

The Weather

Fair and continued cold. Maximum yesterday 43. Minimum today 19.5

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Weather Year Ago

Maximum 51. Minimum 20

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PRESIDENT OF POLAND ASSASSINATED

NARUTOWICZ IS SLAIN BY ART STUDENT

Successor to Pilsudski in Office Only Two Days Assassinated By Artist in Warsaw Art Gallery—Election Was Marked By Riots, 4 Killed, Over 100 Wounded.

WARSAW, Dec. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Gabriel Narutowicz, first president of Poland, was assassinated today.

M. Narutowicz was killed while visiting an art exhibition.

The assassination occurred exactly at noon. The president was shot, dying a few moments later.

M. Narutowicz was killed by an artist named Niewodomski, who fired three shots. Every shot took effect.

There have been continuous disorders ever since President Narutowicz was elected by the national assembly one week ago today. There was tumultuous clamor growing out of his unexpected choice to succeed General Pilsudski, the battle between the rival factions and the police resulting in four deaths and the injury of more than one hundred persons.

President Narutowicz took over the supreme executive authority from Marshal Pilsudski only two days ago, the ceremony occurring at noon Thursday at the Belvedere palace, the official home of the president.

The opposition to the choice of M. Narutowicz as first president of Poland came mainly from the nationalists, representing the purely Polish population, the members of this party resenting the election of a man who they declared represented the non-Polish and radical elements.

The nationalist delegates after the election, announced officially that they would refuse to support M. Narutowicz or any cabinet appointed by him.

They asserted he was elected by the votes of the Jews, Ukrainians, Germans and Russians, receiving only 186 Polish votes, while 227 Polish votes were cast for Count Zamoyski.

Under the constitution, the speaker of the house, Maciej Rataj, acts as president in case of death of the president and is required at once to convene the national assembly to choose a new chief executive.

M. Rataj was elected speaker a week ago and is a prominent member of the party supporting former Premier Witke.

Luke McKinley Tragedy.

President Narutowicz had just concluded an address formally opening the picture exhibition when Niewodomski stepped up to the platform in the line of people shaking the president's hand and fired three shots from his revolver at the executive at close range.

The president dropped, fatally wounded, while the crowd of horrified spectators, after the first instant of startled immobility, pounced upon the artist assassin who was badly beaten before the authorities were able to drag him away.

The circumstances of the shooting and the rest of the murderer greatly resembled those of the assassination of President McKinley at Buffalo by Czolgosz. Niewodomski, the assassin, has long been regarded by his associates as mentally deranged, and his act is looked upon as due to the motivation of his disordered mind, rather than as a result of a definite plot against the life of the newly elected president.

News of the tragedy spread like wildfire throughout the capital, evoking expressions of horror from all, including the political enemies of the

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Sawdust Replaces T. N. T. in New Explosive For Coast Farmers

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—Discovery of a process to make for six cents a pound, dynamite that will do the work in stump blasting for which an explosive costing 15 cents a pound has been required, is announced by Professor William M. Dehn, of the chemical department of the University of Washington. Sawdust instead of T. N. T. is used in the process. He is going to ask the legislature to have the new dynamite manufactured by the state and sold to farmers at cost.

FORMER TELLER PORTLAND BANK SKIPS WITH COIN

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—Burton L. Stanford, former teller of the United States National bank here was being sought today by authorities after a report brought here by his wife, who said he had disappeared November 23, at Rochester, N. Y. Bank officers said an investigation of his books showed that at least \$10,000 was unaccounted for.

Stanford left here with his wife for an eastern trip after resigning from the bank October 16. Mrs. Stanford said he vanished at Rochester after cashing a \$500 bond, and she feared that he had met with foul play.

When she reported her husband had disappeared the bank checked up Stanford's records and discovered the shortage, according to announcement by officers.

Stanford is about 35 years old and is admitted to the Oregon bar.

Before entering the employ of the bank ten years ago he was employed as secretary to one of the justices of the Oregon supreme court at Salem, Ore., and at all times during his employment in the bank, is said to have enjoyed the fullest confidence of the officials.

ACTING GOVERNOR PARDONS WEBB

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16.—Acting Governor Roy W. Hiltner yesterday granted a full pardon to Jesse P. Webb, received at the state prison in 1911 under sentence of death for murder and whose sentence was commuted to life imprisonment by former Governor West within five minutes of the time Webb was to hang. He was convicted of the murder of William Johnson in Portland. It was subsequently developed that the men were in a drunken brawl.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—Robbers who visited three Seattle homes during last night, made away with loot valued by the owners at approximately \$5,000, according to reports to police today.

The heaviest loser was George F. Thompson, who told police the thieves had taken clothing, furs and jewelry valued at \$4,000 from his apartment.

TURKS WITH 250,000 MEN READY TO MARCH, SPOIL ALLIED CHRISTMAS

LAUSANNE, Dec. 16.—(By the Associated Press)—Drafting of the treaty of Lausanne now is in progress. The experts are working, however, on clauses that involve disputed points and although the sub-commissions are making rapid progress, it seems impossible that any complete document can be initiated before Christmas.

Rumors are in circulation that January 24 has been fixed as the tentative date for signing the pact.

Any considerable vacation over Christmas seems unlikely, largely because of Turkey's determination that

EXPULSION FROM STATE BY STATUTE

Governor Allen Tells Associates That Secret Masked Societies Will Not Be Allowed a Charter in Kansas—Violence Scored—Declares K. K. Losing Ground

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, Va., Dec. 16.—Kansas will not drive the Ku Klux Klan from the state by force but will expel it by refusing to permit it to do business within the state's boundaries, Governor Henry J. Allen declared in an address prepared for delivery today before the governors' conference.

A writ being prepared in the Kansas supreme court, he said, would make disappear "the blazing cross and the pasture parties where the men mask themselves and put on a fantastic ceremony in the open field and terrorize an entire neighborhood."

"In Kansas, we are seeking to expel the Klan from the state," Governor Allen said. "I note by the press of the country that some misapprehension exists as to just what we mean by expelling the order and the thought has been expressed that it is the intention of the state to drive out of the state the members of the Klan."

"This is not at all what the action before the supreme court presupposes. Under the laws of Kansas every organization doing business within the state must be chartered. The Ku Klux Klan has a charter under the laws of Georgia and the action now pending in the supreme court of the state is for the purpose of securing a writ forbidding the Klan to do business hereafter in Kansas."

"The essence of our opposition to this organization is not in the fact that it fights the Catholic church or expresses its antipathy to the Jew or the negro, but in the fact that it does this under the protection of the mask and through the process of terrorism and violence."

"It is incredible that this country should have passed through its baptism of heroic devotion which called it into action four years ago, only to sag back now into this most lamentable species of disorder."

Sketching the progress of the Klan, he continued: "It grows very rapidly when it strikes a community and its requires about a year of experience to convince its best members that the organization has no real place of usefulness in America. It arouses the intensest bitterness."

Kansas Disrupted

"In some communities where I am acquainted with its activities, friends of a life time have been estranged, families have been divided, men became suspicious of their neighbors, bigotry and intolerance have thrived, poisoned pens and serpent tongues have been spreading scandals. Women and children have been taught to believe that their neighbors of a different religious faith are plotting their destruction."

"The old American spirit of neighborliness, co-operation and good will passes away under the blight of its bigoted teachings and the spirit of religious intolerance, hatred and suspicion enters into every civic activity from the deliberations of the chamber of commerce to the political primaries. Sermons of hate are thundered from pulpits, where in other years was taught the doctrine of the great commandment."

After referring to specific crimes of violence alleged to have been committed by members of the Klan in the south and the far west, he said:

"The organization is as dangerous to the Protestant as it is to the Catholic, the Jew or the negro, because it exists only when the authority of government has been broken down and destroyed. It brings chaos and hatred and menace to every law abiding citizen who may fall victim of the private quarrels and animosities of the men who hide their identity behind a mask."

Occasional Rains.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Weather outlook for the week beginning Monday:

Pacific States—Considerable cloudiness with occasional rains, temperature near normal.

British and Turk Leaders in Conference



Sir Charles Harlington, English military leader in the Near East, and Hafet Pasha, Turkish nationalist statesman in one of the many negotiations and confabs that have taken place recently between the entente and Turkish leaders during the Lusanne conference now in session.

PORTLAND MAN IS INVOLVED IN BIG BOND FRAUD

OMAHA, Neb., Dec. 16.—Forty-three persons, among them prominent New York, Chicago and Omaha businessmen, including 29 well known Nebraska bankers, were indicted here late yesterday by a federal grand jury which reported to United States Judge J. W. Woodrough, for alleged misuse of the mails and conspiracy to use the mails to defraud. The indictments are the result of investigations by federal and state authorities in connection with transactions which are alleged to have wrecked the Lion Bonding and Surety company of Omaha.

Among the indicted is Joseph Trogatt, head of the Joseph Trogatt Auditing firm of New York City and J. Clarence Leonard also of New York, former secretary of the Lion Bonding and Surety company. Others indicted include Edwin H. Gurney, Fremont, Neb., former president of the defunct company; Fred Volph, Scribner, Neb., former vice president; F. H. Lukart, Riverton, Wyo., former vice president; William O. VanWyck, Oklahoma City; Okla., former vice president; Philip H. Kohl, Wayne, Neb., former treasurer; H. Clifford Leigh, Portland, Ore., former assistant secretary; Henry O. Beatty, Charles C. Brant and Arthur S. Datsy, all of Chicago; J. Wheeler, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Fred Hannigan, McPherson, Kas.

It is alleged that those indicted had misrepresented the status of the company in various ways and had fraudulently induced the sale, subscription and probate of the stock and bonds of the company. The indictment contains seventeen counts and fills about forty pages.

The defendants are accused, some as officials of the company, some as friends of the company who gave accommodation certificates of deposit and others as stock salesmen.

The charge is made that the mails were used to carry out a plan to bolster up the company's surplus, in order to obtain requisite standing with the government and issue bonds acceptable in government business.

Joseph Trogatt of New York and Datsy of Chicago, one of his chief men, were said to have been in charge of the audit which called attention to the needs of the company and increased surplus.

Rev. Hamilton Called Away

Rev. W. B. Hamilton of St. Mark's has been called suddenly to California and there will therefore be no service at the Episcopal church tomorrow, although the announcement of the service is printed in today's paper.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows that they held \$49,329,030 in excess of legal requirements.

CLEAR WEATHER IN PORTLAND, BUT COLDER IN HELENA

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 16.—Bright sunshine with little wind gave Portland a fine winter day and the weather bureau promised another such tomorrow. Minimum temperature here was 20 above this morning and the forecast was for about the same tomorrow.

SPOKANE, Dec. 16.—Below zero temperatures with no immediate prospect of any material change were reported from western Washington points again today. The thermometer stood at 15 degrees below here this morning and the same temperature was reported from Yakima.

Wenatchee reported a minimum of 12 below, with four below at 7 a. m. At Walla Walla the mercury was at zero. West side cities reported milder weather with 26 above at Olympia and Everett.

Spokane still was the center of the high pressure area today and the local weather bureau held out no hope of relief from the extreme cold in the next 24 hours.

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 16.—Temperatures in eastern and southern Montana will fall to 15 or 35 below zero in the next 24 hours, according to a cold wave forecast issued here this morning by the weather bureau. Friday night the mercury hovered near the zero mark at most points in the state and there was a light snowfall at some places, including Helena.

SUP. CT. JUSTICE PITNEY RESIGNS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Associate Justice Pitney of the supreme court today sent his resignation to President Harding to take effect January 1.

The Daily Bank Robbery

BREMERTON, Wash., Dec. 16.—An attempt of an unknown bandit to hold up the Bank of Charleston, at Charleston, near here, at noon today, was frustrated when an employe of the bank sounded a burglar alarm, frightening the man away, according to a report to Kitsap county officials.

The man stepped up to a teller of the bank and demanded that he turn over \$5,000 "quick." The teller stepped into the vault, supposedly to get the money, but instead sounded the alarm and the bandit fled.

Chorus Girls Go On Strike, "Spice of 22" Has to Close Shop

CHICAGO, Dec. 16.—Principals and chorus of the play, "Spice of 1922," went on strike last night because of alleged unpaid salaries and refused to stage their performance, making it necessary for the management to refund the audience its money. Miss Valaska Suratt was among those who demanded settlement, according to reports. Jack Lait, the author, was said to have pressed a claim of \$15,000 for alleged unpaid royalties.

LITTLE CHANCE OF POSTSEASON GAME IN CITY

Although every effort has been made by Medford school officials, business men, high school students and others, it seems that a game for Scott high school cannot be secured in Portland. Medford has offered to guarantee \$2,000 if Portland will guarantee \$3,000. Multnomah club has offered to allow Washington high school to use Multnomah field on Christmas Day without cost. A Medford business man has offered Portland \$3500 for the Christmas Day game between Washington and Scott saying that he will take the gate receipts and give them \$3500 whether the gate amounts to that sum or not.

When informed of the latter plan by Mayor Gates, Mayor George L. Baker was rather surprised at the Medford man's spirit. He informed Mayor Gates last night that a meeting of the school board would be held today in regard to the matter. No answer had reached Medford up until press time on the findings of the school board.

Washington high school's principal, H. J. Boyd, called Superintendent A. G. Smith this forenoon and stated that the Washington team was out of condition and would not play. How a team could get out of condition in three or four days to such an extent that a week's practice would not put them back in shape is a mystery locally. Four days ago Coach W. A. Fenstermacher was still trying to arrange a game for Washington and for Medford with Scott high. Now he and Principal Hugh Boyd are both reported as being against the contest.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 16.—Charles "Shy" Huntington, for the past five years head football coach at the University of Oregon, was re-elected for another year by the athletic council of the associated students last night. His salary will remain at \$4,000.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Dec. 16.—Frank Vanderzanden, 17, yesterday confessed that he killed Jacob Dahlinger, aged recluse, in his cabin five miles from Banks, November 23 last, according to the sheriff and district attorney. His motive was robbery, he declared, but he said he lost his nerve and went away without entering the cabin.

He was charged with murder.

BEN OLCOTT AMONG GOVERNORS CALLED TO WASHINGTON TO LUNCH WITH PRES'T

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The chief executives of fifteen states attending the 14th annual conference of governors here were preparing to leave for Washington after the final session today for a luncheon conference with President Harding at the White House Monday presumably on the subject of prohibition enforcement.

Governors Spruill of Pennsylvania and Preuss of Minnesota, through whom the president personally extended his invitation for the conference, last night said Mr. Harding had not indicated to them the questions to be discussed. As the chief executive, however, had previously announced his intention of calling the governors to Washington to discuss the liquor question next month, the opinion seemed to prevail among those here today that either

CLAIM THAT LODGE WAS NOT ELECTED

Massachusetts Liberals File Action With Vice-President—Irregularities Charged in Recent Election—Ballots Are Requested—Lodge Is Worse Than Platt Or Quay.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The proceedings begun in Massachusetts challenging the re-election to the senate of Henry Cabot Lodge, the republican leader, today were transferred to the senate itself.

"A protest and challenge," against the election of Senator Lodge was received by Vice-President Coolidge from Conrad W. Crooker, attorney for John A. Nichols, defeated prohibition candidate and representative of the liberal republican league of Massachusetts.

"Flagrant irregularities" in the November 7 senatorial election were charged in Mr. Crooker's petition, which declared Senator Lodge was a "minority" winner and had been "reputed."

Mr. Crooker asked for an immediate hearing.

The papers are to be referred to the senate privileges and elections committee of which Senator Dillingham, republican, Vermont, is chairman. It is not customary for the committee or the senate to take action on election contests until the convening of the new congress which they affect and senate leaders indicated today that despite the request for immediate action, the Crooker proceedings would lie dormant until March 4.

Reports that Vice-President Coolidge might make a preliminary reference of his petition to Senators Lodge and Walsh in accordance with a senate custom today led Mr. Crooker to send Vice-President Coolidge a protest against any such move. He declared that the impropriety of referring his paper to Senator Lodge was "obvious."

Claim Evidence.

Mr. Crooker's statement said the liberal republican league represented more than 100,000 Massachusetts republicans. He added that his protest against the validity of Mr. Lodge's re-election was justified by "abundant evidence and also by the overwhelming demonstration of Massachusetts public sentiment at the polls in the recent election."

"Massachusetts has repudiated Lodge and all the reactionary obstruction that he stands for," the statement said.

The total vote for senator was 573, 172, it was declared, and Senator Lodge received on the face of returns 414,130 and was thus a "minority candidate," it was added that no two tabulations of the vote agree.

Worse Than Quay Or Platt.

"Flagrant irregularities in the conduct of the election occurred all over the state," Mr. Crooker said, "and the result as tabulated by the governor and council is the basis for the issuance of a certificate to Lodge is a result that cannot be accepted as representative of a legal election. I am here to obtain an immediate opportunity to prove it."

Mr. Crooker said his fight was not in behalf of William A. Gaston, the democratic candidate and was not a partisan move, but was designed to "unseat the man who has accom-

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