

The Weather
 Prediction: Rain or snow to-
 night. Warmer Thursday.
 Maximum yesterday.....32
 Minimum today.....13.5
 Snow.....1/2 inch

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum.....42
 Minimum.....39

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SCREEN STAR INVOLVED IN L.A. SHOOTING

Mabel Normand's Chauffeur Shoots Wealthy Denver Man While Latter Visits Edna Purviance—Victim Is Expected to Recover—Mystery Surrounds the Case.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—The infatuation of a chauffeur for his film actress employer and his jealousy of her wealthy Denver acquaintance, according to the police, were the motives that prompted Joe Kelly, alias H. A. Greer, to shoot Courtland S. Dines of Denver, last night in the presence of the two moving picture stars, Mabel Normand and Edna Purviance.

Officers working on the case made this statement as they were leaving for Miss Normand's residence to question Miss Ruth Burns, companion of the film actress, who it is declared, sent Miss Normand's chauffeur, Greer, to bring his film actress home from the Dines apartment.

Greer is being held by the police on a charge of attempted murder but the officers declare no action will be taken with regard to the two actresses present at the shooting "unless there are further developments."

Dines has a good chance for recovery, according to attending physicians. The bullet from the 25 caliber pistol used by Greer but said to belong to Miss Normand, entered his body above the heart and came out his back.

The Denver oil operator and clubman, again declared today that Greer's story of the shooting was false. He denied the chauffeur's statement as given out by the police that he had made any threatening move in the auto driver's direction to prompt the shooting. He also reiterated his denial that he and Miss Purviance were engaged to marry. On this subject he remarked "Miss Purviance and I are simply close friends."

Greer, according to the police has been in Miss Normand's employ only six months. He is said to have come here from New York where he also worked as a chauffeur.

Edna in Taylor Case
 The names of both of the film actresses who were present at the shooting of Dines, figured in the investigation of the unsolved murder of William Desmond Taylor, prominent motion picture director, who was killed here in February, 1922.

Edna Purviance was a neighbor of the slain man and told of having seen his home brilliantly lighted late on the night of the killing. Mabel Normand came forward as the last person found by the police who saw the murdered director alive. She had been with him alone within fifty minutes of the time fixed by physicians as the hour in which he died. Her picture was in the dead man's locker.

The "Taylor case" as it has come to be called, developed a baffling mystery for the investigating officers. The film director's former valet, Edward F. Sands, still is being sought in connection with it.

Taylor's body was found on the morning of February 2, 1922, on the floor of his luxuriously furnished bachelor apartment, a fatal bullet wound in the neck.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyson Dines, father and mother of Courtland S. Dines, are at their winter home in Biloxi, Miss., according to members of the family in Denver. They will leave this afternoon for Los Angeles. Gene Dines, a brother, likewise plans to leave this afternoon.

Friends of Dines in Denver, according to information obtainable in brokerage circles declare he practically ad-

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GRIES OF "DOWN WITH THE KING" OPENS TURBULENT SESSION NEW GREECE GOVT

ATHENS, Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press). Amid shouts from the deputies and galleries of "Long live the Republic! Down with the king!" Greece's revolutionary government was turned over to the newly elected national assembly today by Colonel Plastiras, head of the revolutionary committee.

Colonel Plastiras opened the session with a speech in which he enumerated the achievements of the revolutionary government which took power

Ashland Man Is Held Up Twice in Oakland By Same Highwaymen

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 2.—William Bernard, Ashland, Ore., reported to the police here yesterday that he was held up twice by the same trio of highwaymen early yesterday and robbed of \$20.

Reports from Ashland today failed to identify William Bernard as a resident of that city. It is believed that the man in question recently worked for the Hartman syndicate at Ashland but was not a permanent resident.

ROSEBURG MAN REPORTED DEAD, FOUND PORTLAND

R. B. Debney, Who Tried Dr. Brumfield's Stunt, Minus the Murder, Surrenders to Police—Killed Dog and Abandoned His Automobile.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—Detectives here today found and interviewed R. B. Debney of Salem and Roseburg, who disappeared last September under circumstances indicating that he had been murdered and his body thrown into the Willamette river from a bluff along the Oswego road near here.

Debney was found in front of a school here which his 14 year old daughter attends. To Detectives Heller and Mallett who interviewed him, he said he had gotten into financial difficulty in Roseburg and found he could not make good on a wood cutting contract.

"So I decided to make people think I simply had dropped out of existence," he said. "I left my wife and daughter at Salem, came up past Oswego and stopped my car near Dunthorne. Then I hit the dog over the head with an iron bar and dropped a lot of papers in the car and came into Portland."

"I've been all over ever since. I went to Spokane, then to Alberta, Canada, then back to Seattle and Tacoma. Yesterday I went through here to Salem to find out where my wife was and then came up here."

No prosecution is contemplated by police, who, however, will turn Debney over to the sheriff's office.

The fact that he was coming to Portland was told Captain Leo A. Harms by a woman in Salem, who was awakened at 12:30 a. m. by Debney in search of his wife.

CALIFORNIA COLD RECORD BROKEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 2.—The Pacific coast states experienced low temperature records last night and today with a forecast in California for continued cold tonight. Records that had stood for years were shattered.

Paso Robles, Calif., had a temperature of nine above zero. Santa Barbara reported 25 degrees above zero.

Early advices from the southern California citrus districts indicated a change in the wind velocity prevented the mercury remaining at the minimum very long and the frost damage thus far will not begin to take on the serious proportion of the freeze of two years ago.

with the abdication of King Constantine in the fall of 1922.

Premier Gonatas followed with an announcement of the resignation of his government which held office under the revolutionary regime.

The cabinet withdrew from the session after its resignation. The republicans and liberals remained in the house and endeavored to form a quorum to elect a speaker.

After a heated debate the house adjourned until Saturday.

REBELS TRY TO CUT OFF MEXICO CITY

Encircling Movement to Isolate Mexican Capital From Main Federal Forces Is Announced at Vera Cruz—Obregon to Add 9000 Troops to Army Before February.

(By the Associated Press)
 Vera Cruz reported revolutionary forces have begun an encircling movement to cut off Mexico City from outside communication with General Sanchez operating near Puebla, east of the capital; General Estrada in Jalisco, on the west, and General Figueroa advancing from the south.

Mexico City reports that General Sanchez of the federal forces, has concentrated 1200 men at Esperanza.

Meager government advices from Jalisco stated that the rebels are retreating without giving battle.

Washington war department refuted reports from Mexico City that arms already had been shipped to Mexico for the federals.

The state department at Washington denied that the United States was considering the sale of war vessels to Obregon.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Enrique Zeldner, confidential agent of Adolfo De La Huerta, Mexican rebel leader, today served a copy of De La Huerta's decree demanding that petroleum production taxes be paid to him, upon Guy Stevens, director of the Association of Producers of Petroleum in Mexico.

The decree ordered payment of petroleum taxes to De La Huerta at Vera Cruz and directed that payment of export taxes be continued, according to the De La Huerta-Lamont debt agreement.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—(By Associated Press). Nine thousand troops will be added to the federal army before the end of January, it was announced by the war department today and will consist of 20 battalions of infantry. General Calles already has recruited 4000. It was added, from the region centering around San Luis Potosi and Monterey.

A column of 1600 soldiers is ready to leave Monterey for Tampico, according to the Monterey specialists under command of General Juan Espinosa Cordoba.

General Calles, shortly after establishing recruiting headquarters at Monterey, it is added, received a communication from Nuevo Leon with an offer of 500 agrarians, already organized to place themselves under Calles' orders.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 1.—Enrique Collings, secretary of the interior, announced today that President Obregon had decided to send during the coming week an invitation to the permanent congressional commission requesting the convocation of an extraordinary session of the senate for the sole purpose of considering the general United States-Mexican claims convention which was not acted upon during the regular session, which ended yesterday.

President Obregon today received credentials from the following new ministers: Jan Herior, France; Baron Henry DeWoelmont, Belgium; and C. E. O. Bustamante, Salvador.

Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Dillard A. Elkins of Eugene was today elected chairman of the state industrial accident commission, to serve two years. He is a democrat and an appointee of Governor Pierce and succeeds W. A. Marshall as chairman. Marshall recently was reappointed a member of the commission by Pierce and his new term begins today.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—The state engineering department today received a total of \$4468.83 in license fees for 1924 from persons and concerns holding water rights in Oregon for power development. Previous to today a total of \$4444.18 in fees for 1924 had been received. Today is the last day to make the payments to avoid a penalty of one-fourth the amount of the fees.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Governor Pierce today reappointed Whitney L. Boile of Portland as a member of the state land settlement commission. R. Alexander of Pendleton was appointed a few days ago to succeed L. M. Graham of Forest Grove. Other members of the commission are G. H. Baker of Bend, and Charles Hall of Marshfield. There is still one vacancy on the commission, that left when the term of W. P. Stranberg of Portland expired a year ago.

Mabel Normand in Limelight Again



Above is one of the latest photographs of Miss Mabel Normand, who figured in a movie sensation in Los Angeles for the second time, last night.

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Mr. Antie reports that Dr. F. S. Page, owner of the theater, and A. C. Knight, his agent, in charge of the property here, left Los Angeles that day by motor car for this city.

As soon as they arrive in this city a meeting will be held with the other interests concerned in the building to discuss the matter of rebuilding. Until this is done it will not be known whether the Page will be rebuilt.

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"I was not, because I had a premonition of some kind when the telegram was handed me and said to myself while opening it, 'Either one of the houses was burned or some one has died.' Of course, I regret that the fire occurred, but my main regret is that Amos Willis was killed and the fire chief injured as a consequence of that fire. Our loss is a minor consideration."

Mr. Hunt had also expressed similar views Sunday and Monday. He was more deeply affected by the tragic death of Mr. Willis than at the loss and inconvenience suffered by the company.

The funeral services of Amos Willis, which will be held Thursday at 2:00 o'clock at the Perl Funeral home will probably have an unusually large attendance.

The Noted Dead

LEW TRENCHARD, England, Jan. 2.—The Rev. Sabine Baring Gould, English novelist and theologian, died today. He was the author of many books during his 70 years of literary activity and was best known as the writer of the hymn "Onward, Christian Soldiers." He also wrote "Now the Day is Over," "Through the Night of Doubt and Sorrow" and "On the Resurrection Morning." He would have been 90 years old on January 28. He began his career as a writer at the age of twenty and published works of fiction, history, folk lore, religion, travel and mythology.

NEW YORK.—Montgomery Roosevelt Schuyler, sportsman and a cousin of the late Theodore Roosevelt, is dead at his county home at Nyack, at the age of 70. He owned some of the fastest pleasure yachts in the east.

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Death Toll of the Automobile

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—Arthur D. Covert, 50, died in a local hospital last night as a result of a fractured skull received when the bicycle which he was riding collided with an automobile driven by H. K. York of Portland on a downtown street last Friday evening.

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With Busted Water Pipes Plumbers in Salem Go On Strike

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—With frozen and busted water pipes general in homes throughout the city because of the excessive cold of the past two days, the journey-men plumbers of Salem laid down their tools this morning when the master plumbers refused to meet their demands for an increase in wages of \$1 a day.

A conference between the strikers and their employees is planned for later in the day, following a meeting of the master plumbers of the city. About twenty plumbers walked out.

N. Y. GOVERNOR AGAIN URGES A SANE DRY LAW

Governor Al Smith in Message to Legislature Again Asks State to Memorialize Congress for Light Wine and Beer Amendment.

ALBANY, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Further efforts for modification of the Volstead act were suggested in Governor Smith's message to the New York legislature today. He urged that New York's representatives be asked to lay before the present congress a memorial to congress adopted by the last legislature.

"The last session of the legislature," said the message, "memorialized congress by resolution to change the present narrow, senseless definition of what constitutes an intoxicating beverage as set forth in the Volstead act, to the end that there may be permitted the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer, under the careful restrictions set forth in our legislative enactment of 1920. (This enactment was a law legalizing the manufacture and sale of 2.75 per cent beer, which was declared unconstitutional by state courts.)"

"Subsequently, the legislature further defined the policy of the state in relation to this subject by the repeal of the state law, which, in effect left enforcement of the Volstead act with both state and federal government and left the prosecution for violation of the Volstead act entirely with the federal government. It must be remembered, however, that this did not and cannot and will not bring about a change in the present definition of what constitutes an intoxicant. An amendment to the Volstead act is only possible by the congress of the United States."

"Inasmuch as we have a new congress now in session, I suggest that by resolution properly adopted you call the attention of our representatives from this state to the action of last winter and request them to lay it before the present congress."

LONG BEACH, Cal., Jan. 2.—Two armed bandits entered the Western Union office here early this morning, lined up a half dozen employees, robbed the cash register of \$137, and escaped amid a fusillade of bullets fired by police who were nearby when the robbery occurred.

25 Below in Wisconsin. SUPERIOR, Wis., Jan. 2.—The thermometer registered 25 degrees below zero here today.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

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MERCURY HITS SIX ABOVE IN SALEM, BUT ORE. COLD SNAP DECLARED OVER

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 2.—The cold snap which has held the central Willamette valley in its grip for the past two days was broken this morning. The lowest point reached by the thermometer last night was 12 above, as against six above the previous night. The temperature was rising rapidly this morning and rain was in prospect.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 2.—A falling barometer this morning indicated the passing of the severe cold spell which has gripped this part of the state the past three days, according to an announcement from the United States weather bureau station this morning. The temperature last night dropped to

slightly below 18 degrees, but the mercury started rising this morning. A light snowfall occurred shortly after daybreak and the forecast issued by the weather observer for today was rain or snow with a rising temperature.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 2.—Definite assurance of passing of the cold wave which has gripped Oregon since Sunday was contained in reports to the weather bureau here today and caused the forecast of warmer weather following snow or rain for tonight. The minimum here last night was 19, but with overcast skies today the temperature was rising, and snow fell steadily throughout the day.