Ma" Fer guson refuses to "throw herself to wolves" by calling

legislature. 5-White Plains, N. Y., jury returns verdict in favor of annulment suit of Leonard Kip Rhinelander.





LEAVE ASHLAND Reported Sold

Larger Territory in Klamath County

mediately after the first of the year, it was learned this morning. Hamaker has secured a lease

"I am not leaving Ashland because I do not think it is a good business section, but because I have a larger territory at Klamath Falls. My experienceshere have been the most pleasant

Those who purchased cars from Hamaker during him period in (Continued On Page

Grand Hotel in Roseburg is

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 31 .-T. B. Swearingen and J. F lones yesterday completed negotiations for the purchase of the Grand Hotel in this city. Both Local Star Dealer Gets of the new owners are former residents of Pendleton where Mr. Swearingen was in the restaurant business for a number of years. The Grand hotel is one seven months Star, Flint and of the city's most popular hos-Durant dealer in Ashland will telries, having 100 rooms well move to Klamath Falls, im- furnished and equipped. The former owner, W. O. Clinger, will retain his residence in Roseburg, but is leaving temporarily for on a large garage building there Ponca City, Okla, where he is North Sixth street. Both boys are and will deal in Stars and Dur- to erect a theatre building on property which he owns there.

> WEATHER Oregon and Washington -Cloudy, with normal

temperature and moderate easterly winds.

POWER WORKS Trinity Guild

Stone and Webster Interests in Washington Are all

-All Southwestern Washington evening, from five to seven utilities properties, controlled by o'clock. the Stone and Webster interests, have been purchased by the Northwestern Electric company and the Portland Electric and Power company, it was revealed here today.

The Northwestern Electric company took over properties North of Kelso including the Inland Light and Power and the Puget Sound Power and Light companies, serving Ranier, Kalama, and # Woodland.

Corvallis-Jesse Hanson's her fiverton cooperative fruit can- No. 43 broke American record 337 eggs in one year.

to Serve Chicken **Dinner Tomorrow**

Chicken dinner fans, and there are few who are not chicken dinner fans, will be accomodated tomorrow evening by the Trinity Guild of the Episcopal church. The Guild and the Auxiliary to the Trinity Guild will serve one of their famous chicken dinners PORTLAND, Dec. 31. — (LP) in the Parish House tomorrow

> A delicious menu has been prepared, and those in charge of the dinner believe they will receive a substantial patronage from their many friends in the

FREE METHODISTS TO HAVE SERVICE PERSHING TO RETURN

Watch night services will be held at the Free Methodist church -Reports that General Persh- est in an exclusive gift shop. this evening, according to an an- ing, chairman of the Tacna- It has not been determined by nouncement made this morning. Arica plebiscite commission, will those interested in the liquidabeen conducting services at that the middle of January were con- disposition will be made of the nery canned products worth and tied world record, by laying church, will conduct the watch firmed by Secretary of State Kel-splendid stock of merchandise night service this evening.

Dances, Private Parties, and a age and said to be the Church Services to Attrack Many

WATCH NIGHT PARTIES

Private Parties Arranged. But Little Merry Making on Streets is Expected

Scores of parties, church services and dances will find hun- # his head, weighs 1220 dreds of Ashland people tonight appounds and is reputed to watching the old year out and # be one of the strongest # tom of the city water watching the old year out and # be one of the strongest # tom of the city water water the new year in. In addition to # men visiting this port. the many public gatherings, manprivate gatherings will be held throughout the city, where the ranch near Houston, friends will gather to welcom the year 1926.

At many of the churches, spectal watch night services have been prepared, and hundreds wil' be in attendance at these gather

Scores will be attracted to the dinner dance at the Lithia Springs hotel this evening. Almost the entire lower portion of the building will be devoted to dancing and merry making, welcoming the new year.

The annual New Years dance, given by Ashland Lodge No. 944, B. P. O. Elks will also draw a large crowd, as it always does. several private dances have been

arranged for the evening. Eve, and the same condition will licking in the opening basketprobably hold true this year. A few automobiles with cut outs tussle was staged at the armory. open, a few horns, and a few machines dragging strings of tin cans compose most of the noise making apparatus used on the streets. None of the wild enthuslasm, the streamer and confetti high schoolers were leading, been on the car. throwing and other such fea- 10-8, at the end of the half time. tures, usually accompanying the Shots which should have been 53, a railroad conductor; Mrs. celebration are seen here.

Jute Follows Rubber to High Price Levels

LONDON, Dec. 31.-A shortage in the world production of jute threatens to create a situation paralleling, though on a much smaller scale, that of the rubber producers.

Manufacturers everywhere are predicting very high prices in 1926, which will affect American buyers who take approximately 800,000 bales of jute from British India during

India now is the main source of the world's supply, but it is estimated she will produce during the coming season only 8,000,000 bales as against the world's requirements # of 10,000,000 bales.

Dutch financiers are planning to take advantage of the situation by # fostering the growing of jute in Java and building # # a chain of factories there. #

I Sea Captain For 54 Years to Retire Soon

SAN PEDRO, Cal., Dec. # 31. Capt. Fred S. Hayes, # master of the intercoastal freighter Katrina Lukehbach, who is 74 years of tt oldest deep sea skipper # afloat, told his friends # here today that he would retire at the close of his present voyage when his ship docks at New Or-

leans. Captain Hayes has been at sea 54 years. He has # not a single gray hair in

With his third wife, he # plans to retire to his

Opening Game of Season Results in 28-26 Win for Battery B

the last three minutes of play the Battery B. quintet last night surface. In the past there has been came from behind, overcoming but little merry making on the a six point lead, and handed there may have been other vicstreets of the city on New Years the high school five a 28-26 tims of the wreck, as it is unball game of the season. The sengers were aboard the car.

ball was under the high school ported at the mill where he the ball through the hoop.

through the efforts of Al Marske, cut about the face. who appears to be rapidly rounding into the great form he showed last season. Frulan, Aldo and evitable. He slammed on the Roy Parr, Katzer and Moore brakes and jumped from the showed nice work under the car as it toppled over the cage basket, while Gosnell, Beeson and of the draw. Abbott played a nice defensive game.

Both outfits showed ragged work in passing, with the high Represented at school doing a little better work cause of more practice.

Coach Hughes ran two entire teams into the game, using them afternately throughout the game. The game was rough, more than 25 personal fouls being called on the teams. But few of these tries for point were con-

BABCOCK GIFT SHOPPE IS CLOSED THIS WEEK

The Babcock's Gift Shoppe, which has been operating in the Wimer building, 397 E. Main street, closed up this week, at-TO T. S. JANTIARY 15 tributing the failure of the ven-WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 .- ((P) ture to lack of sufficient inter-Rev. Mrs. Thomson, who has leave Chile for this country about tion of the but ness as to what which the firm carried.

Car Crashes Through Open Draw Into Tacoma Waterway

MOTORMAN ESCAPES

Four Live After Crash. Tell Thrilling Story of Escape From Wreckage of Car

TACOMA, Dec. 31. - (LP) -The body of John Dahl, carper ter, was taken from the ward divers at 12:05 p. m. to Divers said there might have bodies in the mass of sol's wreckage, although no have been reported as missi

TACOMA, Dec. 31. - Co Crashing through the wife'v, on the Eleventh street br'dhere, a street car during the night plunged through an ope" draw bridge into the city wa'ce way, 120 feet below.

Eight persons were in the co when it went over the bring-four of whom lived today to tell the thrilling story of their escape from death. The witnesses said that the car was shattered to pieces as it struck the water. The wreckage of the car sank. inishing with a drive during leaving the dazed and uncon-

Fears have been expressed that John Dahl, a carpenter, left for Throughout the first half, the his work, but he has not re basket most of the time, but employed, and so far has not because of the miserable shooting of the Battery B outfit, the expressed that he might have

The dead are: G. E. A. Farrow, baskets were missed time after Alice Scott and her son, Louis, time by the Battery B boys, 5 and T. Obayashi, 57, a Jap-That these shots were not simply anese railway employe. Those hard luck misses was shown by who were injured are Chris Nelthe fact that most of the time son, 36, a logger, who suffered the Battery B. tossers failed a broken arm and shoulder; to hit the ring, let alone drop Earl Hurd, a shop worker, suffering from shock and bruises, The High School five showed Lucien Simard, 22, who sustained better ability at dropping the cuts, and K. Kagamoga, 40, Japball through the ring, largely anese, a shop worker, who was

Clyde Staley, the motorman, saw that the mishap was in-

Seven States Are than the soldiers, largely be Registration Office

Although but eleven cars were registered at the local out-of-state registration hurenu yesterday, seven dif-ferent states were represent-ed by tourists. This is a remarkable showing afferd ants at the bureau ser considering the small now of cars registering and dicate that people from throughout all seasons the year.

registered from Californ's percentage from the