

THE WEATHER
 Cloudy with possible showers in southern part of state. Snow in eastern part.

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REDUCTION IN FEDERAL TAX TO BE SOUGHT

Too Much Money Will be Available This Year, Says Congressman

REFUND TO BE MADE

Secretary Mellon's Plan Arouses Considerable Talk in Washington

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(UN)—Two decisive reactions developed today in official circles following Secretary of the Treasury Mellon's announcement of a \$175,000,000 refund to be made on illegally collected taxes.

First, Senator Couzens, Michigan republican, announced his intention of sponsoring a bill to give comptroller General McAuliffe authority to audit all government books and have full supervision of collection and refund of taxes. This would prevent the mistakes of this year, which resulted in the huge refunds, Couzens believes.

Taken Illegally

Second, Secretary Mellon will ask congress to make an appropriation for the tax refund which, he says, was collected illegally and must be returned. Most of the refunds are being made under the excess profits tax, which is now extinct.

Some of the refunds date back as far as 1917. Declaring his intention to push for a tax reduction at this session of this congress, Representative Oldfield has said that the government is collecting entirely too much money from both individuals and corporations.

Unless there is immediate tax reduction the government will collect approximately a half billion dollars more than is needed during the present fiscal year, he said.

WILL INVESTIGATE BOMB MANUFACTURE

New Orleans Said to be Center of Plot to Aid Rebel Troops

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 1.—(UN)—Police have been asked to investigate the report that nitroglycerine bombs are being manufactured in New Orleans for use by the troops of President Adolfo Diaz, conservative government head, in Nicaragua.

The Diaz government, which has been recognized by the United States, has asked permission of the department of state to ship these explosives with the airplane it has assembled here.

Complaint that handling high explosives in the city violates the municipal safety regulations has been made.

CORVALLIS HIGH IS WINNER OVER LOCALS

Ashland Defeated in Basketball Tilt, 17 to 13, Last Night

Superior team work by the invaders last night brought about the defeat of Ashland high school's basketball team when Corvallis high emerged victor, 17 to 13, after 60 minutes of hard playing.

In the first half neither team could get started and basket shooting on both sides was weak. Ashland led, 8 to 4, at the end of the first half, but Corvallis came back strong in the final period and finally passed the local basketers after a strong up-hill fight.

This was the first game of the season for the local squad, and it had not had sufficient practice to take on such a strong team as the Corvallis boys.

In the preliminary game, the normal school second team defeated Central Point high school, 23 to 19, in a hotly contested game. The normals were leading by a wide margin in the first half but Central Point came from behind speedily in the final half but could not quite overtake the normal rooks.

OREGON'S DIVORCE RECORD IS LARGE

This State Declared to be Second in the Entire Country

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 1.—(UN)—Figures published by the census bureau show that Oregon heads the list of coast states in the proportion of divorces and also as being the second highest in the United States.

Oregon's rate is 3.47, California's 2.78 and Washington's 2.85. Roughly estimated, this means that Oregon has one divorce in every two and one-half marriages, Washington one in four and California one in five.

Nevada, according to the census, has the highest divorce rate in the country, 18.40.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC FREIGHT INCREASES

Figures of Railroad Company Show Good Business During 1926

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1.—(UN)—The Southern Pacific Co. has announced that the greatest volume of freight ever offered for shipment in any one year was loaded on its lines during 1926 without development of any car shortage.

Figures compiled for the first 11 months of this year show that 1,277,736 freight cars were loaded, representing a gain of 3.5 per cent over loadings in a like period of 1925.

EDITOR WINS HIS RELEASE IN CONTEMPT PROCEEDINGS

Alfred Lindsay of Eureka Freed From Jail on Last Day of 1926

JUDGE CHANGES MIND

Jurist Who Jailed, Publisher Grants Pardon as he Leaves Office

EUREKA, Cal., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Alfred Lindsay, editor of a weekly newspaper here, was released on order of Judge Denver Sevier, who sentenced him. Judge Sevier retired to private life last night and the order pardoning the newspaper man was his last official act before he retired from the superior bench. Judge Sevier was defeated for office in the general election this fall.

Lindsay was sentenced to 1000 days in jail after he had been found guilty of contempt of court. The sensational case had its inception with Lindsay's bitter attacks on law enforcement and his charges against Judge Sevier in that connection.

DECLARES HANGING HELPS HALT CRIME

Governor Richardson Says Pardon Should be Given Sparingly

SACRAMENTO, Jan. 1.—(UN)—Attacking "sentimentalists and hysterical newspapers" and strongly supporting capital punishment as a preventative of crime, Governor Richardson has made public the text of a message on executive clemency which, as required by the state constitution, will be presented to the state legislature next week.

"The execution of one criminal is a greater deterrent of crime than the confinement of 100 in prison," the message stated. "The fear of the noose on the part of the criminal element is a measure of protection to every citizen."

The governor said that during his four years in office he had granted only four pardons and one commutation of sentence. The four pardons were issued to persons convicted and sentenced in Los Angeles.

Prohi Office To Be Changed Soon

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—(UN)—The prohibition administration headquarters for the mountain district may be moved from Boise, Idaho, to Helena, Mont., it was learned at the treasury department today.

Final action will depend upon the recommendation of the administrator for the district.

ROBERTA INGERSOLL IGNORES ADMIRER BUT REMEMBERS HER HUSBAND WITH BIG BEQUEST

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—(UN)—Mrs. Roberta Ingersoll's will ignored the admirer over whose affections she ended her life, but remembered her aged husband, the manufacturer who failed in business after making the dollar watch famous.

The will of the woman who killed herself after shooting Wallace M. Probasco, a fortnight ago, was filed for probate here Friday.

It left bulk of the estate, estimated at \$200,000 in trust for her mother, Mrs. A. M. Benson, and her grandnephew, Earl J. Lewis, Jr., both of Greenville, Mich.

In one clause of her will Mrs. Ingersoll directed that a \$30,000 mortgage she held against property in Lansing, Mich., owned by her husband, Robert H. Ingersoll, be canceled at no charge to him.

No mention was made of Probasco, who is recovering from three bullet wounds Mrs. Ingersoll inflicted during a quarrel in her apartment here just before she committed suicide.

THEORY OF MURDER IS HELD UNFOUNDED

California Officials Deny Claim of Double Murder 10 Years Ago

WHITTIER, Cal., Jan. 1.—(UN)—County authorities denied the report here Thursday that George Hassel confessed to slaying of 13, murdered his wife and three children ten years ago.

An investigation was made here after Mrs. George Hoffmann of Pittsburgh, Pa., was reported in dispatches to have intimated that her sister, Mrs. George Hassel and her family might have been slain by Hassel at Whittier.

Constable Robert Way, working in conjunction with the sheriff's office declared that he had lived in the town over forty years and during that time no such crime as that reported had occurred here.

Aimee To Go On A Vacation Trip

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 1.—(UN)—A two months "vacation tour," during which she will probably hold revival meetings in many of the principal cities of the United States soon after January 15, was announced Tuesday by Aimee Semple McPherson. Her itinerary will include Denver, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Philadelphia, Boston and other Atlantic coast cities. The evangelist said she would "quite likely" hold meetings in all of those cities mentioned.

Mrs. McPherson said she had been urged by eastern members of the church of the Four Square Gospel to hold a series of meetings at the Sesqui-centennial exposition grounds at Philadelphia.

Ben Laska, Denver attorney, also urged her to conduct meetings in the Colorado metropolis. She intimated that she would accept both invitations during the vacation.

The evangelist will make no reference to her Los Angeles court troubles during her eastern tour, she said.

Mrs. McPherson was "too busy" Tuesday to discuss the state's latest move for a joint trial of the evangelist and Kenneth G. Ormiston, former Angelus temple radio man on charges of perjury and conspiracy.

SITUATION IN NICARAGUA IS NOW CRITICAL

United States Faces Dangerous Situation, Officials Believe

MEXICO IN TURMOIL

New Oil Laws South of Rio Grand Also Will Cause Much Trouble

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 1.—(UP)—With the opening of the new year, the United States government faces in Mexico and Nicaragua two of the most dangerous situations in the history of its Latin-America relations, in the opinion of officials here.

Secretary of State Kellogg is frankly at a loss to know whether to follow with action his threat to break diplomatic relations with Mexico over the oil laws which become effective today. The new laws provide for the seizure of American properties whose title have not been exchanged for concessions.

Officials are considering demands for lifting the embargo on arms which would permit Mexican counter revolutionists to get supplies and seriously embarrass the Calles regime.

Irving E. Vining Is Club Speaker

Pointing out the change that had been made in the last several years in the industrial policy of the United States, and enlarging upon the benefits to be derived from this change particularly on the Pacific Coast, Professor I. E. Vining issued a warning to members of the Kiwanis club and business men in general at the meeting yesterday, that there must be a slowing up in the pace being set by the newer generation in the buying of those things which are not considered essential.

Taking the change that labor has undergone since the days of Abraham Lincoln, whom he characterized as the first to take definite steps towards changing conditions, Professor Vining traced the movement until today, declaring that with the development of machinery it was found that men could produce more and receive more without working the long hours of the earlier period. This has brought about a condition, he said, that was liable to spell disaster in that children were being brought up in an atmosphere of luxury, which was impossible to maintain when they launched upon their own responsibility.

The meeting was presided over by President J. H. Hardy, and the singing was led by Henry Enders, Jr.

EARTH SHOCKS FEELT CALEXICO, CAL.

(UP)—A series of severe earth tremors rocked this city and vicinity early today with considerable damage to buildings.

COMPENSATION ACT RULING IS DEFEATED

Portland Jurist Clarifies Important Section of Oregon Law

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—(UN)—An important decision affecting the workmen's compensation act was rendered in court here by Judge Hewitt in case of L. W. Lull vs. The Hasen-Hammond company, Inc., for injuries received while working for the company.

Judge Hewitt ruled that a workman who goes to work for an employer who is under the protection of the workmen's compensation act must, at the time of going to work, reject the act or he will be subject to workmen's compensation.

may Oregon Historical Society Auditorium

CHARLES H. PIERCE NOW ASHLAND MAYOR

Oath of Office Taken Today in Order to Safeguard Bond Issue

Charles H. Pierce, Ashland's new mayor who was elected without opposition, took the oath of office today. Miss Gertrude Biede, city recorder, went to the Pierce residence where she administered the oath of office to the new city executive.

This action was taken today in order to safeguard the sale of water bonds has authorized by the council this week. The bonds are dated Jan. 1, and on the advice of City Attorney Briggs, Mr. Pierce was sworn in today in order that he might sign these bonds.

The new mayor and council will hold their first meeting on Tuesday evening, at which time it is expected committee appointments will be announced and policies of the new administration outlined.

Fur Muffs Will Be Worn Again

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 1.—The midwinter season has presented one new fad to screen stars.

Fur muffs, which have been considered passe for a number of years, are again in vogue.

Norma Shearer is wearing a coat of black velvet trimmed with collar and band of unborn calf. The muff, which is just large enough to cover her hands and which is egg shaped, is of the same skin.

Marcelline Day carries a muff made of monkey fur, which is perfectly round and very small.

WHITE SLAVER NABBED

BEND, Ore., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Harvey Hosley, alleged white slaver, was taken into custody here yesterday and will be returned to Susanville, Cal., to face Mann act charges. He is alleged to have transported a 15-year-old girl to Susanville from Oregon.

REPAIRING OF KLAMATH ROAD BEING RUSHED BY ENGINEERS

Three-Mile Stretch From Junction to Grade is Now Passable

SPREAD CRUSHED ROCK

Resident Engineer Bromley Says Highway is Now Entirely Safe

Here's cheering news for Ashland and Klamath Falls. The erstwhile sea of mud in the three-mile stretch between the Klamath junction and the bottom of the Green Springs grade is now in good condition and easily passable.

This is the information officially given out last night by J. G. Bromley, resident engineer for the state highway commission, who has charge of highway work in Jackson county.

Three More Weeks

It will be about three weeks before all the work on this particular section will be fully completed, but cars can now go over it without danger or inconvenience of any kind.

Crushed rock has been placed over the entire length in the center of the roadway, he said. This permits good traffic. The highway crews are now working 12 hours daily to complete the work by spreading the crushed rock along the sides to the full width of the roadway.

Mr. Bromley explained that this stretch of work has a decomposed granite top which will stand up under about five years of ordinary wear.

Highway engineers last summer saw that the road was becoming worn and the highway commission in September awarded a contract for the immediate repair of the road. The unexpected setting in of heavy rains prevents the contractor from getting to work, and as a consequence, the highway for these three miles became close to impassable as a result of the recent heavy rains.

Mr. Bromley pointed out that the Ashland-Klamath highway during the past year has shown a larger increase in traffic than any other highway in the state. "We are now operating two graders and five trucks, hauling and laying the crushed rock, and are doing everything possible to speed up the work," said Mr. Bromley. The men are working every hour of daylight in order to complete the repairs as speedily as possible.

COLONEL DUPONT DIES

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 1.—(UP)—Colonel Henry Dupont, 83, member of the prominent Delaware family, died at his home here yesterday. He had been in good health and his death was unexpected.

NINETEEN TWENTY-SIX IN PICTURE RETROSPECT

THE BRITISH CRUISE SHIPS

THE EUCHEMISTIC CONGRESS

THE POLAR FLIGHTS

THE MIAMI HURRICANE

THE DEFEAT OF DENMARK

LUTHER BARKHAM

RUDOLPH VALENTINO

THE WORLD SERIES '26

JIMMY WILSON'S MARCH

THE BULL-MULLS ACCIDENT

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