

The Weather

Prediction.....Rain or snow
Maximum yesterday.....42
Minimum today.....35
Precipitation......08

Daily—Seventeenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Second Year.

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Maximum.....55
Minimum.....30

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CONVICTED MURDERESS FLEES JAIL

Clara Phillips, Notorious Hammer Slayer, Makes Daring Escape in Early Morning—Bars of Cell Sawed Out—Flees in Night Clothes—Posses Sent in Pursuit.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 5.—Clara Phillips climbed out of a window in the women's section of the county jail and escaped early today. She was under a sentence of ten years to life imprisonment after conviction for the hammer murder of Albert Meadows. She was held in the jail pending formulation of an appeal.

With the aid of several steel saws, her escape was effected at two a. m., according to a report to the sheriff by the jailer. Bell was expressed that she had been aided by other inmates. Bars were sawed through and after crawling out the window she dropped to the roof of an adjoining building, climbed down the fire escape and disappeared.

The escape was not discovered by jail authorities for several hours. The matron then, in making her rounds, saw the bed in Clara's cell vacant and discovered the sawed and twisted bars and notified the jailer.

The chorus girl who three weeks ago was found guilty of what prosecuting officials declared to be one of the most brutal murders they have had to try, regained her liberty with a suddenness equal to that with which the hammer slaying was revealed last July. It was believed she escaped in an automobile.

Has Good Start.
Mrs. Phillips had several hours' start before the sheriff's office placed a dragnet throughout southern California. All southern California cities have been notified and authorities at the border warned in time, the sheriff believes, to prevent the fugitive reaching Mexico.

Orders were issued by Sheriff W. I. Tregor to bring into his office all persons connected with the hammer murder in order to trace all plans of the jail break. All sheriff's deputies have been called in and posses rushed out.

Walks in Bare Feet.
Three steel bars across the window in Mrs. Phillips' cell were found to be neatly sawed through. There were evidences that she climbed through the window and walked across the roof in her bare feet.

She was last seen at 2 a. m., when the matron, Mrs. J. D. Fisher, entered the cell on her rounds just before she retired for the night. She said that all was quiet at that time and Mrs. Phillips was apparently asleep.

Deputy sheriffs were sent out today to interview Madeline Obenchain, released from jail last night after dismissal of the case involving the charge of murder of J. Belton Kennedy. She occupied an adjoining cell to Mrs. Phillips. Officers also were dispatched to interview Ola Weaver and Etta Jackson, sisters of the escaped chorus girl slayer, and to locate, if possible, her husband, Armour Phillips.

Close examination of the cell window and the sawed bars failed to reveal any trace of the saw filings. This led to the opinion by investigators that the bars may have been sawed through several days ago.

Gorman Beats Leopold.
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—Joe Gorman won the referee's decision over Kid Leopold of Oakland, Cal., in a ten-round fight here last night. Sailor Tom King of Australia gave Battling Ortega a terrible lacing.

U. S. Team Wins Again
OSAKA, Japan, Dec. 4.—(By Associated Press.) The all-star American baseball team today won over the Kobe higher commercial school 17 to 5.

Wanamaker Improving
PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 5.—John Wanamaker, III at his home here, was reported improved by his physicians today.

WINTER INVADERS MIDDLE WEST; 16 BELOW ZERO IN HELNA; STORMS COMING

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Winter today made its first determined onslaught of the season, spreading zero temperatures through the northwest and plains states and causing drops in temperatures as far south as Texas, the southwest and central area.

Helena, with a temperature around 16 below zero, was reported the coldest place in the country. Sub-zero temperature was recorded throughout Montana, North Dakota and parts of Minnesota with heavy snowing 5 below; Williston, N. D., eight below; Grand Forks, N. D., four degrees below.

Remove Safety Pin From Stomach of 9-Months-Old Baby

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 5.—Surgeons who today removed from the stomach of Terence Burns, nine months old son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Burns, of Salem, an unclasped safety pin which the baby swallowed yesterday, announced this afternoon that the operation was apparently successful. The pin was removed through an incision in the stomach.

The infant swallowed the pin while playing in its crib, and neither yesterday or today showed any ill effects. This morning, immediately prior to the operation, he appeared in unusually good spirits.

DR. HENRY HART PASSES AWAY AT LOCAL HOSPITAL

Despite the fact that the end had been expected for 24 hours the death last night at 11:20 o'clock at the Sacred Heart hospital of Dr. Henry Hart, one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Medford and one of the leaders in constructive activity of the city, cast a profound gloom over the community today. Death followed an emergency operation performed last Friday for appendicitis from which he had suffered several attacks in recent years.

Dr. Hart was 59 years, nine months and 11 days old at the time of his death and was born at West Point, Ill., February 18th, 1863. He was a graduate of Chautauk college, school of medicine, at Quincy, Ill., and took post graduate work at the University of Chicago.

For twenty-two years he was one of the leading physicians and surgeons of Quincy, Ill., and was chief of staff in St. Mary's hospital of that city for a period of fifteen years. His father and brother were engaged in the practice of medicine as is also one of his sons.

Dr. Hart came to Medford in 1909 and purchased a home here and also developed the Edgevale Orchards, and during his many years of residence in Medford had always been one of the leaders in constructive activity in this community. He was modest and conservative in his demeanor, was helpful, financially and otherwise to those in trouble, was in short the very finest type of a loyal public-spirited American citizen. Dr. Hart had been prominently identified with the First National bank for years and for some time prior to his death was vice president of that institution and a member of its board of directors. He was a member of the Medford lodge of Elks and of Rodley lodge, A. F. & A. M., and of the chapter and consistory, of Quincy, Ill.

He is survived by his wife, Anna C. Hart, and three sons who are Dr. John F. Hart of the United States Navy, Floyd H. Hart of Medford, and Robert C. Hart, a student at the Harvard military academy of Los Angeles, Cal. Funeral services will be held at the Perle Funeral Home on Thursday, at 2:30 p. m. with Rev. Wm. B. Hamilton officiating. Interment will be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

The pall bearers will be three doctors and three directors of the First National bank as follows: Drs. R. J. Conroy, Chas. T. Sweeney and J. J. Emmens, and John C. Tomlin, George W. Dunn and C. M. English.

Greek General Liberated.
ATHENS, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Papoulas, former commander in chief of the Greek army and one of those arrested by the revolutionary committee in connection with the Greek military disaster in Asia Minor, has been liberated.

WAR AGAIN THREATENED NEAR EAST

Turkey and Europe Drifting Farther Apart and Resumption of Hostilities Feared—Only Hope of Peace Lies in Exhaustion—Turks Are Backed Up By Russia.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 5. (By the Associated Press.)—Following the action of the Kemalist police in confiscating the passports of 100 Armenians as they were about to board ship British troops today took possession of the customs house and armed with machine guns, protected the embarkations of the refugees.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 5.—(By Associated Press.) Turkey and Europe apparently have drifted so far apart on the great issues of the Near East conference that the pessimists have a fruitful field for unhappily prognostications of a complete collapse of the poor parlors and the resumption of war in southeastern Europe.

Such a culmination of the conference discussions could easily be argued as a strong possibility, but any such argument based on a reasonable hypothesis would leave out the fact that Europe needs peace and that Turkey has constantly proclaimed her need of capital to develop her immense resources.

The frenzied character of yesterday's proceedings in which Russia came to the fore as the willing champion of Turkish autonomy is indicative of conditions which provoked genuine despair on the part of the conference leaders.

So long as no actual break occurs, there is hope that time will bring conciliatory views. The worst is anticipated, however, as shown by the appearance here of a suggestion that a general war could be launched against Turkey by the League of Nations. Such a move, it is suggested, might take the form of a crusade through the issuance of an appeal for the help of all nations.

Russia Backs Turkey
The Turks are insisting that the European powers should be the first to set forth their desires in the Dardanelles problem, because the straits, after all, belong to Turkey and the Turk should be the master of his own house. The nationalist delegates reiterate their conciliatory intentions.

Russia's proposal for the exclusion of foreign warships from the straits, which seems to correspond to the Turkish position, undoubtedly will not be acceptable. It is almost certain that the powers will insist on the right of free passage for war craft, although they may perhaps be willing to restrict tonnage.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 5.—(By Associated Press.) The Kemalist police today confiscated the passports of 100 Armenians as they were about to board ships for Greece, Italy and France and refused to permit them to embark.

The Turkish authorities declared they were Ottoman subjects. It is reported that in many instances the Kemalist police exacted payments of from \$50 to \$100 from individual Armenians before permitting them even to approach the ships.

PROGRESSIVE BLOC WINS FIRST BLOOD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Members of the new progressive bloc in congress won their first legislative victory today by obtaining from the senate agricultural committee a favorable report on a resolution to amend the constitution to provide for direct election of the president and vice president.

The amendment also would change presidential inauguration day from March 4 to the third Monday in January and members of the senate and house would begin their terms of office the first Monday in January after the biannual elections. Congress would meet in regular session annually on the first Monday in January.

CORK—An airplane was brought into action against the irregulars for the first time, breaking up an ambush.

IRELAND'S FREE STATE BECOMES REALITY TONIGHT

Historic Event Due at Midnight Without Pomp or Ceremony—President Cosgrove Thinks Troubles of Irish People Are Over.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—King George this evening gave royal sanction to the legislation setting up the Irish free state as a dominion of the British empire.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Official announcement was made this afternoon of the appointment of Timothy Healy as first governor general of the Irish free state.

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WM. COSGRAVE
Ireland's first official, Free-State president.

provisional government. Therefore, when the constitution comes into existence tomorrow, there will be no ceremony of any kind to mark the fulfillment of the treaty made between the British and Irish governments.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Autonomous government for Ireland today lacked only the formal assent of King George to the Irish constitution bill.

The Anglo-Irish treaty expires tomorrow when the provisional government will cease to function and the free state government officially will take charge. The first meeting of the Dail Eireann as the lower house of the Oireachtas or Irish parliament, has been fixed for 5 p. m. Wednesday.

While the Dail will set privately to choose thirty members of the Seanad Eireann, or senate, the choice will be made from about 150 candidates and the selection will be announced tomorrow.

Writers Are Honored.
The Daily Mail's Dublin correspondent says that the appointees of William Cosgrave, president of the Dail, include the well known writers, William Butler Yeats and George Russell; also the Earl of Dunraven, the Earl of Wicklow, Lord Glenavoy—better known as Sir James Campbell, the former Irish lord chancellor—and possibly Lord Deries, the husband of Vivian Gould.

Timothy Healy, who yesterday confirmed in an interview, his acceptance of the governor-generalship of the Irish free state, returned to Dublin on the night boat, after consultations at the colonial office.

It is considered noteworthy that Mr. Healy is the first untitled person to be chosen as the King's representative in any British dominion.

It is also understood that unlike other viceroys the prospective governor-general's aides will be officers from the army.

British Troops Leave.
Arrangements for the evacuation of all British troops remaining in free

GIRLS BREAK LOOSE AGAIN AT OLYMPIA

17 Inmates of Training School Attack Matron, Break Window and Escape—Third Outbreak in One Year—Nine Girls Recaptured—Eight Still at Large.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 5.—Seventeen girl inmates of the training school at Grandmount overpowered the matron last night and escaped from the institution. The break was evidently well planned in advance as the girls had cut telephone wires from the institution making it impossible to notify authorities of nearby towns for some time after the escape was made. Police of all nearby towns have been notified to keep a lookout for the girls.

W. J. Hays, director of business control here, was informed today that three of the girls voluntarily returned to the institution about midnight, wet and cold, and partly exhausted. Two others were reported to be in jail at Chehalis.

The escape was made shortly after the meal hour last night, it was learned, the girls attacking the matron and taking her keys. A window on the ground floor was broken and the fugitives climbed through, making their escape in the darkness. It appeared that no preparation had been made for the flight as the girls were clad in light everyday clothes.

This is the third disturbance at the Grand Mount school in the last year. Last winter 25 girls barricaded themselves in the kitchen and dining room of Rainbow hall and defied authorities for thirty-six hours before surrendering. Damage as the result of the outbreak amounted to several thousand dollars. Six girls overpowered a matron a few months ago and escaped, but all were recaptured.

A later report from Chehalis today said that four more girls had been captured, leaving eight to be accounted for. The girls at Chehalis will be returned to the institution, it was said.

COAST JONATHANS RANGE FROM \$1.75 \$2.25 IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Although the potato market in the principal cities outside of Chicago remained firm during the week ending yesterday, local prices were down ten to fifteen cents, according to the weekly fruit and vegetable market review issued by the United States bureau of markets.

Other fruits and vegetables were steady to firm, with cabbage and onions showing a good advance. New York Danish type cabbage was \$20 to \$30 a ton bulk in city markets and \$13 to \$16 at shipping points. Onions were up 25 to 75 cents in the city markets.

In the leading markets New York Baldwin apples were \$4 to \$4.75 a barrel and \$3.85 and \$4 at shipping points. Local prices on middle-western Jonathans were \$5.50 to \$6. Northwestern extra fancy boxed Jonathans were \$1.75 to \$2.25 in most markets except Kansas City, where the price ranged from \$2.25 to \$2.50.

PORTLAND HAS ITS SECOND SNOW STORM

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 5.—Snow which fell during the night and this morning covered the ground here today. This was the second snowfall of the season in Portland. The temperature, which dropped to 37 in the night, moderated after daylight.

Man 98 Years Old Gets Third Set of Teeth, Youth Returns

LONDON, Dec. 5.—Harry Gardner turned his 98th year today and possessed of a third set of teeth and rejuvenated eyesight. A year ago Mr. Gardner was forced to eat soft foods and wear glasses, but the only physical defect from which he now suffers is poor hearing.

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Big Storm Is On Its Way; Pacific Coast Points Are Warned

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Coast shipping from Point Reyes, Cal., to Cape Flattery, Wash., was warned by the United States weather bureau here today that a big storm is approaching from the north Pacific and is due to strike the coast with its full force tonight or tomorrow. High southerly winds are expected off the California coast, while northeast-erly gales are in prospect for the Oregon and Washington coasts.

The barometer is falling rapidly today at Point Reyes, Eureka, Cape Flattery and elsewhere along the coast.

S. P. SEPARATION IS ADVOCATED BY CALIFORNIAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Increased competition in railroad service along the Pacific coast would result from separation of the Southern Pacific and Central Pacific systems, which has been ordered by the supreme court, Van Bernard, chairman of the executive committee of the California Producers and Shippers' association, told the inter-state commerce commission today during its hearing on the application of the Southern Pacific for retention of the Central Pacific system.

During exchanges on cross examination with Fred H. Wood, counsel for the Southern Pacific, Mr. Bernard agreed that he was "getting wages" from the Union Pacific for organizing producers to urge the separation.

Mr. Bernard asserted that railroad competition, particularly in California territory, would reduce car shortages and expand markets for producers of the state. The Southern Pacific after being ordered by the supreme court to give up control of the Central Pacific, had started a campaign all over the west to influence public opinion and had used threats of discrimination in car supply against shippers to force them to its support.

Mr. Wood by questions which he indicated he believed the Union Pacific to be entirely responsible for the creation of Mr. Bernard's objections went into its expenditures at considerable length, showing publication of newspaper advertisements and issuance of literature.

"As far as I know, all the bills contracted by the Producers' association have been paid by the Union Pacific," Mr. Bernard testified, "and they have made no secret about it."

The Daily Bank Robbery

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 5.—Two men giving their names as Carl Hager and Wallace Edger were arrested this morning in Dayton by the Columbia sheriff there on a charge of having robbed the Starbuck, Wash., bank late yesterday afternoon. The bank robbers held up the cashier and escaped with \$500. Both suspects arrested at Dayton are said to be residents of LaCrosse, while Hager was formerly a tailor in Dayton.

Another Oil Dividend
NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—Directors of the Vacuum Oil company today declared a 300 percent stock dividend, transferring \$45,000,000 from its surplus to the capital stock.

SEATTLE MAYOR'S DANCES DECLARED HELLISH, SO CHURCH WILL HOLD THEM

SATTLE, Dec. 5.—Weekly dances in his church is the answer of the Rev. Dr. Chauncey F. Hawkins, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church of this city, after investigating dance halls permitted to open here by Mayor Edwin J. Brown to "get the loggers' money."

Dr. Hawkins and the Rev. George V. McClure of the Columbia Congregational church gave their Sunday congregations some of the impressions they got by visits to the dance halls fostered by the mayor.

"The bouncers that the mayor says are stationed in the dance halls to keep order are chiefly old men," ob-

TSING TAO IS CAPTURED BY BANDITS

Chinese Outlaws Swoop Down On Kiaochow Port On Eve of Its Return to China, After 24 Years of Foreign Rule—Looting Begins—Residents Flee.

TIENSIN, China, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Reports received here say that Chinese bandits have taken control of Tsing Tao, the Kiaochow port whose stormy career in war and diplomacy was to culminate today in its return to China after 24 years of alien rule, the first sixteen under Germany and the last eight under Japan. The population is reported fleeing from the city.

Trains from Tsintao are said to be crowded with refugees.

Chinese police sent from Peking to take over the city are reported to have been driven out of their barracks.

The bandits, according to the telegrams, demanded \$500,000 ransom for the delivery of government officials and for the delivery of government police in their hands.

The outlaws also hold out for the appointment of their chief as governor of the port.

Shops and residences are being looted nightly, the dispatches say. The 20,000 Japanese who remain in Tsing Tao, unorganized for defending the city, apparently are impotent in face of the bandits.

\$700,000 IS LISTED U. S. KLAMATH AID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—On reclamation projects a total of \$12,350,000 would be spent by the government during the coming fiscal year if recommendations contained in the budget submitted to congress are accepted.

Amounts recommended for the fiscal year 1924 for other projects included:

Boise, Idaho, \$1,380,000; King Hill, Idaho, \$35,000; Minidoka, Idaho, \$685,000; Huntley, Montana, \$115,000; Milk River, Mont., \$140,000; Sun River, Montana, \$145,000; lower Yellowstone, Montana-North Dakota, \$120,000; Baker, Oregon, \$500,000; Umatilla, Oregon, \$300,000; Klamath, Oregon-California, \$700,000; Okanogan, Wn., \$65,000; Yakima, Wash., \$1,310,000.

Bootlegger Is Killed.
SEATTLE, Dec. 5.—H. W. Thompson, alleged liquor smuggler, who was wounded in a battle last night between the launch L-443 and the coast guard cutter Arcata, died in a hospital here today.

served Dr. Hawkins. "They could not bounce a rat."

"These dance halls are one-sixteenth of an inch nearer hell than any place I ever visited before," reported Mr. McClure.

"Reports made by the Pacific fleet last summer show that Seattle is the cleanest city on the coast except Portland," answered Mayor Brown.

The police announce that the Ku Klux Klan has turned in a list of "places needing attention," and has constituted each member an investigator.

The dances at Dr. Hawkins' church are to be in charge of Marguerite Jorgensen and are to start next month.