

AGED SALEM MAN COMMITTS SUICIDE WITH DYNAMITE

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 17.—E. C. Erickson, 83, Saturday afternoon committed suicide by sitting on a box of dynamite and touching a match to the fuse of a stick of the explosive that he held in his hand on his farm near Ellendale, in Polk county.

Although only the stick he held in his hand exploded, both of Erickson's legs were blown off at the knees, his left hand was blown away, his right hand terribly mangled, his left eye blown out and he was otherwise mangled.

Rushed to the Dallas hospital, Erickson died within three hours.

For months Erickson has been in poor health and lately has been living with his daughter in Dallas.

HIRAM CAN'T FILE IN SOUTH DAKOTA

PIERRE, S. D., Dec. 17.—The South Dakota supreme court today upheld the contention of Howard G. Fuller, that all further filings in the republican minority column of the primary ballot in South Dakota is prohibited, and refused to allow the name of Hiram Johnson to be filed as a minority candidate for president in this state. Senator Johnson however, will enter the race as an independent.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY ACCUSED OF CRIME

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 17.—Warrants charging an attempt to bribe against United States District Attorney A. Boyles and Harry G. French, a federal officer, were served here today and were sworn to by Charles Smith, chief deputy to the sheriff of Mobile county. The warrants follow the adjournment of the federal grand jury Saturday which returned 117 true bills.

One of the warrants is a joint one charging that Boyles and French attempted to corrupt or bribe R. E. Hunt, a member of the state law enforcement department, while the second warrant, served only on Boyles, charges that he attempted to bribe W. H. Holcombe, Jr., former sheriff and now a deputy sheriff and member of the Alabama legislature.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Three robbers today hopped through a safe door in the offices of the Rivoli theater, out of Broadway's largest motion picture houses, bound and gagged a watchman and escaped with \$6000.

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FRANCE TO FIGHT GERMANY'S PLAN TO BUY FOOD IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—Establishment of the \$1,000,000,000 credit for Germany by this government, to be used in the purchase of food is asked in a bill introduced today by Representative Berger, socialist, Wisconsin.

PARIS, Dec. 17.—(By the Associated Press)—Germany's request that the reparations commission agree to release its priority claim on Germany's resources to an extent necessary to permit Germany to borrow money abroad with which to buy needed food was delivered to the reparations commission today by the German war burdens commission.

The request probably will be considered at Wednesday's meeting but the present attitude of the French, it is stated semi-officially is against granting the application.

SENATE CONFIRMS ATT'Y CANADAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 17.—The senate today confirmed H. A. Canaday of Medford, Ore., as register of the land office at Roseburg, Oregon.

Mr. Canaday will arrange to take charge of the office as soon as possible. W. H. Cannon having resigned some months ago.

SENTENCED TO HANG FOR SPEED COP'S MURDER

MADERA, Cal., Dec. 17.—Walter Yeager was sentenced to be hanged and W. B. Terry was sentenced to life imprisonment by Superior Judge Stanley Murray here today after having been convicted of first degree murder of Clarence M. Pickett, traffic officer, on November 10 on the highway 7 miles north of Madera.

According to Terry's testimony in the trial Pickett was shot by Yeager when the officer stopped the two men and attempted to arrest them for driving while intoxicated. Yeager did not testify.

MILLION DOLLAR FIRE RALEIGH, N. CAROLINA

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 17.—Stanley W. Wade, state insurance commissioner after being in communication with Sherwood Brockwell, state fire marshal of the department at Charlotte, announced that a preliminary report from Mr. Brockwell estimated the loss in the Charlotte fire of last night to be about \$1,000,000.

TEN MEN LOST AT SEA

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wreck of the steam schooner C. A. Smith, which piled up on the north jetty of Coos Bay yesterday, put off in one of the ship's boats early today and were picked up by the tug Oregon. The men got away from the wreck while the life saving crew, in the steam schooner Cleone, was preparing to shoot a line aboard the C. A. Smith.

Seven men were rescued yesterday by the life saving crew. Ten men were believed to have been lost yesterday when they attempted to leave the wreck in a lifeboat. The C. A. Smith carried a crew of 24.

Every man on the C. A. Smith was given opportunity to leave the ship in safety about nine o'clock yesterday morning when the coast guard was called out, according to Captain M. F. Jensen of the coast guard crew. Seven men took advantage of it but some of the other went back for clothes or valuables and when they returned the sea was getting too rough for the small craft again to approach the Smith, Captain Jensen said.

Early in the afternoon when another attempt was to be made to get a line to the stranded vessel, lookouts saw a lifeboat go over the side only to be swallowed up a few moments later by a huge wave.

The schooner with a cargo of 1,500,000 feet of lumber belonging to the Coos Bay lumber company departed at 8 a. m. yesterday despite the apparent roughness of the bar. Watchers from the coast guard station saw the vessel averse as a huge wave broke over the deck. A moment later another wave struck. The rescued men said this blow broke the vessel's propeller and let the vessel drift against the jetty rocks inside the harbor entrance.

Within another hour the coast guard effected the rescue of the seven but when the sea became rougher there were huge breakers on both sides of the ship.

Charles N. Prescott, first mate on the tug Oregon which went to the Smith's rescue, was drowned yesterday after he had been washed overboard a second time. Prescott was swept into the bay when a wave hit the Oregon, but was picked up by members of the lifeboat crew. Then, while he was lying prostrate in the small boat, a second wave caught him and Charles Nordstrom and pitched them overboard. Someone grabbed Nordstrom's foot and pulled him back but Prescott was lost.

News Summary of Last Night

NEW YORK.—The Russian soviet government "is ready to do all in its power as far as the dignity and interests of the country permit, to bring about friendship with the United States," George Tchitcherin, soviet commissar of foreign affairs declared in an official note to President Coolidge.

Passing of the Early Pioneer

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Funeral rites were to be held here today for Lorenzo Thomas Haynes, who came west in 1887 with a Puget Sound co-operative colony that started the city of Port Angeles, Wash. He had emigrated as far as Greeley, Colo., in 1871 and for five years had been a Buffalo hunter on the plains.

COOLIDGE IS ADVISED TO PROCEED SLOWLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—President Coolidge was advised today by Charles H. Burke, commissioner of Indian affairs, to delay until the last of the month his decision as to entrance into the South Dakota primary owing to the complexity of the state primary law and the legal proceedings which have been instituted at Pierre and which may change the situation.

Mr. Coolidge took the advice under consideration with indications given at the White House that an action would be taken until just before expiration of the time limit of January 1. Relief was expressed that he would eventually decide to file formal notice of acceptance of the endorsement given him last month by the state proposal convention.

9 Radio Messages Are Received, Explorer

MOOSEJAW, Sask., Dec. 17.—Jack Brickett, a member of the American Amateur Radio league who operates a wireless station in the central fire house here Friday night received nine messages from the Bowdoin exploration ship of Donald B. McMillan, who is locked in the ice 750 miles from the north pole, it was learned today. The messages were sent east and south by Brickett.

SHRINE IS MARVEL OF ART

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had previously removed. The doors are engraved with exquisitely chiseled figures of goddesses in the attitude of prayer while above them is the projecting golden lintel of the second shrine, which is about seven feet high.

What impresses one more than anything else in the intriguing, festive air of this resplendent seculchre are the interior decorations of the wall of the shrine. These are chiefly golden, inscribed with endless lines of hieroglyphics, with figures of birds, flowers and animals. This contrast of deep black and old gold recalls the art of the old China or the decorative effects achieved by modern designers in golden ceilings and black walls.

BERLIN THIEVES ROB CHURCH OF ITS COPPER ROOF

BERLIN.—Stealing of metal articles of every description became so prevalent in Berlin that officials were fearful that all the bronze statues in the parks would be taken, consequently they were removed to places of safety. This form of robbery began last New Year's day, when one of a group of boxers was saved off. The metal then was cut into small pieces and sold to junk dealers.

The theft was traced to two men, who, it was learned, were assisted by their wives and children. The scheme proved so profitable that their relatives and friends engaged in the operations. Metal articles have been stolen from churches, cemeteries and railroad trains and in one instance the copper roof of a church was carried away.

The owners of new houses are having the copper waste pipes concealed in the walls of the first floor in order to keep them out of reach of the metal thieves. Twenty suspects are under arrest.

Thomas E. Lucey, Pure Fun Expert, H. School Tonight

Thomas Elmore Lucey, the versatile and highly commended entertainer who will be at the high school auditorium tonight has been heard by several Medford people who have the highest praise for him and his program. A phone message from Grants Pass where Mr. Lucey appeared Saturday evening says that the large audience was thrilled by his wonderful impersonations and the entire program.

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Tickets on sale at Heath's. Adults 50c, students 25c.

OREGON CONGRESSMAN GETS INTO LIMELIGHT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—All immigration will be suspended until 1929, under a bill introduced today by Representative Watkins, democrat, Oregon.

DEADLOCK CONTINUES

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Smith 38 and Couzens 11.

Cummins and Smith were tied on the fourth ballot, the 13th since the deadlock began. Each had 39, while Couzens retained his eleven.

On the fifth ballot—the last taken today—Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, joined those supporting Couzens. Cummins and Smith were tied with 38 each and Couzens had twelve. The balloting will be resumed tomorrow.

By its action today the house technically made itself ready to proceed with the legislative business of the session. Actually, however, the leaders expect to accomplish little except committee work until after the holidays.

MANY CASES ARE SETTLED IN LONDON BEFORE REAL BAR

LONDON, Dec.—Many American visitors and most English people know the law courts and have at some time or another visited the admiralty, divorce, probate and other divisions to hear interesting cases, but few know of the existence of various "bars" within the buildings, which are properly licensed for the sale of intoxicants.

The biggest of these is the Crypt Bar, where all sorts of laymen and legal authorities congregate during lunch time and where as many actions have been settled between solicitors' clerks as those which come before the judge. There is a tiny little bar reserved exclusively for officials of the court, who boast they have the best "draught" ale in London, while another caters to the staff and police when the latter are off duty.

The refreshment department of the courts is large but provides homely fare.

SWEDEN PERFECT METHOD TO DRY UP NATIVE WHEAT

STOCKHOLM.—A new contrivance for counteracting the destructive influence of damp weather on the grain production of Sweden is a grain drying apparatus. It is believed that the use of this machine will not only prove economical to flour mills, but will at the same time have a definite effect on the importation of wheat from America. Swedish mills have in the past found it necessary to blend American wheat with Swedish in equal ratio, but by drying native wheat with this apparatus only 30 per cent of American wheat will be required for the blend.

The machine consists principally of four rotating cylinders with tubes for the circulation of the grain, to which warm air is applied.

Unidentified Man Killed.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 17.—A. McDonald, address unknown, was killed by an interurban car at Chuckanut station early today. The motorman said he was standing in the middle of the track when he was struck. On his person was a membership card in I. W. W. local 120.

Monterey Wreck Disappears.

MONTEREY, Cal., Dec. 17.—The steam schooner Flavel, wrecked on this coast Friday night, disappeared today. This ended the contest between two land lubber concerns and the crew of the Flavel to salvage a part of her cargo of one million feet of lumber from Aberdeen, Wash.

TAHITIANS ADOPT JAZZ AND LEARN WHITE MAN VICES

PAPETE, Tahiti.—Amid the clamor of small nations throughout the world for self-determination, the Tahitians are almost alone in their lack of national consciousness. The influence of the white settlers is largely responsible for this apathy.

The Tahitians were a distinctive people. But virtually all memory of traditions, all pride of ancestry have gone, along with their primitive art, their ancient ceremonies, the beauty of their choral music and even the purity of their soft language.

The young Tahitian seeks to be a white man—with indifferent success. He has lost his genealogy. Today he is amused by third-rate motion pictures, jazz and the pleasures of the rum bottle.

Tahiti once held one of the most virile races. In ancient times they were hardy mariners, and their exploits as explorers into unknown seas have seldom been equalled in history. Savants say that the Tahitians, as a pure race, are doomed. The prediction is made that in a half a century they will have vanished from the earth.

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