

TOLL OF LIVES FROM FIRE AND COLD MOUNTING

Far West and Rocky Mountain Sections Slightly Relieved Today

Mid-West Is Hardest Hit Now; Loss of Lives Is Reported

CINCINNATI, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Winter's icy grip relaxed in the far west and Rocky mountain regions today while its clasp was tightening in the mid-west and it reached out to envelope the east.

Although nearly normal temperatures may be reached in most of the cold wave area within 24 hours, days will elapse before wire and rail communication, paralyzed in some sections, resume usual operations.

Meanwhile the toll of lives continued to mount as deaths from freezing were added to by fatalities in fires resulting from overheating. Considerable suffering was felt among the poor, but relief organizations were not reported overtaken by demands. Rising mercury and fair skies were reported in Montana and Colorado the last of the Rocky mountain states to feel relief after five days of bitter cold. A man and a woman were frozen to death in the Butte district.

Three Are Burned. Three members of a family of four were burned to death at Casper, Wyo., where an explosion was caused by lowered gas pressure that put out fires in their home. The fourth, a four-year old boy, was expected to die.

Eight deaths were reported in Missouri, Kansas and Oklahoma, where thousands of dollars of property damage was done. During the night the Chicago fire department answered more than a hundred calls. Occupants of a two story tenement were driven to the streets when fire destroyed the building early today. More than 30 degrees drop to 5 below zero was recorded in Chicago in four hours.

Trains in the middle west were running from severe hours to more than 24 hours late, and two passenger trains, which left St. Louis Thursday, were lost somewhere in Missouri early today. Train crews frequently were forced to remove trees and poles felled across tracks by their burdens of ice.

Wires Down. Member newspapers of The Associated Press, cut off from the outside world by paralyzed wire communication were kept in touch with the outside world by radio. Dispatches brought into Chicago by wire were radioed by The Associated Press from station WMAQ of the Chicago Daily News.

The Jefferson City bureau of The Associated Press, cut off by wire for two days, transmitted dispatches by radio from station WOS at the state capital to WDAF, Kansas City Star station. The Kansas City and St. Louis bureaus of the Associated Press also communicated by radio.

Wire facilities of The Associated Press to the southeast and the southwest from Chicago were badly crippled and much re-routing of lines was necessary to bring the quota of news from these sections into the cold wave area.

Agricultural Group To Meet Again In Washington, Jan. 5

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The president's agricultural commission, appointed to determine a permanent agricultural program will reconvene here January 5, it was learned in advices received here from Chairman Robert D. Carey of Wyoming.

Immediate recommendations to the president for relief of the livestock industry are expected to follow, the chairman said. The cattle industry and cooperative marketing were designated for first attention by the commission when it recessed last month shortly after its organization.

Chairman Carey has written to presidents of the twelve federal land banks who are to meet here in January, suggesting a conference with the commission.

He told the bankers, that the problem of finance was the greatest in the livestock industry and suggested they would be able to give the commission valuable information. He indicated that the financing of other phases of agriculture might be discussed.

Child, 3 Days Old, Dies at Hospital

Joseph Bristow, three-day-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Bristow, 341 Adams street, died at the Mercy hospital today.

Grave-side services and interment will be held at the Masonic cemetery Sunday, December 21, at 2:30 o'clock, with Father Curley in charge. The Veatch chapel is in charge of the funeral arrangements.

Parole Revealed At Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 20.—Bert Oswald, former well known grain dealer of Walla Walla, has been paroled from the penitentiary here. Oswald had served slightly less than one year and two months of a sentence of two to fifteen years for grand larceny. He had also been sentenced on another charge to serve 18 months to 15 years both charges being based on alleged stealing of wheat from warehouses in Walla Walla county.

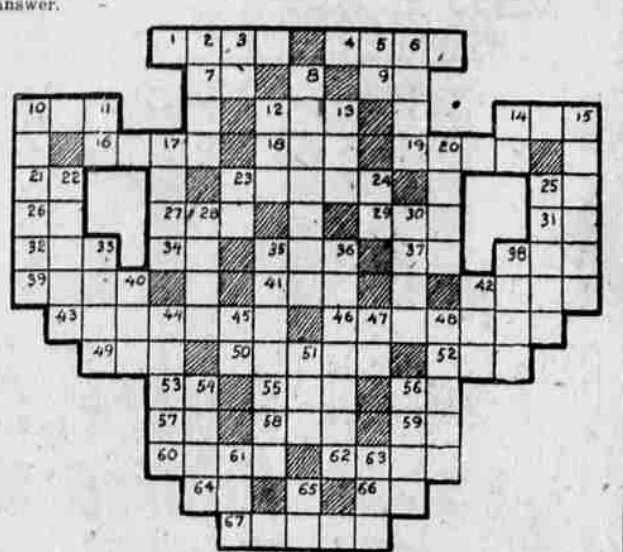
Japanese Cabinet Approves Budget

TOKIO, Dec. 20.—(AP)—The Japanese cabinet today approved a total expenditure of yen 1,224,000,000 for the coming year. The expenditure represents the final budget total.

Today's Cross-Word Puzzle

THE JUG—Twister No. 54
By SOL VITT

The jug looks somewhat empty now, but see how fast you can fill it with the words it needs to make it overflow. With the exception of two proper names, all of the words contained in this puzzle are in every day use. See how long it takes you to solve this twister.



HORIZONTAL

- 1—pull
- 4—collect
- 7—inside
- 10—beverage
- 12—human beings
- 14—employ
- 16—a medieval war-club
- 18—metallic substance
- 19—inquires
- 21—preposition
- 23—chased
- 25—same (abbr.)
- 26—business concern (abbr.)
- 27—mineral
- 29—before
- 31—prefix
- 32—meaning
- 34—knockout
- 35—announced

VERTICAL

- 2—cereal
- 3—grass
- 5—pronoun
- 6—state of insensibility
- 8—evidence
- 11—part of verb 'to be'
- 13—denoting
- 15—watched
- 17—barrel-like container
- 20—maiden name
- 22—one who carries
- 23—Southern state (abbr.)
- 24—a musical
- 25—thoughts
- 28—heavy stick
- 30—highway
- 33—former capital of Normandy
- 35—covering with specks
- 36—asks for with
- 38—noble
- 41—female name
- 42—attend to
- 44—peruses
- 45—like
- 47—above
- 48—ventured
- 51—female deer
- 54—sailing vessel
- 56—portent
- 61—snare
- 63—elongated fish
- 65—walk

Here with is solution to puzzle No. 53

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CHRISTMAS EVE RED REVOLUTION RUMORS CURRENT

PARIS, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Rumors of plans for a "red revolution" on the eve of Christmas have been rife for the last few days. The authorities are not so much concerned over the alleged plotting as the spreading of such reports and the prefecture of police promises rigorous prosecution with expulsion for foreigners and of those found guilty of disseminating them.

Some of the stories have gone into great detail about alleged plans of the reds, stating that the communists had secured the adhesion to their cause of the drivers of the tanks attached to the Paris garrison.

The opposition press also continues to sound warnings of communist activities. La Liberté and others printing accounts of an elaborate plot for the seizure of Amiens by the local communists, supposed to have been discovered by the police.

Lady Astor Admits She Likes Spirits

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Lady Astor, known for her sponsoring of the temperance legislation in the house of commons, of which she is a member, publicly owned up to a liking for ardent spirits.

Opening an east end "pub," just converted from a liquor saloon to temperance ways, she said:

"I am very fond of gin and rum but as you go through life you will find there are a lot of things you want but are better without."

On this text she based a little sermon concerning the evils of alcohol, which she declared, as "no good to any one."

LION'S OFFICER HERE Frank Neer, of Salem, district governor of the Lions club, who was a visitor in Eugene recently, will return after the first of the year and meet with the local club, it is announced.

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White House Christmas Is To Be Quiet

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Christmas at the White House will be very quiet this year because of the death within the past 12 months of the younger son of President and Mrs. Coolidge.

Plans for the observance of the holiday season are most simple. John, son of the president, who is attending Amherst college, will arrive home Sunday, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, the Coolidge family's closest friends, will come early in the week.

The choir of the First Congregational church, which the President and Mrs. Coolidge attend, will sing Christmas carols from the north portico on Christmas eve as last year, and President Coolidge at his desk will turn a switch lighting the big community Christmas tree planted in Sherman Park, south of the treasury.

ANNUAL REPORT OF RED CROSS GIVEN

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who are not ex-service men. Five Spanish war veterans were aided in November.

Garments Completed. The reports of the production committee show that 45 garments were completed for disabled men in hospital, the material being furnished by the chapter, and the garments being made by the American legion auxiliary. Thursday of this week the chapter shipped 20 pairs of pajamas, 24 anorak jackets, 12 tuberculosis jackets, two bath robes and three beanie caps to hospital.

"A grand total of \$2220.21 has been collected in the relief thus far," said Miss Norton. "Eugene post reported \$2047.39, which includes Oakes grange, \$31; Coburg, \$12; Oakridge, \$57; North Fork, \$7; Springfield post, report was \$107.85, showing Wendling, \$55.90; Waltherville, \$15; Marcola, \$24; Springfield grange, \$11.05; Vida, \$5. Not yet reported \$14, and Junction City has not yet reported."

Livesavers Active. "The livesaving committee reports 17 new members in the men's corps and 14 new members in the women's corps. Twelve juniors completed the test last spring and will be eligible for the senior test. Four demonstrations were given."

Miss Norton gave much credit to the American Legion and George E. Love, commander, for its aggressive action in sponsoring the annual relief year, as well as to the posts in outlying communities. The year's report showed the work to have been almost double during the last six months in comparison with previous reports.

VACATION JOURNEY TO SOUTH PLANNED

A two weeks' vacation trip, through California, Mexico, Arizona and Texas will be taken by L. L. Graham, district freight and passenger agent of the Southern Pacific railway, starting Sunday night. Accompanied by Mrs. Graham, and the three children, Roy, George and Dorris, Mr. Graham will go first to San Francisco, where he will spend Tuesday, taking in the Rotary club luncheon at the Palace hotel.

Leaving for Los Angeles Tuesday night, the party will arrive in time to spend Christmas day with Mr. Graham's oldest sister, Mrs. J. L. Shoemaker, a former resident of Oregon, and will next proceed to El Paso, Tex., giving Mr. Graham opportunity personally to inspect the new Sunset limited train just started by the Southern Pacific.

On the return trip the Grahams will leave El Paso December 28 over the San Diego, Arizona and Eastern through the scenic Carrizo Gorge in Arizona. Before leaving San Diego they expect to visit Tijuana, Mexico, returning to Los Angeles in time for the big New Year's intersection football game at the Tournament of Roses in Pasadena. They will leave for Eugene January 2, stopping at Helm, Cal., enroute to visit friends.

This is the first vacation to be taken by Mr. Graham for seven years and he is taking advantage of the opportunity to make a study of Southern Pacific lines and service at first hand.

Insure with Henry Tromp, 33 W. 9th

BLACKMAIL STORY MEETS DENIAL OF JOHN M'CORMACK

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rumors that John McCormack had paid \$100,000 to blackmailers in Boston after being maneuvered into a compromising situation in the Copley Plaza hotel, are branded as falsehood by the singer.

The tenor revealed today that for five years the whispered story had been going the rounds—so vague that it never could be traced further than that somebody heard "from somebody else of the blackmailers' plot. At the trial on William Corcoran, former district attorney of Middlesex county, and others accused of conspiring to extort \$50,000 from Victor F. Searles, an affidavit referring to the story was introduced in evidence.

Mrs. Abraham Levy, who admits having been used by the blackmail gang to lure its victims, made the affidavit. She said she had learned of the story of the blackmail of "John McCormack," as the affidavit put it, through a conversation among members of the blackmailing gang.

"Fight back; you can't; not a ban- chee you can't see," said Mr. McCormack, referring to his efforts to get at the source of the rumor.

"My friends know that I have played the game of life decently," continued McCormack, "they know my family life has been right, and my public don't believe this lie. That I know."

"I have never been blackmailed," he added, "I would spend millions for defense, but not one cent for tribute."

Two Men Held For Liquor Case Trial

Dewey Farwell and M. E. Bryant pleaded not guilty to a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor before Justice Jesse G. Wells this afternoon and were bound over on bonds of \$1000. The pair was arrested last night by Melvin Turnbull, county traffic officer, at a downtown lodging house. It is stated that about one-half gallon of alleged liquor was found on the men by the county officer.

PROSPECTOR DIES. REDDING, Cal., Dec. 20.—The remains of William Stenmet, 80 years old prospector and part owner of the Keystone mine, were found late yesterday on a lonely mountain trail 25 miles north of here by a train line operator. Stenmet evidently had been dead about six weeks and animals had consumed part of his body. It was not determined how he came to his death.

Too Late To Classify

ONT—Boston bull dog Friday. E. C. Simmons, Simmons Motor Co. Reward. \$20

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