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...TIES OF INTERIOR BACK GOODING BILL

Measure Would Repeal Act Allowing Rate Changes For Short Hauls

...USINESS MEN GATHER

Coast Interests Working to Defeat Change

...EARING IS NEXT WEEK

Telegrams from Oregon Senators State They Will Take Steps to Oppose Plan When It Appears in Congress

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30. — National administrative and legislative matters affect ng the Pacific Northwest today held the interest of Portland business men, members of the chamber of commerce and Oregon Manufacturers association.

The Gooding bill, introduced in Congress by Senator Gooding of Idaho, which would remove the provision in the interstate commerce act allowing exceptions to be made to the long and short haul clause, so that railroads might haul certain commodities over a short distance at higher rates than over the same line and in the same direction a greater distance, received principal attention.

Delegation Asks Support

From the interior cities of Spokane, Yakima and Walla Walla, came a delegation which appeared before the manufacturers' associations and urged support for the Gooding bill.

At the same hour work was commenced by experts of the chamber of commerce, Portland traffic and transportation associations, commission of public docks and port of Portland commission, in preparation of a brief to be submitted in opposition to the Gooding bill at a hearing on the bill to be held before the interstate commerce committee of the United States senate January 6 and 7, and telegrams were received from both Senator McNary and Senator Stanfield stating that they would oppose the measure in the senate.

Business Men Heard

To present the views of the interior on the measure a delegation came to Portland, its members being R. B. Veikanje, Yakima; Frank D. Warn, banker, Couer D'Alene, Idaho; Ralph Ballerman, Walla Walla Lumber company; Frank Lowden, Walla Walla Meat and Cold Storage company; Walter E. Meacham, secretary of the Baker county chamber of commerce, Baker, Oregon; F. I. Coats, Boise, Idaho; W. B. McCrea, chairman of the traffic bureau, Spokane chamber of commerce; N. W. Durham of the Spokane Spokesman-Review; J. W. Davies, vice-president of the Spokane chamber of commerce and F. J. Walker, Spokane.

Mr. Durham, Mr. McCrea and Mr. Davies presented the interior cities' position. Mr. Durham declared that the Gooding bill would make it impossible for railroads to meet water competition by charging more for a short haul than a long haul, thereby continually menacing the development of water borne commerce, and that it would remove the uncertainty of rate structure which is holding back the industrial growth of the west causing manufacturers to hesitate in investing their money in northwestern industries from fear that rates will be shifted in a manner permitting the mid-west manufacturers to undersell.

"The entire intermountain country is a unit in seeking its passage," he said.

MANY KILLED IN MINE

FORTY-TWO BODIES FOUND AFTER EXPLOSION

(By The Associated Press)

EAGLE PASS, Texas, Dec. 30.—Forty-two bodies, many badly mangled, have been brought out of a Mexican National railway coal mine at Palan, state of Coahuilla, where an explosion occurred Saturday.

News of the disaster reached here by courier and last reports this afternoon were other dead probably were in the mine. A score of miners seriously injured have been accounted for.

The blast is supposed to have been caused by the breaking of a miner's safety lamp, which ignited gas in the mine.

Palan is about 85 miles from Eagle Pass.

PORTLAND WOMAN DIES

MRS. LOUISSON ACTIVE IN ZIONIST MOVEMENT

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30. — Mrs. Julius Louisson, 50, prominent Portland club woman and leader in local Jewish circles, died here today. She was a member of the Portland executive committee of the Zionist movement and represented officially the Menorah, an organization devoted to reviving and propagating Jewish culture. As a member of the executive committee of the American Jewish congress of which Rabbi Stephen S. Wise of New York is president, Mrs. Louisson represented the Pacific Northwest.

Idaho Timber Sold

(By The Associated Press)

OROFINO, Idaho, Dec. 30.—The Federal Match company was the only bidder for four sections of state timber in Clearwater county today at a price expected to bring the state $335,000. The bid was the same as the state's appraisal.

IN TODAY'S MORNING REGISTER

The Weather

For Oregon: Cloudy; normal temperature; light southeast winds. Yesterday's weather in Eugene: Maximum temperature, 49 degrees; minimum, 29; wind from northeast. Stage of river, 2.4 feet.

Eugene and Vicinity

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Escaped trusty back; Byron McClure returned from Aberdeen. Page 8.
Old dances featured at Odd Fellows' watch party tonight. Page 8.
Pet and hobby show in Y. M. C. A. next month. Page 8.
Patrol school to open for boy leaders in Scout movement. Page 8.
Choir is entertained in St. Mary's parish hall. Page 8.
Church school planned for Presbyterian mission study. Page 8.
Store manager leaves; J. J. Maloney to buy goods in New York. Page 8.
Club program prepared; College Crest people to dance new year in. Page 8.
Insurance man leaves to attend club convention in San Francisco. Page 5.
Lutherans invite help in organization of new church here. Page 5.
Grocers hold banquet; state officers of association among the guests. Page 5.
Last night thought to be coldest of winter. Page 8.
Tax money wanted by western Oregon counties from government. Page 8.
Union carpenters quit work on house when non-union plumber goes to work. Page 8.
Equipment is added to Eugene hospital. Page 8.
Wilmot, alleged bad check man brought back from Salem. Page 8.
Case of Flournoys against city and Rolfe to be taken to supreme court. Page 5.
First fine imposed for making reverse turn on Willamette street. Page 8.
Stage men not back of suits to knock out motor tax. Page 5.
Better stage service to be inaugurated in valley January 1. Page 8.
New Hayden bridge decided on by county court. Page 8.
Program of Miss Lucy Case in Lane county changed. Page 8.
Alfalfa plots in Lane county looking fine. Page 5.
Theatre folk will celebrate coming of new year tonight. Page 8.

Lane County and Oregon

Thompson couple celebrate fifth wedding anniversary. Page 2.
Scouts to meet Monday to take tenderfoot tests. Page 2.
Woodmen to initiate new members in Springfield Monday. Page 2.
Dance pavilion is sold by American Legion. Page 2.
Lions to banquet tonight at Woodmen of the World hall. Page 2.
Restaurant is moved to Spong hotel in Springfield. Page 2.
Union has holiday programs. Page 2.
Indoor picnic given by Ladies' Civic Improvement club at Creswell. Page 2.
Junction City store robbed, clothing is taken. Page 2.
Farmers' Union plans meeting for New Years' day at Cloverdale. Page 2.
Junction City Masons hold meeting. Page 2.
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Sports

Coach Brown picking high school quintet; several boys look good. Page 6.
Second Triangle hoop series played in city last night. Page 6.
Ralph Hand and Bob Kruse wrestle to draw at Heilig last night. Page 6.
Two Oregon basketball men ineligible to play. Page 6.

CAR FALLS INTO BAY

FOUR KILLED IN WRECK AT TACOMA BRIDGE

(By The Associated Press)

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 30. — Plunging through warning gates into the open draw of the municipal bridge here tonight, a trolley car fell into the bay more than 100 feet below, taking a toll of four lives. Eight passengers were aboard and all were thrown into the water when the street car broke in two.

Mrs. Robert Scott, East Tacoma, her six-year-old son, Robert, and George Farro and an unidentified Japanese died after being taken to hospitals. The five other passengers were injured.

Earl Hurd, Tacoma, railroad engineer, may die.

The others were not seriously hurt.

The operator of the car jumped out on the bridge unhurt before the plunge began. Heavy fog is believed to have contributed to the accident.

INJURED WOMAN DIES

MRS. L. A. LATHAM HURT IN AUTO WRECK

(By The Associated Press)

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 30. —Mrs. L. A. Latham, of Spokane, injured today when an automobile driven by Mrs. Hazel Marx of Portland, skidded and went over a high bank on the Pacific highway, a hospital here tonight. Three children of Mrs. Marx were in the automobile. Beatrice, 9, suffered a broken arm, and Fairfax, 7, was bruised on the leg. Theodore, 11, and Mrs. Marx were only slightly injured.

AUTO GOES OVER CLIFF

PORTLAND MAN MAY DIE FROM SEVERE INJURIES

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30. — Robert Gilles, 32, of Portland, suffered injuries which physicians said might prove fatal tonight, when his auto which he was driving, plunged over a 150-foot cliff on Terwilliger boulevard, on the heights southwest of this city. The accident was said to have been due to a broken steering gear.

...ETIC VALUE ...IVEN SCIENCE

Material Features Declared to Be Overshadowed By Spiritual Phase

DR. PUPIN IS SPEAKER

Stimulation of Activity By Work Is Observed

THREE SPECIES FOUND

Electrons Given as Origin of All Forms of Line and Motion by Head of Association in Annual Meeting

(By The Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30.—Great and evident as have been the material services of science, there is another—spiritual, aesthetic, intellectual—which Dr. M. I. Pupin, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, holds "is the noblest service of science to the human soul."

Contemplation of those wonders which men of science have revealed, stimulates man's intellectual and spiritual activity, he said today in a symposium on the role which science should play in education.

Science of Motion Studied

"During the last three centuries," he said, "science has revealed three distinct species, the first through the science of matter in motion, the second through the science of electricity in motion, and the third through the science of cosmic energy in motion.

"Everything that moves and has its being in this boundless universe seems to be deriving its breath of existence from electrical forces which have their origin in tiny electrons—the unchangeable granules of that subtle substance which we call electricity.

"The Book of Genesis, composed by a Moses of modern science," he continued, "would probably start as follows:

"'In the beginning God' said, let electricity move and the embryo of the universe began to form.

"If the contemplation of this physical reality does not uplift the soul of man and stimulate his intellectual and aesthetic as well as spiritual activity then St. Paul was in error when he said: 'We all with open face beholding the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory.'

Cells Like Engines

"Each organic cell performs the miracle of co-ordinating 'chaotic energy' as do the man-planned engine and galvanic battery.

"Is there a guiding co-ordinator attached to each of these tiny organic cells, and if there is, does it operate in accordance with some intelligent design and purpose as is the case in the caloric engine and the galvanic cell?"

Burton E. Livingstone, director of plant psychology of Johns Hopkins university, spoke of "the great relay of human evolution," urging heed for the preservation and dissemination of knowledge acquired by each successive generation.

Boxer's Estate Small

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—"Battling" Siki, Senegalese boxer who once held the world's light heavyweight championship, left an estate of less than $600.

ENGLISH RUM INVESTORS LOSE CASH BY VENTURE

SIR BRODERICK HARTWELL IN BANKRUPTCY

Dealers In United States Who Purchase Liquor Show No Signs of Payment

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Many of the 700 investors who took a flier in liquor running got little comfort out of a statement which Sir Broderick Hartwell, England's titled rum-runner, made today at a meeting of his creditors.

Sir Broderick appeared in the bankruptcy court. He declared his liabilities as 250,000 pounds ($1,200,000) and said that his only assets were amounts due from dealers who got the liquor in the United States and who apparently never would pay him.

Shipment Is Valuable

His final shipment to the United States, he asserted, alone was worth 250,000 pounds, but his partner and the dealers to whom the liquor was turned over never paid him a cent. The baronet explained that he met an American in 1923 who asked him to ship him liquor to the United States. Eventually several shipments were made, and in September, 1924, the seventh and last shipment containing 56,000 cases of proprietary brands of whiskey was dispatched.

Crew Starts Mutiny

Pessimistic reports about the weather and the activities of prohibition officers reached him and then came the report from the captain that the ship's crew was in mutiny and that he had put into Halifax. Later he was advised that the liquor had been transferred to smaller cases and that 360 cases had been seized by prohibition officers.

The creditors gloomily passed a resolution for bankruptcy and adjourned for the appointment of a trustee.

CANCER STUDY IS MADE

DISEASE NOT INFECTIOUS PHYSICIANS FIND

(By The Associated Press)

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 30.—Three outstanding conclusions were announced by leading exponents of medicine genetics today during a symposium on cancer conducted at Yale university by the American Society of Zoologists.

These conclusions were:

That cancer is not an infectious disease.

That cancer cannot be developed except by persons in whom there is a hereditary cancerous strain.

That even persons tainted at birth with a cancerous strain, cannot develop the disease spontaneously, but only through the agency of environmental factors, chief among which is frictional irritation.

ROSEBURG HOTEL SOLD

PENDLETON MEN WILL TAKE OVER PROPERTY

(By The Associated Press)

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 30.—T. B. Swearingen and J. F. Jones today completed negotiations for the purchase of the Grand hotel in this city. Both 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 of the city's most popular hostelries, having 100 rooms well furnished and equipped. The former owner, W. O. Clinger, will retain his residence in Roseburg, but is leaving temporarily for Ponca City, Okla., where he is to erect a theatre building on property which he owns there.

METROPOLITAN MUSEUM GETS MUNSEY HOLDINGS

TRUSTEES GIVEN FIVE YEARS TO SELL PAPERS

Bowdoin College, Maine Hospital and Other Institutions Are Given Aid By Will

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30. — The Metropolitan Museum of Art will receive the bulk of the vast estate of Frank A. Munsey, publisher, under his will filed today. The trustees are given five years, or more if necessary, to dispose of his newspapers, the Sun and the Evening Telegram, as well as other interests and to convert his considerable assets, including real estate, banking interests and other properties into cash or securities.

Mr. Munsey never married. His next of kin, Mrs. John Hyde, a sister, living at Lewiston, Maine, and her children, were bequeather 9000 shares of stock of the Munsey Publishing company of Washington. Bequests of $550,000 were made to relatives, friends and business associates.

Value Not Given

Bowdoin college receives $250,000, the Maine State hospital of Portland $100,000,and the Central Maine general hospital at Lewiston $50,000. The value of the estate was not indicated in the document, executed nearly five years ago, but friends recently estimated it at $40,000,000.

William T. Dewart, who was recently elected president of the various Munsey corporations, issued a statement saying there was no plan looking to a sudden sale of the properties or change in their policy.

He also disclosed that, had Mr. Munsey lived, his large and profitable businesses would have been mutualized, or partly so.

Intention Is Expressed

"This intention," he said, "Mr. Munsey expressed to me with great earnestness only a few weeks before he was stricken.

"But now that Mr. Munsey has gone from us, his written testament must be our chart and guide, but under its broad discretionary provisions, the trustees will do what is legally permissible to carry out Mr. Munsey's known desires."

SHOCK FATAL TO MAN

AERIAL COMES IN CONTACT WITH HIGH VOLTAGE

(By The Associated Press)

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 30.—Julius Mueller, 32, was killed instantly late yesterday afternoon, when a radio aerial he was installing came in contact with an electric wire, carrying 4000 volts.

A three-hour attempt at resuscitation was made.

Mueller, in charge of the radio department of a local hardware store, was installing a radio set on a ranch near Merill and had climbed 25 feet up on a pole when the fatal connection was made. The shock knocked him to the ground. The body will probably be taken to Marysville, Cal., his former home, relatives here say.

BEND PERMITS $441,000

PREVIOUS BANNER YEAR IS SURPASSED BY 1925

BEND, Ore., Dec. 30.—Building permits for 1925 in Bend total more than $441,000, according to records in the city recorder's office. This surpasses by more than $16,000 the previous banner year of 1923 when $425,000 in building permits was issued. Construction work done by the two sawmills directly adjacent to Bend but just outside the city limits total $152,000, bringing the year's total to $593,000.

A FAST WORKER

CONFIDENCE HELD IN MODERN YOUTH

Dr. Harold Bowman Speaker For Deans of Women at Portland Meeting

GROUP SESSIONS HELD

Teachers Discuss Problems Found In Schools

DESIRE FOR TRUTH SEEN

Tendency of Older Generation to Become Shocked at All Actions of Youth Held Present Drawback

(By The Associated Press)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 30.—Confidence in youth of today was voiced by Dr. Harold Bowman, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Portland, in an address on "plastic youth" delivered today before the meeting of the deans of women of the educational institutions of the state.

The meeting of the deans of women was one of 16 similar sessions held by various departments of the Oregon State Teachers' association.

The association will conclude its three-day convention tomorrow.

Understanding Held Need

"The chief difficulty in dealing with the problem of youth is the shockability of the older generation," declared Dr. Bowman. "If we can overcome this tendency on the part of parents to become shocked at everything their sons and daughters are doing and catch an understanding glimpse of the worth while things they are accomplishing we shall be in a fair way to solve any problem that may exist."

Young people today are facing life with a frankness and a genuine desire for truth that exceeds any former generation, he said.

Dr. Ellwood P. Cubberly, dean of the school of education at Stanford university lauded the results obtained by American schools in comparison with those of continental Europe. Stressing individual development instead of group action has greatly enhanced the self-reliance of the American, he said.

Seattle Woman Speaks

Among the other speakers at the convention were Miss Mabel V. Wilson, president of the grade teachers' club in Seattle; Mrs. J. F. Hill, vice-president of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers. Cornelia J. Spencer who retires as president of the association, delivered the annual address of the president.

Officers elected by the various divisions were: Department of vocational education — chairman, Franklin S. Allen, Pendleton; secretary, Elsa Nilson of Forest Grove; department of city superintendents—chairman, George Hug, superintendent of schools, Salem; secretary, Alvin Wheeler, principal of schools, Philomath; department of librarians—chairman, Dorothy E. Smith, head of the school department of the Portland library association, secretary, Ruth Hall, librarian at Lincoln high school, Portland; council of geography—chairman, Guy E. Armanstrout, Newberg; secretary, Miss Rica Anderson, Astoria; department of class room teachers — president, Vida Hammond, Montavilla school, Portland; department of deans of women—president, Mrs. Ella E. Wilson, dean of girls at Franklin high school, Portland; secretary, Miss Nell M. Wade, dean of girls at high school of Commerce, Portland.

DRUSE LEADER IS KILLED

ROMANTIC AND COMIC ROLES PLAYED BY "PASHA"

(By The Associated Press)

DAMASCUS, Syria, Dec. 30.—Hassan El Kharrat, a former night watchman in Damascus, who was considered the leader of the Druse incursion which led to the French bombardment of Damascus of October 18 to 20, has been killed in fighting outside the city.

Kharrat, who styled himself "pasha" has played a romantic and at times a comic role in the Syrian revolt. His intimate knowledge of streets and alleys made him a useful leader in the revolutionary raids. He never interfered with Christian population and once he sent a sarcastic note to General Sarrail, the former French high commissioner, twitting him with responsibility for the sufferings of the Christians of Damascus.

FIVE COUNTIES COLLECT

ALL INCOME TAXES PAID IN BUT FEW PLACES

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30. — Five counties in the state of Oregon have reported 100 per cent collections of income tax delinquents through warrants distributed recently by the state tax commission. Hood River, Linn, Umatilla, Deschutes and Marion counties are the only ones in which the delinquents have called at the sheriff's office and paid their obligations in full.

LICENSE PLATES ISSUED

1500 SETS GIVEN OUT TO CALLERS AT CAPITOL

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 30.—More than 1500 sets of 1926 automobile license plates were issued over the counters at the state house today when the congestion at the capitol reached its height. In addition to these hundreds of sets of licenses were sent out through the mails. Eight windows where licenses may be secured were in operation. State traffic officers are aiding applicants in filling out the blanks.

HEAVY RAIN IN EUROPE ADDS TO FLOOD PERIL

SLIGHT RISE IN WATER MAY MEAN DISASTER

Great Destruction in Germany Feared from Rivers Which Are Overflowing Banks

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Warm, heavy rains continue in northern France, but little actual damage has been done despite the threatening situation of the past two days.

Reports from all places tonight say the swollen conditions of the rivers and tributary streams make the outlook "very disquieting."

The flood appears to be just at its crest; if it continues a little farther it will be serious. The Seine must rise three feet yet before Paris itself is menaced, but the suburbs are already feeling the effects of the flood in the streets. Part of Joinville is submerged; Champigny is threatened and the wharves at Asnieres, Levallois and St. Denis are under water. Near Beauvais several villages are cut off completely.

Streams Are Rising

The Rhone, Saone, Aisne, Marne and Oise are still rising, as well as the Loire and the Cher, but the Yonne and Vienne are lower. Houses have been abandoned, roads cut by the waters in the Cher valley and housetops torn away.

The Seine has reached within a foot and a half of the flood mark of 1910 at Troyes. The Rhone is more than 12 feet above the ordinary level at Avignon.

The Moselle river at Metz is very high, and the situation is rather critical but the Meurthe, near Saint Die, is lower. Rain is predicted for the next 48 hours, so that the full effects of the floods will not be known for some time.

German Railways Stop

(By The Associated Press)

COLOGNE, Germany, Dec. 30.—The rivers of southern, western and northern Germany are high above their banks, and the floods threaten great destruction.

The Rhine is 25 feet above normal and still rising, and the waters are encroaching on the city proper. The Moselle railway service and others have been discontinued. Torrents from the Harz mountains have swept away bridges and undermined railway embankments. Many homeless are making their way out of the Rhine cities of Coblenz, Duisberg and Treves. At Duisberg 2000 barges have been wrecked.

The Danube is rising to such dimensions that the smallest tributaries have become rushing torrents and the fields are vast lakes. Lake Constance is expected to overflow hourly.

Spreading of the floods is reported from Hamburg and Bremen.

11 LOCKED IN VAULT

ROBBERS GET LARGE SUM FROM ARGYLE BANK

(By The Associated Press)

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 30. — After locking 11 persons in a vault, three robbers today robbed the Argyle State bank at 13th and McGee streets, a busy downtown corner, of $20,624 and escaped.

The robbers entered the bank at 10 a. m., ordered nine officials and employes, and two customers into the record vault, scooped up the currency in the cages and, mingling with passersby on the street, disappeared.

Motorcycle Patrolman O. B. Flaherty is believed to have engaged the robbers in a running pistol fight. The officer attempted to stop a speeding automobile containing three men, shortly after the robbery and was fired upon. He pursued the car, firing at it, until knocked from his machine by a bullet which struck the metal visor of his cap.

Police had found no trace of the robbers tonight.

TWO DIE IN QUARREL

LUMBERJACK KILLS WIFE AND TAKES OWN LIFE

(By The Associated Press)

SPOKANE, Dec. 30. — Archie Bruno, a lumberjack, shot and killed his wife, Maggie, and then ended his own life in their room in a hotel here tonight. After an investigation police declared the shooting followed a family quarrel.

John Johnson, a roomer at the hotel, told police that he heard Bruno shout to his wife, "I'll kill you." He said he heard Mrs. Bruno say, "go ahead. Go ahead and kill yourself too for all of me." Johnson told police that two shots followed.

When police entered the room a few minutes later both were dead. Both were about 35 years old.

KLEIN WINS GOLF TITLE

MIAMI CHAMPIONSHIP TAKEN BY PROFESSIONAL

(By The Associated Press)

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 30.—Willie Klein, Wheatley Hills, L. I., professional, won the Miami golf championship tournament today at Hialeah. Klein, who tied for second honors at the close of the first day's play yesterday, turned in a card of 69 in the afternoon round to give him a low 289.

Jock Hutchinson, former British open title holder, who led the field during the morning matches, finished runner-up, three strokes behind, with 292.

SALARY CHANGE VOTED

WASHINGTON SENATE PASSES AMENDMENT BILL

(By The Associated Press)

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 30.—Grinding steadily through a long calendar the senate passed 12 bills at its afternoon session today. Included among the measures passed were house bill No. 3, submitting a constitutional amendment to be passed upon at the fall election, fixing pay of legislators at $600 for each biennium. The present law provides a salary of $5 a day for each day of regular or special session. The mileage is to remain at ten cents a mile.

CLIMATIC CHANGES IN ALASKA LIKELY

Recent Earthquake Shock Is Believed to Be Cause of New Conditions

MOUNTAIN SMOKE DENIED

Spring-Like Weather Comes Following Eruption

STORIES FAIL TO AGREE

Green Vegetation Appearing Along Several Hundred Square Miles Near Cook Inlet Which Is Usually Snow-Covered

(By The Associated Press)

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 30. —Denial of reports that Mount McKinley, about 150 miles north of here, had erupted, was voiced by Henry P. Karstens, superintendent of McKinley National Park, in a statement here tonight.

"I have made a trip of investigation and find no evidence of a disturbance of any description," he declared. "I found no smoke or steam, and see no possibility of an eruption. The mountain is solid rock and ice. Black clouds are a common occurrence in that vicinity and are of no special significance. The weather in the park is calm and cold. There is no indication of any impending storms locally."

Karstens was with Archdeacon Hudson Stuck in the first successful ascension of the highest peak of Mount McKinley in 1913.

(By The Associated Press)

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 30. —The return to activity of North America's loftiest peak, Mount McKinley, 20,300 feet high, indicated by the volume of smoke and steam seen rising from the mountain and by an earthquake felt here yesterday, is one of a series of volcanic phenomena in which many observers today saw a promise of radical permanent climatic changes for the southern part of Alaska.

Since Mount Shishaldin, in the Aleutian islands, 800 miles southwest of McKinley, erupted November 11, this region has experienced a spring-like November and December unparalleled in the memory of the oldest inhabitants. Streams usually frozen at this season, have remained open and in place of the usual snow-bound landscape is green vegetation. The affected area covers several hundred square miles, all along Cook Inlet, to the northwest of which Mount McKinley rises, and far up into the valley of the Sushitna river. Anchorage had a fehrenheit temperature of 28 degrees above Christmas day, when the mercury usually is around zero.

Shifting Activity Seen

Mount McKinley's smoking appears to mean a shifting northeastward of Alaskan volcanic activity, which hitherto has centered in the southern end of the Alaskan range, of which McKinley is a northern outpost.

The greatest recent outburst was in 1912, when Mount Katma blew off its three-mile-wide cap and the valley of the ten thousand smokes came into being. A year ago Mount Pavalof erupted and last month Mount Shishaldin followed suit. The eruptions were accompanied by earthquakes and climatic changes. Since the Shishaldin blowoff the warm air from Cook Inlet's heated waters has caused considerable melting of large glaciers.

Fires Coming Northward

Observers believe that subterranean fires are gnawing their way northward, producing temperatures below the ocean surface which like the Gulf stream and the Japanese current cast their warming influence inland. Geologists consider these sources similar to what ages ago submerged the land between North America and Asia and while no such major alteration is probable now, many think the banishment of the former bitter winters from this part of Alaska may be permanent.

Immense billows of steam issuing from the saddle between Mount McKinley's topmost peak and the lesser one to the north were plainly visible from Broad Pass on the Alaska railroad, Conductor F. Knight said today on his arrival here with the train.

Earthquake Is Severe

The earthquake which occurred December 22 tossed sleepers about in their beds and was the most severe in years, was the report here today from Curry, about 35 miles southeast of the mountain.

It is believed that a heavy displacement in the Alaska range has opened a steam vent in the vicinity of the peak. Clouds surrounding the mountain shut off a view of the peak from here today.

SUN SPOTS VISIBLE

SMOKED GLASS USED TO SEE LARGE GROUPS

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Spots on the sun, one group about 112,000 miles long, the other about 85,000, are visible to the naked eye through a smoked glass, Professor Edwin B. Frost, director of the Yerkes observatory of the University of Chicago reported today. The same groups were visible around Thanksgiving time, the sun having made one rotation in the meantime.

The phenomenon is accompanied by the northern lights, flashes from the aurora having been observed at the Yerkes observatory. Daily appearances of the northern lights, very early in the morning, were reported by Professor Frost. He said that there have been more and larger sun spots in the last two months than have been expected, as it is only two years since the minimum, when they were scarce and small.