

FRANCE HAS COLDEST WEATHER IN YEARS

Earthquakes Are Blamed by Scientists for Latest Cold Spell

Paris, Dec. 21.—(UN)—France is shivering this winter in the coldest weather that has been experienced for 20 years, and scientists put the blame on earthquakes in mid-Atlantic and the Gulf stream.

They have been taking the temperature of ocean water along the Atlantic coast and have reported that every year sees the ocean growing colder. In their opinion, the day is not a thou-

sand years since when Europe will be a winter resort and France will be deserted except during a few months of the summer.

If the Gulf Stream, which gives certain parts of France its mild winters, is shifted, only a few hundred miles out of its course by further changes of the ocean's bottom, the heat-bringing water from the tropics will lay a course for Iceland and might even bring winter primroses to Greenland.

For several years there was a loud cry in France against the action of American engineers in bridging the Florida keys for the railroad to Key West. In the opinion of French newspaper writers, this bridge had dammed up some of the Gulf stream, and the cold waters of the past few years were blamed on the railroad viaduct.

SUPER CRIMINALS ARE SCARCE IN NEW YORK

Operation of New Laws Has Automatically Reduced Criminals

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—For the first time since the World War, New York faces a new year with no "super criminals" at large. For the first time also, the metropolis has been freed of a Christmas crime wave.

A new set of laws that operate automatically as the turn-stiles in the subway stations seem to have checked the super-criminal into oblivion.

For under the Baumes laws, each felony conviction advances the criminal just that much further toward permanent segregation. They operate as precisely and impersonally as a machine. Four felonies, four clicks of the machine that the legislature has constructed, and life imprisonment results.

There can be no time off for "good behavior", no appeals to a parole board. Even the judges are left no choice.

A good illustration of how the Baumes laws efface a criminal was furnished by what happened to "Bum" Rodgers, once a two-gun potentate with an unscrupulous gang of thugs at his beck and call. Many "jobs" had been laid at Rodgers' door. He had a long record and at last three felony convictions. But with one escape and many court delays and appeals, he had spent little time in jail. His face was more familiar in the newspapers than that of most cabinet officers.

Then they arrested "Bum" for the first time since the Baumes laws went into effect last July 1. He was caught with a pistol in his possession. That has long constituted a felony in New York.

The impersonal automatic Baumes laws swung into action. Rodgers never even made a fight in court. He pleaded guilty to possessing a pistol. It was a fourth offense. Agnomiously and mechanically, less than a fortnight after his arrest he began the spending of the rest of his natural life in prison.

Ashland Girl Dies at Salem

Friends Will Be Grieved to Learn of the Death of Mrs. Virgil O'Neil

Friends will be grieved to learn of the death of Mrs. Virgil O'Neil which occurred at Salem, Sunday December 19.

Mrs. O'Neil was formerly Miss Jean DeCarlow of Pinehurst but well known in Ashland, where she was graduated from high school with the class of 1925, after which she attended San Jose Teacher's College.

She was married in July 1926 to V. G. O'Neil of Salem. Death resulted from pneumonia. Mr. and Mrs. C. W. DeCarlow left immediately upon hearing of her illness but were unable to reach her bedside while she was conscious.

She leaves to mourn her loss besides her husband, her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. DeCarlow of Pinehurst, three sisters, Mrs. Walter Oliver of Klammath Falls, Mrs. J. E. Patterson of Palo Alto, Cal., and Miss Irma DeCarlow, one brother L. C. DeCarlow, and two aunts, Mrs. Ola Beier and Mrs. Ella Hunter, all of Pinehurst.

Burial service is to be held in Salem Tuesday, December 21.

CALIFORNIA'S TAX PLAN RECOMMENDED

Want Revenues Raised From Gross Earnings of Corporations

PORTLAND, Dec. 21.—(UN)—Convinced of the feasibility of the California system of raising state revenue from gross earnings of public utilities, the sub-committee of the state tax investigating plan will recommend to the legislature that a similar plan be adopted in Oregon.

The committee has just returned from a study of the California law. The function of the law is that utilities pay the cost of state government, thereby becoming relieved from county property taxes. Thus, it is explained, the trend would be to increase county taxes on real property while the real property in turn would be relieved from the burden of paying state taxes.

It is pointed out that the taxes paid public utilities now would be sufficient to support the state government.

Coolidge Son Home For the Holidays

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(UN)—John Coolidge, home from Amherst college for the holidays, will have a respite from the secret service surveillance ordered by the president last fall when the youth showed too much interest in social life at college.

John arrived at midnight. It is reported the president has consented to his attending some parties and dances at exclusive Washington homes during the school recess.

When he returns to school, however, a secret service man will accompany him, and there is no indication that this practice will not continue through the remaining two and one-half years of his college course.

Coolidge is said to feel that late hours do not go well with good grades, particularly at Amherst.

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This trip also included a talk at Bend, and a radio address over KGW at Portland, and from which the head of the Oregon commercial organization is still receiving complimentary letters and telegrams.

MANN ACT VIOLATORS SUEING FOR A DIVORCE

Troubled Affairs of Wealthy Couple Are Clearing Somewhat

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(UN)—The troubled affairs of Mrs. Isabelle Keyes Burch and Captain Arnoldo Marsen, arrested here a month ago for alleged violation of the Mann act, after a transcontinental elopement, have cleared somewhat with the announcement that the legal mates of both have begun divorce proceedings.

Chauncey Tramutelo, who has represented the couple since a grand jury investigation of the case was started, declared Sunday that he has received word that the way has been opened for the marriage of the Italian war hero and Mrs. Burch, who is his wife's daughter-in-law.

Tramutelo said that Lyndon Burch filed suit for divorce from Mrs. Burch at Yonkers on December 11, and that Mrs. Grace Marsen, the captain's wife, filed her suit last week.

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