

The Weather
Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 36
Minimum today 24

Daily—Fifteenth Year.
Weekly—Fifty-Third Year.

REBEL CHIEF FORCES ARE WIPED OUT

**Federal Forces Claim Genl.
Maycotte Lost Over 60 Per
Cent of His Effectives in
Capture of Pueblo—500
Casualties On Each Side—
Insurgents Being Pursued.**

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Maycotte lost over 60 per cent of his effectives as a result of the capture of Pueblo by the federalists, according to General Miguel Acosta, first under secretary of war, thus eliminating Maycotte as a serious factor.

General Acosta's latest attempts showed a thousand rebels were captured, 1000 dispersed and 500 casualties on both sides.

Among Maycotte's losses was General Fernando Reyes, who was killed.

General A. Gomez, governor of the state of Mexico reported today that a rebel detachment was repulsed and ten killed when it attacked Tenancingo.

Mexico City was given its first sight of hostilities, when an airplane returning from a reconnoitering flight over Morelos, crashed as a result of a mid-air explosion.

Both occupants of the plane were killed.

Rebel Attack Repulsed.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 24.—Government forces continue to gain ground in the vicinity of Pueblo and there is little doubt of success, according to telegraphic dispatches received here today by Mexican Consul General Ruiz.

General Martinez, commander in charge of the movement against the rebels, advises Mr. Ruiz through Mexico City that the chase of rebel bands broken up in the attack on Pueblo is continuing and many prisoners are being taken. The loyalist troops experienced but small losses in comparison with those of the rebel forces, the dispatch states. General Martinez is upon the ground and is himself directing the movement of federal forces in pursuit of the rebels.

General Estrada, commander of rebels in the west, has attacked Toluca but has been repulsed with heavy losses, Mr. Ruiz was advised.

President Obregon has been advised by the International Association of Mechanics of America that resolutions favoring the Obregon regime have been drawn up and that he has the full support of the body in his efforts to put down the revolt.

Laborers and members of the agrarian class are joining the Obregon forces and little difficulty is expected to be experienced in putting down the revolution now, Mexico City advised.

Traffic between Mexico City and Puebla was renewed this morning and General Martinez arrived here for the purpose of conferring with President Obregon. Trains bearing prisoners are en route to the capital, where according to dispatches the enlisted men will be freed on account of having been coerced into the movement. The officers however, will be adjudged guilty of desertion, and desertion will be summarily court martialed.

The task of gathering up the dead and wounded at Pueblo is being rushed.

The latest estimates are that the federalists lost about 150 dead and one hundred wounded in four hours fighting.

Rebels Near Mexico City

VERA CRUZ, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Rebel forces have made their nearest approach to Mexico

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**SALT CREEK OIL TOWN GUTTED BY
FIRE STARTED BY BLACK HANDERS**

CASPER, Wyo., Dec. 24.—Losses totaling \$110,000 were figured up this morning following an incendiary conflagration which last night destroyed one business block in the oil town of Lavoye in the Salt Creek field. No one was injured, the fire breaking out shortly after seven o'clock in the evening.

All fire insurance in Lavoye was cancelled December 17 because the town has to be moved according to a recent ruling of the Interior department. The land on which the town is built has been awarded to the Ohio

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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Man Woolwine Sent to Prison Offers to Give Sick Man Blood

PARIS, Dec. 24.—A man named L. Rappell, who said Thomas Lee Woolwine, former district attorney of Los Angeles, Cal., had sent him to prison, called at the hotel here where Mr. Woolwine is ill and offered to give a pint of blood to the man who once prosecuted him. Rappell's offer, however, was not accepted as the doctors already had decided to take the blood from the little hotel maid who attends the Woolwine family. She was one of several volunteers.

PRIEST DIES IN EFFORT TO ACT AS SANTA CLAUS

**Father Ruppert's Body, Guarded
By Faithful Dog, Found
Near Nome, Alaska—Eskimo
Mushes 75 Miles for Aid
—Country Mourns**

NOME, Alaska, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—An Eskimo mushed seventy-five miles in two days to tell Nome today that the Rev. F. J. Ruppert, S. J., pastor of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church in this city had yielded his life to the cold while trying to take oranges, apples and Christmas greetings cards to the Hot Springs orphanage, near the Pilgrim river, north of here.

Over Father Ruppert's body when it was found eight days ago on the bank of the river four miles from the orphanage, stood Mink, the leader of his dog team. Mink ferociously repelled those who came to carry his dead master to the orphanage, and had to be captured first.

Search for Father Ruppert had been started when one dog appeared at Iron creek, fifteen miles from Hot Springs, soon after another arrived at the orphanage. Father Ruppert, who won the love of the north by the way he worked for others without thought of himself in an influenza epidemic that wasted the Eskimos and took many whites in this district several years ago, was buried Wednesday at the orphanage.

Carrying his Christmas cheer for fifty persons, including sisters and brothers of the orphanage at the institution, Father Ruppert was continuing his journey alone from Duffy O'Connor's road house, which is on the route to Hot Springs from Nome. It is believed that reindeer frightened his team and caused the dogs to scatter.

Indications on the trail were that Father Ruppert had followed the road to the orphanage for two miles after his dogs broke apart and that, growing over-weary, he left the stony trail six miles from the orphanage and went into the bush on the Pilgrim river. A temperature of 30 degrees below zero was prevailing in that region. Father Ruppert seemed to have laid down to rest. He had taken off his parka, or fur hood, folded it neatly and clasped it between his body and one of his arms.

Founded Loyola College.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Rev. Father F. J. Ruppert, who according to advices from Nome was frozen to death on a northern trail, founded Loyola college here about nine years ago.

Five years ago he left for the far north and took charge of a school for Eskimos at St. Michaels, Alaska. Father Ruppert participated in scientific research and was a pioneer in wireless, according to his colleagues here. His radio set at St. Michaels is credited with having flashed the first news to the "outside" of the influenza epidemic there several years ago.

The dead priest, so far as known,

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SICK LITTLE GIRL, 13 YEARS OLD, GETS CHRISTMAS PRESENT SHE PRAYED FOR—DEATH

CAMDEN, N. J., Dec. 24.—The Christmas season brought to thirteen-year-old Helen Hamilton the gift she most desired, the one for which she had prayed—death. Racked for months by almost intolerable pain due to a ruptured heart—the result of a childish prank eight years ago—the little girl died yesterday with her mother's arms about her and secure in the belief that she would find a painless, perfect happiness in the world beyond. Clapsed tightly to her breast was her favorite doll, which she asked be buried with her. Her last words were a prayer for death. "Jesus, take me! Take me Jesus!" she said.

Her pale lips had prayed that she might live until her birthday, November 26. She had hoped to die that day. When it passed she appeared to rally, but soon afterward passed into a lethargy from which she rarely was aroused. The climax of her suffering came Saturday and 12 hours later she told her mother, Mrs. Elmer Hamilton, a widow, that she knew the end was near.

"Take me in your lap, mother," she said. "I know this is the end. I know that in a few minutes I will die. I want to feel your arms around me. I want to be held close before I go." "Then," said Mrs. Hamilton, "her thin arms came around my neck. Three times she kissed me. Never

IRISH PRISONERS JUST RELEASED, IN THE TOILS AGAIN

BELFAST, Dec. 25.—Members of the Ulster constabulary and special officers raided a meeting in London, derry yesterday and arrest eight persons present, including a nationalist election agent. Four of the prisoners had returned north recently from internment in the free state. The homes of the captives subsequently were searched. The raid is said to have been sequel to a recent arrest and the capture of documents and it is estimated that startling developments are expected.

Those attending the meeting declared its object was to raise funds for the defense of the men charged with the murder of Howard McKay during the 1920 riots.

DUBLIN, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—The free state government today announced the release of Countess Georgina Markievicz, one of the leading republicans who was arrested here November 4. The government also announced that between December 1 and December 31 political prisoners to the number of 3481 had been liberated.

NOW LOOKING FOR LEO IN HONOLULU

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The search for Leo Koretz, missing promoter of Panama oil stocks through which he is said to have swindled friends out of millions, was extended today to Honolulu. A telegram from the office of State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe, asking the port authorities at Honolulu to watch all incoming ships for Koretz, was said to have been based on a new clue concerning the flight of the missing broker.

FRENCH DIRIGIBLE LOST IN THE AIR, CAN'T COME DOWN

TOULON, France, Dec. 24.—The aviation authorities here are hopeful that the Dixmude may be located but are concerned over the lack of news. The ship is believed to be drifting over the Tunis coast or the Gulf of Gabes.

The French are receiving the co-operation of the British at Malta and the Italians in Sardinia and on the mainland.

PARIS, Dec. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—There appeared this morning to be some hope of saving the French dirigible Dixmude which with fifty officers and men aboard, has been drifting helplessly for three days over the Gulf of Babes on the north coast of Africa, and over the interior of Tunis.

Although news received in Paris has been sparse, the latest advices said that the great ship had drifted westward, taking a northwesterly direction, was hovering in the vicinity of Fom Tatahouine, thirty miles south of Medin.

Military authorities at Fom Tatahouine were reported to have prepared a fair landing place in case the ship was able to descend. Automobile headlights were set to mark out the spot through the night. A strong force of troops was also present.

The Italian authorities in Tripoli have instructed all military posts to maintain a close watch for the Dixmude and take all necessary steps to aid her should help be necessary.

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NO PAPER CHRISTMAS

In accordance with its long established custom the Mail Tribune will not publish a paper Christmas Day, and takes this opportunity to wish its readers a Merry One.

VENIZELLOS WANTS TO KNOW SITUATION BEFORE HE PLUNGES

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—Former Prime Minister Venizelos has telegraphed from Paris to Colonel Plastiras of the revolutionary committee, requesting information as to the relative strength of the contending parties in Greece, it was announced today.

The ex-premier's request follows the sending last week of an invitation to him to return to Greece and take the political situation in hand, without any restrictions upon his liberty of action. The invitation was sent by the revolutionary committee at the request of the council of ministers.

ATHENS, Dec. 24.—(By Associated Press.)—If former President Venizelos returns a negative reply to the request of the council of ministers that he return to Greece, the republicans suggest that a coalition government be formed to be composed of the four leading parties—the republicans, the liberals, the republicans-liberals and the refugee group headed by Dr. Doxiades, minister of public relief.

George Roussos, former Greek minister at Washington and new chief of the republican liberals, is one of the several political leaders favoring the coalition. However, many of the leading liberals oppose such a step, preferring to allow the republicans to have their fling at the difficult task of governing Greece. The feeling is that the republicans are sure to be quickly discredited and that the people will be obliged to call the liberals to power.

The week end was devoted to conferences at which the party chieftains endeavored to determine their future line of action. M. Roussos, returning from Egypt on Saturday, conferred with M. Papanastasiou, which is being talked of as the next premier. Afterward both statesmen held a conference with Colonel Plastiras at which it was announced that Roussos was against the revolutionary government relinquishing its power until Venizelos' answer had been received.

Auto Starter Pleads Guilty
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Frank Lowrey, automobile race official who some time ago pleaded guilty to a burglary charge today was sentenced to from one to fifteen years in San Quentin prison by Superior Judge Keetch.

Christians Celebrate Christmas Same Day First Time, 350 Years

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—Christmas this year is unique from the fact that for the first time in 350 years almost all of Christendom in theory will celebrate the day on December 25. This means that 125,000,000 people connected with the eastern orthodox national churches, of which the Greek and Russian are chief, will join in the occasion with the others of the Christian world.

Until this year members of those churches have followed the Julian calendar, which causes a gap of fourteen days between Christmas as observed in eastern and western churches. Now the Gregorian calendar of western churches has been adopted.

U. S. AIR MAIL PILOT CRASHES, INJURIES FATAL

**'Dinty' Moore, One of Best
Known Aviators in Mail Service
Killed When Plane
Nose-Dives in Gale Near
Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24.—James F. (Dinty) Moore, mail pilot, whose plane crashed near Burns, Wyo., this morning, died in a Burns hospital a few minutes after a plane sent from here and carrying Dr. C. Y. Beard, reached Burns from Cheyenne.

The fall of Moore's plane was observed by a railroad section crew. The machine, the crew reported, appeared to be flying low, about one and one-half miles south of the Union Pacific tracks when it suddenly nosed downward. The section crew hastened to the scene and extricated Moore and the mail from the wreck. They carried Moore to the railroad and took him to Burns on a speeder. They took the mail to Egbert.

Moore was considered one of the most expert pilots in the air mail service. He is survived by a widow and one child at North Platte. He was about 27 years old.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 24.—An air mail ship piloted by James F. (Dinty) Moore and en route from North Platte, Neb., to Cheyenne, crashed about three miles east of Burns, thirty miles east of Cheyenne, at 9:15 o'clock this morning. Moore, unconscious, was picked up by a passing motorist and taken to a hospital at Burns where Dr. H. M. Hanson gave him emergency attention.

At 10:26 o'clock Dr. C. Y. Beard left the air mail field here for Burns, in a ship piloted by Frank Yeager. A few minutes later another ship, piloted by H. A. Chandler, took off for Egbert, a few miles east of the scene of the accident to pick up mail from the wrecked ship.

Moore was coming westward in the teeth of a fifty mile gale and probably was flying low because of poor visibility. At the air mail field here surmises were made that the accident may have been caused rather by Moore's gasoline supply becoming exhausted or the suddenly nosing to earth in its fight with the gale.

Famous Buckaroo Buries

PENDELTON, Ore., Dec. 24.—Word was received here today from Sweetwater, Idaho, to the effect that Jack Sundown, famous Indian buckaroo, and the only Indian ever to win the world's championship bucking contest at the Pendleton roundup was buried in that city on December 29. Sundown won the championship in 1919 riding the famous twister Long Tom.

WASHINGTON BOOZE LIST DISAPPEARS BETWEEN POLICE AND REVENUE DEPT.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—With the mystery of the whereabouts of the list of 2,500 names reported seized during the roundup of alleged members of a local bootlegging syndicate growing deeper, investigators are said to be working on information which they describe as pointing to the involvement of one or more bankers in the financing of the enterprise.

FOUR MEN ARE SHOT IN BOOZE RAID

**Over 75 Alleged Violators of
Dry Law in Marion, Illinois,
Arrested By Special Force of
Deputies—Official Claims
Klansmen and Knights of
Columbus Assisted in Raid.**

MARION, Ill., Dec. 24.—Four men were shot, one seriously, in a roundup of alleged moonshiners and bootleggers in Williamson county Saturday night and yesterday. Thirteen persons were held in the Franklin county jail at Benton and 62 were in liberty on bonds ranging from \$200 to \$5000. All were charged with violating the federal prohibition law.

The volunteer raiders were led by G. J. Simons of Washington, D. C., who was sent here by Prohibition Director Haynes. Klansmen, it is said, assisted in the raids which were conducted without the knowledge of county authorities. Otis Clark, the first man indicted in connection with the Herrin mine killings, was among those arrested.

The raiders swooped down on all nearby towns almost simultaneously and early yesterday there was great excitement in Benton it being estimated that more than 3000 persons were gathered in the town square.

Klan and K. C. A. D.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The story of the raid of the federal prohibition forces in Williamson county Saturday night and Sunday was told in official reports today to the local enforcement headquarters by Gus J. Simons, a field chief working under the Washington prohibition unit.

Simons' reports, corroborated by J. F. Leffler and V. L. Armitage, local agents, made no mention of the co-operation of members of the Klan in the roundup. While the reports make no mention of the active co-operation of Williamson county officers in the roundup, Simons said Sheriff Owens of Franklin county, adjoining, gave every possible help to the federal officers. Many of the volunteers, force of 450 citizens were union miners of Williamson county, who were deputized after the federal officers had called for men "prepared to die in this undertaking."

Asked later if there was Klan co-operation Simons said Knights of Columbus and other organizations as well as klansmen participated and that the Klan did not participate as an organization and was not officially recognized.

"There were two to five revolvers and two or three automatic weapons in each of the 56 places raided," said Simons. "A battle at Freeman lasted an hour and a half and there were 1500 shots fired out of Joe Toller's place alone. Four men were wounded."

The affair at Herrin was quiet, said Simons. "We took Herrin without bloodshed as Grant took Richmond, despite the fact that one man fired 11 shots at us. He used up the charges in his notched automatic and then he was no good."

ANOTHER KING OF BOOTLEG NABBED

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Prohibition officials announced today they had uncovered one of the greatest rum running conspiracies since prohibition went into effect when they arrested Robert Graham, an Englishman and five others on a thirty ton motorboat off Fire Island. Graham had 448,355 in his possession and lists of names of suspected bootleggers all over the country.