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## CAPTIVES OF RUM RUNNERS TELL A STORY OF THRILLS

Stand Watch for Seven Days and Nights Against Odds

### CAPTURE IS DRAMATIC

Details of Their Adventure Are Told to Acting American Consul

During the past few days news reports carried the story of two prohibition officers being kidnapped by rum runners. Yesterday came the report that the officers had captured the boat and rum runners and had brought them safely to shore. The United News in a copy righted story gives the details of this thrilling affair. Read it.

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### PUERTO, Mex., Dec. 8.—(UN)

Standing watch for seven days and nights against odds of 10 to 1 aboard the French rum running schooner, Arsene J., which they finally delivered into custody at this little Mexican seaport, two American prohibition officers have affected one of the most dramatic captures in the history of dry enforcement.

Virtual prisoners aboard the schooner in the storm tossed Gulf of Mexico, during the past week, J. B. Matthews, an assistant prohibition director, and L. B. Handley, petty officer of the coast-guard, kept the upper hand until lack of food and water forced the Arsene J. to put in here.

The rum runner, which had taken advantage of heavy seas and the distress of a messenger cutter to sail off with the dry officers on board, was delivered by the Americans into the custody of Mexican authorities pending action of the respective governments.

### Part of Work

The kidnaping by the schooner's crew was all part of the day's work, Matthews reported to his superior the arrival at Puerto, Mexico.

But to Acting American Consul J. J. Sparkes the officers told the details of the adventure since they undertook the capture of the Arsene J. off Blixol, Mex. While the world believed them prisoners at the mercy of the rum runner's crew, Matthews and Handley were standing watch, turn about, maintaining their stand as prohibition officers in charge of the vessel.

Handicapped by their ignorance of navigation neither was aware of their exact destination after one day had succeeded another in the boisterous gulf and food and water began to run low.

Pass Ships

They guessed that ships, airplanes and the wireless were cooperating to find them, and they made certain that they would be masters of the situation when the Arsene J. touched port or was overtaken by some rescue vessel.

Ammunition, including United States government arsenal shells for a one pounder, was found aboard the Arsene J., by Handley and Matthews when they boarded the vessel. Matthews disarmed the ship's master and the crew and unloaded a rifle and several revolvers found in possession of the rum runners.

When the schooner was carried away from the American coast by the fury of the storm, the two officers faced a hostile crew of 20 men. The craft master of the Arsene J. told him he would not make an American port, but pretended to head for Tampico. For the next six days he kept Matthews and Handley in the dark as to their whereabouts. Neither knew how to navigate by latitude and longitude. They contented themselves with standing watch and maintaining the upper hand.

Keep Watch

Spelling each other in six hour watches during the night, and

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## FIND CAR THAT WAS USED BY ORMISTON

Missing Radio Operator's Machine is Found in Oakland Garage

### OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 8.—(UN)

The automobile in which Kenneth G. Ormiston, missing Angelus Temple radio operator, drove about central California last spring, was found in an Oakland garage today.

The car had been at the garage since June. It was identified by the motor number. Garage attendants said the man who left it gave the name of Duffy. Ormiston's name was prominent in the investigation which followed Almee Somple McPherson's return from Arizona with a story of having been kidnaped, and in the proceedings which resulted in Mrs. McPherson being held for trial on charges of having attempted to obstruct justice.

Finding the automobile was of no significance in the state's case against Mrs. McPherson, it was agreed.

## RECOMMEND MONEY FOR OREGON HARBORS

Chief of Engineers Asks Congress for \$776,000 for This State

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(UN)

For river and harbor work in Oregon in the next fiscal year the appropriation of \$776,000 is recommended in the report of the chief engineers which went to congress today.

This sum includes both new work and maintenance and the principal item is \$440,000 for the Columbia and Willamette rivers below Portland and Vancouver, of which \$139,906 is for new work. The figures carried by the recommendations are for the most part for maintenance, new work in the meantime proceeding at Coos Bay and at several other points with allotments already made from existing appropriations.

Umpqua is the principal work left at a standstill, halted when 70 per cent complete, by exhaustion of local ability to contribute further.

## Large Soap Firms Plan To Combine

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 8.—(UN)—Two of the largest soap manufacturing companies in the world, the Palmolive company of Chicago and Milwaukee, and the Peet Brothers of Kansas City, plan to consolidate December 31, under the name of the Palmolive-Peet company.

Announcement of the consolidation was made tonight by the general office of Peet Brothers here. The consolidation will be subject to ratification by the stockholders, according to Herbert O. Peet, secretary of Peet Brothers.

The proposed capitalization of the combined companies will be 1,500,000 shares of no par value common stock, and 130,000 shares of preferred stock with a par value of \$100.

## Indians Faith In Car Is Great

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 8.—(UN)—Chief Little Bear, Syracuse Indian, is being held in the city jail here on a telegraphic warrant from Denver, all because he pinned too much faith in the dependability of the white man's tin horse.

Chief Little Bear purchased a second hand automobile in Denver, paying \$95 down and started to Hollywood to earn the additional payment of \$45 by working in the movies.

But the machine broke down in a suburb of this city and as the Indian had already spent nearly \$200 in trying to keep the machine running he was forced to pitch his tepee and camp for awhile.

## FARM BUREAU EMPHASIZES THE PLIGHT OF U. S. FARMERS

Wants Speedy Adjustment of Agriculture Brought About

### ISSUES A WARNING

Speakers Say Farmers Are Going Back Towards Peasantry

CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(UN)—The plight of agriculture was further emphasized Tuesday by speakers at the eighth annual convention of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Warning that speedy adjustment must be brought about in agriculture to harmonize with other industries in the United States, Professor Macey Campbell of Iowa State Teachers' College, told delegates that "Americans must decide if the rural population of the United States must move toward peasantry or power."

Dr. W. B. Kilgore, chairman of the board of trustees of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange, Memphis, Tenn., said that stabilization in cotton prices is vital to the south for under present conditions big crops bring disaster. He estimated that cotton growers' losses from over-production in the last two years was \$760,000,000.

Coalition of southern and northern farm interests was apparent Tuesday night as leaders were in caucus, preparing for the annual business meeting Wednesday. Indications were that internal bickering would be prevented and that a national legislative program would be produced.

The Muscle Shoals project is taking a prominent place in resolutions committee discussions. Edward A. O'Neal, president of the Alabama federation, and national vice-president is strongly behind a resolution approving the American Gyenamid company bid for the Shoals. He characterized the "Clemm plan" for leasing the government property to a special corporation formed by act of congress as "a blind," originated by interest determined to operate the Shoals as a power plant rather than for the production of fertilizer.

Frank O. Lowden, former governor of Illinois and the farmer-backed candidate for president in 1928, will be the principal speaker Wednesday.

## National Missions Secretary Here

Mrs. Frances Bancroft of San Francisco, secretary of National Missions for the Presbyterian church's on the Pacific coast, will be in Ashland Friday, December 10.

Mrs. Bancroft will speak before the Normal student-body at chapel Friday at 10:30 a. m., before the Senior high school student body at 1 p. m., and at the Women's Missionary Society in the Presbyterian church at 2:30 p. m.

A popular meeting will be held in the Presbyterian church, at which Mrs. Bancroft will speak at 7:30 p. m. and the public is cordially invited to attend.

## Plan To Repair Auto Park Cabins

Decision to remodel about eight or ten of the auto cabins in the Lithia Park auto camp was reached at a meeting of the municipal park board yesterday. Several of the cabins can be rebuilt inside and be put in good condition for several years of tourist service, members of the park board said, and it was felt this would be the best and most inexpensive way of handling the auto cabin problem for the coming year.

## HIP TO LIP DRINKING IS TO BE RULED OUT

Federal Court Decision Has Far Reaching Effect on Night Clubs

### CHICAGO, Dec. 8.—(UN)

In a federal court decision which may have far reaching effect on the night club business, hip-to-hip drinking has been ruled out.

More observation of drinking from a cane, cup, glass, flask or what have you, whether the liquor or alleged liquor is bought on the premises or not, is sufficient cause to bring on the padlock, Federal Judge Adam C. Cliffe ruled Tuesday, ordering the closing of three of the snappiest little cabarets this side of the Alleghenies.

The night clubs today are long on faces and short on drinks. Assistant United States Attorney Mary D. Bailey, who directed the proceedings against the night clubs, plans to pin padlock decorations, no palms attached on several loop hotels.

The hostelry managers have their ears to the ground and their eyes on the patrons.

Entertainment magnates say Judge Cliffe's order brings about the twilight of the night clubs. Others say the night places will throw away the keys from twilight to dawn while tired business men and the big and better men absorb eye and ear nourishment — besides the forbidden quaff now and then — soon will be in total eclipse.

Any way it looks like a white Christmas and a black New Year's, black and very, very dry.

## Weren Funeral To Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Desidera Weren, wife of the late Eric Weren, who passed away in Ashland yesterday will be held Thursday morning at ten-thirty from the J. P. Dodge chapel with interment at the Hargadine cemetery.

The deceased was born in Stockholm, Sweden, January 1, 1844, and came to Ashland in 1908, coming here from Cambridge, Mass. She has made her home here continuously since her first arrival except for a brief visit in the east. She is survived by six children, Mrs. G. H. Lassell of Portland, Maine, Mrs. A. Bianchi of Wells, Mass., C. E. Weren of New York City, Mrs. B. O. Wallesten, Mrs. C. L. Bergstrom and E. H. Weren of Ashland. Fifteen grandchildren also survive her.

## ONE MAN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Coroner Starts Investigation in Astoria Railroad Accident

### ASTORIA, Dec. 8.—Coroner E. B. Hughes launched an investigation into the logging train accident near Birkenfeld Oregon late yesterday in which a car of the Green Mountain Logging Company's work train pitched from a trestle and hurled one man, Andrew Anderson, forty-two years old, to his death, injuring twelve others. The train was returning to camp and as it passed over the trestle the last car lurched, became uncoupled and pitched from the trestle falling forty feet.

The engine and first car were all that remained on the track. Forty men were in the car that went over the trestle. Anderson suffered a crushed chest, fractured skull and died within a few minutes after the accident. The injured were rushed to Astoria.

## LITHIA WATER IS IN MIRACLE CLASS

Tourist Drink Some and Feels Better for Month

### Ashland famed Lithia water could well be called a "miracle water" judging from a letter just received by Secretary John H. Fuller of the Chamber of Commerce, from a tourist who says that after drinking some of it last summer he felt so good for a month afterwards that he now wants to secure an additional supply. The letter is as follows:

Orange Cove, Calif., Dec. 7, 1926

Clerk of Chamber of Commerce, Ashland, Ore.

Dear Sir:

While on my way to Portland in August, stopped at Lithia Park overnight and partook of some of your Lithia water in the Municipal Park or Lithia Park. After drinking same seemed to feel so good for a month or so afterwards that I wish to inquire if same can be bought anywhere and if so in what quantities and price of same. Have inquired at drug store here but they cannot find out anything about it.

Hoping to hear from you, I am,

Your truly,

F. J. GEISER.

## SENATE VOTES INVESTIGATE OLD CHARGES OF BRIBERY

Claim Senator From Maine Made Large Payments to Help His Enterprises

### WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—The senate has voted 70 to 7 to investigate the nine year old bribery charges against the new senator from Maine, Arthur R. Gould.

He paid \$100,000 to the premier of New Brunswick, allegedly to further his public utility enterprises in Canada. A Canadian judge described the payment as bribery. Now the senate is to determine whether this act unfits Gould morally to take his seat. If the verdict goes against him the seat will be declared vacant and Maine will have to choose a new senator. It does not mean the automatic seating of a democrat, as the validity of Gould's election is not in question.

Thus the senate plunges into a first rank question of political morality. It also has the Vane and Smith cases in the offing. Another senator's political past may be investigated. Persons are in Washington now, seeking such an inquiry.

So it appears that the seamy side of politics is going to be constantly before congress during the next year or two just as the dirty side of oil was the dominating subject three years ago when the Doheny and Teapot dome affairs were first exposed.

## PALACE DESTROYED

BUCHAREST, Dec. 8.—The central part of the Royal Palace was destroyed by fire today. Queen Marie and other members of the royal family were moved to Cotroceni palace.

## SIXTY FIVE INCHES OF SNOW AT LAKE

Snow This Year is Said to be More Tightly Packed Than Usual

Snow is 65 inches deep at the rim of Crater Lake, according to reports brought to local Crater Lake National Park headquarters today by two park rangers. There is a depth of 23 inches at Government Camp, 11 inches at Anna Springs Camp. The snow is heavy and contains twice the ordinary water content, insuring adequate water for valley irrigation needs if other high altitudes near bodies of water used as irrigation sources, have proportionate depths.

The snow is up to the average depth for this time of the year, but is of a more tightly packed nature. One of the few times when the lake entirely freezes over, is reported to have taken place last week when a thin sheet of ice formed over its entire surface. The ice, however, is said to have lasted a short time only. The snow line commences at the 5000 foot level, or one mile this side of the west entrance of the park and during the ensuing months will probably gradually lower.

## HI-Y CLUB HOLDS REGULAR MEETING

Amendment is Made to Constitution Prohibiting Liquor Users

The Ashland school Hi-Y club held its regular meeting in Pioneer hall last evening. Following the dinner and business session, Seldon Burton and Wilfred Wagner were initiated into the active membership of the club. The initiation was put on by Barney Miller and Elliott MacCracken. Two others, Gordon Claycomb and James Hartley were eligible to be present and will be initiated at a later meeting. During the business session it was unanimously voted to amend the constitution so that membership in the Hi-Y will not be open to those students who use tobacco or indulge in intoxicating liquor. James Nutter and Barney Miller were appointed as a committee of two to draw up this amendment. It was agreed that last night's meeting to have the Hi-Y dinner at 5:30 during basket ball season in order that those out for this sport might report on time and thus cooperate with Coach Cripe. The meeting adjourned early last evening that players might attend the practice at 7:30.

## PROSPERITY IN AMERICA IS AT HIGH TIDE

Secretary of Treasury Mellon Takes Optimistic View of Nation's Future

SUGGESTS TAX CUT

Is in Favor of a Thirty Per Cent Reduction in Income Taxes This Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8.—(UN) America is now enjoying a very high tide of prosperity with no indication of ebbing. Secretary of the Treasury reported to congress today.

The national income has reached new record level despite maladjustment in a few industries and prosperity is continuing, he said in his annual report on the nation's finances.

Mellon recommended some new legislation, warned against a permanent tax reduction at this time, but sanctioned a cut of 30 per cent in income taxation for the first six months of 1927 (or 15 per cent for the year) because of the large expected treasury surplus.

Gratifying results in prohibition enforcement have been accomplished during the year, he informed congress, urging passage of pending dry legislation.

"If we take the United States as a whole, the current year has been good," he said. "The high earning power of our people, from which comes our great buying capacity, is indicated by increases in sales during the year by mail order houses and of agricultural implements, motor cars, tractors and many other articles once considered luxuries."

Mellon said the Florida lead boom "seems to have subsided without serious injury." He pointed out that the bumper crop lowered cotton prices but enabled the textile industry to recover by taking advantage of cheap cotton.

"Savings accounts have gone up, more life insurance is being written and sound securities are sought by the small investor," Mellon said.

"During the year commodity prices generally have declined slightly and farm prices have not been restored to their relative position as compared with all prices.

"There is little unemployment and wages are good. Industry is active."

Mellon pointed out that railroads have recovered from their losses following government control and the building industry is sound, despite over-construction in some lines.

"The financial structure of the federal government is in excellent shape," he continued. "The national debt is below nineteen and one half billion dollars just after the war; government bonds are all above par and taxes are yielding ample returns."

"Credit throughout the country seems to be ample. Money for investment is plentiful. On the whole it seems to me our domestic situation is in good shape and we can look forward to another satisfactory year."

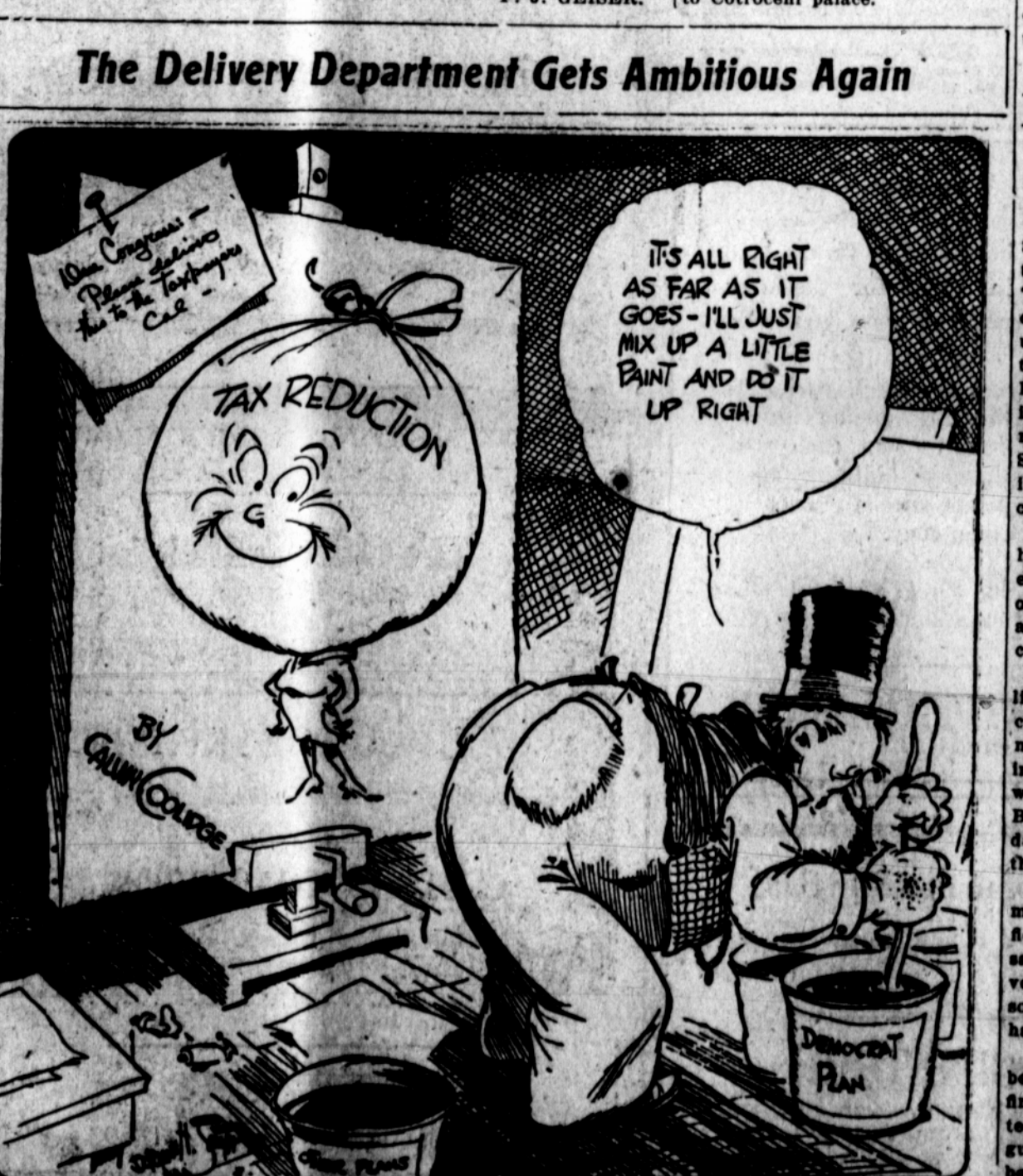
Discussing world conditions, Mellon said the finances of France, Italy and Belgium have improved, the Dawes plan is functioning satisfactorily, world trade has increased and the United States can look for continued improvement abroad.

Mellon warned bankers against making international loans unless they are sound. He pointed out that some borrowed money might even be used to establish competition against American industry.

Federal approval of contemplated loans were suggested by the secretary.

## APPLE BLOSSOMS

Apple blossoms in December attracted considerable attention to the Tidings office today when W. A. Patrick, of 319 Almond street brought a branch from a banana tree into the office, which he had just picked.



## Death of Detective Is Still a Mystery

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 8.—(UN)—The mystery of the murder of Luther M. Bishop, "ace" of the state bureau of criminal investigation, remained unsolved tonight and his attractive 38 year old widow, Edith Bishop, who had been held for investigation, was permitted to return to her home under guard. She had spent the previous night in the matron's ward of the county jail.

At the coroner's hearing today her attorney, C. E. Hall, charged that she was being deprived of her liberty and protested against holding her further, because no charges had been filed.

The coroner's hearing today listened chiefly to testimony concerning the finding of two automatic pistols in an oatmeal box in the Bishop residence. The weapons belonged to Detective Bishop and were used early Sunday by his slayer who fired while the detective slept.

C. E. Riggs, county evidence man, took the stand and testified that before he could prevent it, Leo Bishop, 15 year old son of the murdered detective, handled them.

"I warned him to be careful because I knew there might be fingerprints on the guns," Riggs testified, "but when he saw the guns in the oatmeal box he grabbed them."