

The Weather

Prediction Rain
Maximum yesterday 42
Minimum today 25

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ATTEMPT TO KILL CROWN PRINCE HIRO

Japan in Uproar Over Attempted Assassination of Prince Hirohito—Shot Fired From Cane Gun Through Window of Automobile—Fear Anti-Socialist Move.

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—(By Associated Press.) A youth dressed as a laborer was arrested by police today shortly after he had fired at Prince Regent Hirohito, in an attempted assassination. The youth is twenty years old. Police believe he is insane. The shooting has aroused intense excitement and feeling is running high throughout the city.

The attack occurred while the prince regent was on his way to a session of the diet. The assailant used a "cane gun" in firing at the automobile. The windows of the machine were smashed and the bullet narrowly missed the head of the prince regent. He continued on his way to the meeting of the diet, but took refuge in the upper house of the diet, composed of peers. Later he returned to the imperial palace, under heavy guard.

Authorities are conducting a rigid investigation of the attempt on the prince regent's life. They are of the opinion that others may be implicated in a plot to assassinate Hirohito.

Aide Is Injured
Viscount Tanemori Iriye, member of the house of peers and chief chamberlain to the prince regent, who was accompanying him in the automobile, was slightly injured when he was cut by broken glass.

When Hirohito appeared in the upper house of the diet, there was no indication apparent that anything untoward had occurred. The prince regent read a speech to the members of the house in a calm voice and then retired. Visitors at the session were not allowed to leave the building until the regent had departed on his way back to the imperial palace.

None of those present at the session which he addressed were aware of the shooting. When news of the attempted assassination became known they expressed the highest admiration for the manner in which he had conducted himself.

Another youth, who was with the assailant of the prince regent this morning was arrested later.

Following the attack, it was learned that the prince regent has been under heavy guard recently, owing to rumors which have been in circulation here that Koreans were conspiring to assassinate him. Owing to the almost unprecedented feeling which is running high here, and conflicting reports which are extant, police have threatened to suppress newspapers publishing news of the incident until an official statement has been received.

Assailant Is Mauled
The prince's assailant was badly mauled by the crowd which caught him before the police reached the spot. The crowd turned him over to the officers.

He was identified some hours after his arrest as Daisuke Namba, 27 years of age and the son of a minor politician. He formerly was a student at Waseda university but was driven by force of circumstances to take up work as a laborer. In this occupation he became interested in communism.

Namba denied he had any accomplices and told the police his action was committed in the hope that it would lead to a social revolution.

A stream of callers began flowing to the regent's palace as soon as word of the attack got about, all of them seeking to express their congratulations to the prince on his escape. One of the first to arrive and be received was Charge d'Affaires Caffery of the American embassy.

Prince Regent Hirohito has been in the public eye in Japan considerably during recent months as a result of his work in directing reconstruction following the earthquake and plans for his wedding on February 6.

Eight Below Havre, Montana; 2 Below Yellowstone Park

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 27.—With Havre registering eight below today it was the coldest place in the United States from which daily weather reports are received here. The streak of winter originating in Canada by this morning had extended along the east slope of the Rocky Mountains as far south as Wyoming. It was two below at Yellowstone Park and the same temperature was recorded at Sheridan, Wyo.

A rise in temperature is predicted for tomorrow.

17 PATIENTS IN INSANE ASYLUM VICTIMS OF FIRE

Fire Trap in Chicago Hospital for Insane Goes Up in Smoke—Scores Saved in Spite of Panic—Many Insane Patients at Large.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Discovery of one additional body in the ruins of the frame annex called the "death house" which burned last night at the Chicago state hospital for the insane at Dunning, increased the known dead to eighteen today. Only six of the bodies have been identified. The list of unaccounted for, including the twelve unidentified bodies, now stands at twenty-two.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Formal inquiry into the fire which last night destroyed the frame death house at the Dunning state hospital for the insane will be inaugurated today by Judge C. H. Jenkins of Springfield, director of the department of public welfare, according to hospital attendants. Three other inquiries by city and county officials also were scheduled to begin today.

Hours of informal investigation have failed to disclose the probable cause of the blaze.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Seventeen persons were killed last night when a swiftly spreading fire of unascertained origin destroyed an old wooden pavilion known as the "death house," at the state hospital for the insane at Dunning on the northwestern edge of Chicago. Fourteen of the dead are known to have been patients in various stages of insanity. Three others were E. J. Caraker and his wife, attendants, and Lowell, their eight year old son.

Only one patient has been identified. The bodies of the others were burned badly.

About 35 of the patients, including several of a violent type, broke away in the excitement of herding more than 500 inmates from the danger zone. Several were taken back to the institution after hard struggles with the police.

A dozen supposedly dangerous patients were reported still at large early today.

It was one of the worst institutional fires in Illinois history. The building, witnesses said, seemed to go up in one great burst of flame. It was given the name "death house" when it was the property of Cook county because of its flimsy construction. It housed approximately 600 patients suffering with the milder forms of insanity.

The institution housed approximately 3500 patients and the shriek of the fire alarm threw them into a frenzy. Attendants battled to drive them back from doors and windows and to quiet them, while the flames consumed the wooden structure. The cries of the charges led past the building housing the more dangerous patients excited them all the more and for an hour the scene was truly one of bedlam.

It was thought at first that all persons had been taken alive from the burned building and it was only when

control over the expenditure of the fund. This provision, the governor general considers contrary to the Jones law (the organic act of the islands) which gives the governor general supervision and control over all executive departments of the insular government.

It is understood that the bill will be brought up in the legislature again in the hope of obtaining its passage over the governor general's veto after which it will be sent to President Coolidge for his approval or veto.

PEACE MOVE TO PRECEDE BIG ATTACK

On Eve of Final Offensive, Move for Peace Is Started By General Flores, Candidate for President—Obregon Is Reported Ready to Crush Rebels If Move Fails.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—(Via Laredo Junction, by the Associated Press.)—Upon the eve of federal offensives against the rebellious forces commanded by Generals Enrique Estrada and Manuel Dieguez in the state of Jalisco and General Fortunato Maycotte and Castro in the state of Oaxaca, reports are again in circulation of a peace move. The reports say the author of the new effort toward peace is General Angel Flores, governor of Sinaloa, a presidential candidate.

According to unconfirmed reports which are given prominence in the Excelsior, Judge Manuel Tellez, heading a commission from Sinaloa, has arrived in Mexico City with the Flores peace proposal. After conferring with General Estrada at Guadalajara, Judge Tellez is reported to have been in wireless communication with General Maycotte and with De La Huerta, leader of the revolt at Vera Cruz. Details of the reported peace proposals could not be learned.

It is stated, however, that Judge Tellez conferred with President Obregon before the latter departed yesterday for Irapuato to direct the offensive on the Jalisco front.

The campaign in Jalisco, which is intended to overcome the forces headed by Estrada and Dieguez, according to semi-official information available at the war department, has been perfected here for some time. Troop movements already are under way.

It was stated that the offensive, which was first "intended to begin about the middle of the month, has been delayed, first for the purpose of driving out the followers of Maycotte and Castro from Puebla, which was accomplished Saturday, and second, to enable disposal of federal columns in a strategic line in front of the forces of Estrada and Dieguez to prevent their escape from Guadalajara into the Jalisco mountains and thereby prolong the conflict into difficult guerilla warfare.

Rebels Routed
According to a war department announcement troops under General Cardenas yesterday routed a rebel band of Dieguez followers near Guzman with a loss of 28 killed. The announcement added that an airplane squadron under Captain Rafael Ponce de Leon bombed revolutionary encampments Sunday and Monday near Ocotlan. A Vanguard of Amaro's division under Jose Gonzalo Cobarral already has come in contact with the Estrada forces at Ocotlan. Estrada has moved his headquarters to Sayula. The contingent moving against Maycotte and Castro forces is scheduled to begin soon as repairs in the railroad leading to Oaxaca are completed.

It is announced that the city of Esperanza is being held by General Pedro Gonzalez with 800 rebels, and that Generals Maycotte and Castro are driving the fugitives from Puebla. In addition there are reinforcements from Oaxaca and other points. The total force is said to not exceed one thousand effectives.

The movement involves two thousand federals under General Juan Andrew Almazan which have reached Tepic, where a rebel detachment was routed and a column of 1500 men concentrated at San Marcos under General Lopez.

The rebels are also being menaced by the operations of General Federico Harbosa, who is threatening Esperanza from the fastnesses of the mountains near Zongolica. Armed agrarian bands composed of ex-soldiers and hardy mountaineers also are being organized near Cordoba for the purpose of attacking the rebels.

Death Toll of the Automobile

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—N. P. Tubbs, 72 years old, caretaker of ponies in Woodland park, was the 48th person to die in this city this year from automobile accidents. He was struck on his way to work today. He and his wife came here in July from Sterling, Ill.

Whiskers Singed When He Snatched a Smoke, Store Santa Wins Compensation



ST. PAUL—No cigarettes for Santas! It's the warning of August Kaltha, department store Santa Claus. August has learned his lesson. Last year while giving an imitation of the robust old saint, Kaltha lit a "tag" to while away a dull moment. His wig and flowing beard were ignited, and Kaltha himself badly burned.

The Minnesota Industrial Commission denied him compensation, but The State Supreme Court has just declared him entitled to it, as having been injured "in line of duty."

SECRETARY FALL GIVES DETAILS OF RANCH DEAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—A detailed statement of the real estate and cattle investments of former Secretary Albert B. Fall, filed today with the senate public lands committee, declared a \$100,000 loan advanced to Mr. E. B. McLean, the Washington publisher, enabled him to purchase additional ranch holdings in recent years in New Mexico.

The source of the funds with which the former secretary enlarged his New Mexico establishment had been sought by the committee as a result of testimony given by previous witnesses in the senate inquiry into the leasing of the Teapot Dome oil reserve to Harry F. Sinclair while Mr. Fall was at the head of the interior department.

The statement filed by the former secretary, who was prevented by illness from responding in person to the committee's invitation, dealt also with various other subjects which have been touched upon during the hearings.

The \$100,000 advanced by Mr. McLean, the statement said, was secured by Mr. Fall's personal note and was loaned for purchase of the Harris ranch, adjoining that of the secretary.

The loan was for three years, at the end of which time the publisher was to have the right either to call the loan or to enter into a co-partnership with Mr. Fall in which the latter was to put up lands or other assets to an equal value. The statement placed the present book value of the Fall property in New Mexico at \$600,000.

Explaining references of witnesses to large sums of cash presented in payment for the Harris property, Mr. Fall said he expected it to be a "cash deal" and therefore took the entire sum when he met the owners to consummate the purchase.

Mr. Fall said he never had approached Mr. Sinclair and Edward L. Doheny for a loan, advance or other assistance.

Referring to a shipment of blooded cattle to his place by Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Fall said he had insisted that the livestock be paid for at full market value. Mr. Sinclair's visit to Three Rivers, N. M., prior to the leasing of the Wyoming reserve, was a pure coincidence, the former secretary declared.

Practically all his holdings in New Mexico were acquired before 1906, Mr. Fall said, and comprised at least forty separate parcels of land. The varied composition of the whole area was given by the secretary as one of the causes of his troubles regarding taxes. The officials of Otero county, he said, attempted to assess him on the full value of the whole tract as "improved land," as well as on the value of improvements.

His opposition to this assessment.

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Propose Barring All Japanese Immigrants From United States

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Argument in favor of barring Japanese from the United States was made today at a hearing before the house immigration committee by Representative Miller, republican, Washington, who declared that the immigration laws should place Japanese on the same basis with the Chinese. Admission of Japanese, he said, is having the result on the Pacific coast of increasing racial friction which might lead to an "unpleasant situation of national scope."

ABANDON HOPE FRENCH AIRSHIP; STILL NO NEWS

Paris Admits Dirigible "Dixmude" Lost, But Still Have Hope for Crew—No News for Six Days—Fear Ship Crashed in African Desert.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The loss of the dirigible Dixmude is now reluctantly admitted, although hope for the safety of her crew of fifty officers and men has not yet been relinquished.

It is considered certain that the Dixmude fell on the desert somewhere between Bliska and Touggourt, southern Algeria, during the gale that prevented her from crossing the Gulf of Gabes and returning to France.

Inasmuch as no message whatsoever has been received from the Dixmude since early on the morning of December 21, it is inferred here that her fall must have been violent, wrecking her wireless apparatus.

Even assuming such a crash, it does not necessarily follow that the ship's crew perished, for the Dixmude was well provided with parachutes and some of her men, it is pointed out must have escaped. These could have obtained food and water from the wreckage.

Search for the dirigible off the coast of Tunis, Tripoli and Malta has proved fruitless, but the navy is continuing its efforts. The ministry of marine announced today that the Dixmude has not been heard from or seen since December 21. She gave her position as approximately sixty miles north of Touggourt, or about 90 miles south of Bliska, heading for Algiers, on the Mediterranean, by way of Bu Saada and Annale, on the north side of the Atlas mountains. Her speed was given as seventy kilometers an hour and she asked for a weather report in the vicinity of the Atlas range.

The ministry announcement adds that the Dixmude was instructed not to attempt to make for France across the Mediterranean, where a gale was blowing.

Last Minute Bulletins

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Edward P. Farley, chairman of the shipping board, announced after a conference today with President Coolidge that he had requested the executive to withdraw his nomination as a commissioner of the board which is before the senate and that upon its withdrawal he would resign as chairman of the board which office he fills by recess appointment.

Mr. Farley indicated that the president would accede to his request for withdrawal of his nomination, upon which an adverse report recently was voted by the senate commerce committee. The chairman said his formal resignation would be sent to the president within a few days.

BOOTLEGGERS BLAMED FOR ATTACK ON CHURCH AND BEATING CONGREGATION

HANCOCK, Md., Dec. 27.—Bootleggers and moonshiners today were declared by authorities to have composed a band of ten men that stormed the Methodist church at Black Road, about sixty miles from here Christmas night, damaging the edifice and beating up four members of the congregation, including two women. The invaders entered after breaking windows. Once inside they began to break up church fixtures.

Two members of the congregation were attacked when they attempted to interfere. When their wives went to their assistance, the assailants turned upon them and beat them. The members of the church have aided authorities in breaking up stills and apprehending bootleggers.

REFORM OR DISBAND IS KLAN PLEA

E. Y. Clarke, Former High Mogul in Klan, Offers President Coolidge Aid in Reforming Organization—Admits Klan Going Down Hill—Original Ideas Abandoned.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—E. Y. Clarke, formerly high in the councils of the Ku Klux Klan, wrote President Coolidge today offering to co-operate with the executive in ending the activities of an element which is converting the Klan into an organization vastly different from that planned by its founders.

Clarke also announced his intention to issue a proclamation to klansmen, "calling the better element either to take hold and remedy the existing evil, or to disband the organization. The president was told by Clarke that there had been "a steady withdrawal" from the Klan itself or from participation in its active operating control and that he "voluntarily severed his active official connection" with the organization more than a year ago.

Various charges were made in the letter against the activities of the organization, in disregard to the "high ideals, principles and purposes" for which it was formed, and these activities Clarke characterized as "a keen disappointment to me."

"I am perfectly willing," the letter said, "to assume the moral responsibility which is rightly mine as having been chiefly instrumental in the building of the Klan. In justice to myself and the hundreds of thousands of high grade men who have been drawn into the Klan because of its declaration of ideals and principles, I cannot and will not rest passive and silent and sit idly by in the face of such conditions."

Clarke said in his letter that the development of the Klan as mapped out was to have been "through scientific educational propaganda inside the lodge room and through the establishment of great educational universities in different parts of the nation and through the building of magnificent hospitals."

The trend recently, he said, had been in an entirely different direction.

EXPECT CONGRESS TO PROBE WOOD'S STOCK PLUNGING

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The stock market operations of Lieutenant Osborne C. Wood, served today to bring out a general statement of the attitude taken by Secretary Weeks toward the investments of army officers.

Mr. Weeks holds that officers should be required to avoid speculative enterprises on a scale that would mark the transactions as "imprudent" in view of the means of the officers concerned. It was in line with the policy that the suggestion was conveyed to Lieutenant Woods four months ago that his speculative ventures in Wall Street should be terminated.

Lieutenant Wood's operations practically ceased at that time. It was said today at the war department, his subsequent transactions being in connection with the closing of operations in which he was already engaged.

A congressional investigation into Lieutenant Wood's operations probably will be asked for by Representative Fear, republican, Wisconsin, who has a resolution pending for a general inquiry into the administration of Governor General Wood in the Philippines. Representative Fear said today he considered his resolution, if favorably acted upon, would permit the investigating committee to go into such cases as that of Lieutenant Wood.

GOVERNOR-GENERAL WOOD AGAIN VETOES BILL DEPRIVING HIM OF MONEY POWERS

MANILA, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—Governor General Leonard Wood vetoed a bill today, passed by the legislature, providing for an appropriation of \$50,000 for extending relief, in cases of urgent necessity, for persons who are destitute or afflicted as the result of calamities. The bill is identical with a measure vetoed nearly a year ago.

The governor general pointed out, in affixing his veto to the bill, that under its provisions, the secretary of the interior would have discretionary

control over the expenditure of the fund. This provision, the governor general considers contrary to the Jones law (the organic act of the islands) which gives the governor general supervision and control over all executive departments of the insular government.

It is understood that the bill will be brought up in the legislature again in the hope of obtaining its passage over the governor general's veto after which it will be sent to President Coolidge for his approval or veto.