

The Weather

Prediction	Rain
Maximum yesterday	53
Minimum today	37
Precipitation	10

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

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Weather Year Ago

Maximum	57
Minimum	23

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TAPS SOUND AS CASKET IS LOWERED

Simple, But Impressive Ceremonies Mark Burial of American War President—Bugler for Unknown Soldier Sounds Taps for Woodrow Wilson.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Woodrow Wilson passed forever today from the world stage where once he towered a commanding figure.

In the strict privacy of the home last rites were said—as simple as the faith of the man himself, in the goodness of God. Only the presence of the president and the few who were his colleagues in days of greatness and the quiet thousands awaiting outside under wintry skies for a humble share in the last leave-taking marked this as the funeral of a great man.

There was more formal tone to the cathedral service which followed. There, in the chapel that gives entrance to the vault of entombment, were gathered the dignitaries of governments and many men of place and power in America. Organ notes and the pealing voices of the choir added a touch of ceremony to the brief religious exercises. But at the very last the dead passed again into the keeping of his nearest and dearest who alone might watch over the entombment and hear the resigned faith of the committal service uttered.

The nation's share in that last moment was only to stand in silent reverence outside while the tomb received the keeping of an honored American.

During the funeral service the busy life of the nation's capital stood at a pause as elsewhere over America did last honor to the dead. The drumming guns of sorrow echoed dully from the distant hills where Meyer field, guns that had heralded the dark, cloud-wrapped coming of day with the somber clamor of salute to a dead commander. Wherever the flag flew it was half-masted in a token of the nation's loss, proclaiming the sorrow of a great nation's people.

About the stricken home and at the cathedral were massed the flowers and wreaths that came pouring in today from every nearby city and town. There were formal pieces and many simple clusters of the fragrant blossoms. A story of the greatness of the man whose last earthly moment they marked, was written on the cards. There were great names among them, those of kings and presidents and others in whose keeping is the destiny of civilization.

Among the offerings were some from comrades who served in the great war under the fallen chieftain, served in the fighting rank of the nation.

They bore such legends as "To our comrade," "To our chief," and "From his comrades."

The loftiness of the blooms will not fade unnoted for the grief-bowed widow has willed that the tributes to Woodrow Wilson shall go out to Walter Reed hospital after the ceremony to carry their message of hope and cheer to the wounded men there as a last token of remembrance from the chieftain, who has passed on to eternity.

With the military detail from Fort Meyer came Sergeant Frank Witchey, the bugler who sounded taps at the funeral ceremonies of America's "Unknown Soldier." The bugler is attached to the Third cavalry stationed at Fort Meyer and his home is in Mahanoy City, Pa. The instrument he used was the same he used at Arlington, and it bore this inscription on the gold-plated bell:

"Taps sounded over the body of Unknown soldier at Arlington national cemetery, November 11, 1921, by Staff Sergeant Frank Witchey, of headquarters corps, U. S. cavalry."

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SAYS WILSON FAME SURPASSES FAME OF JULIUS CAESAR OR SHAKESPEARE

SWARTHMORE, Pa., Feb. 6.—Woodrow Wilson probably attained a wider fame than any other mortal ever enjoyed, Dr. William T. Ellis, traveler and writer said yesterday, pointing out that Mr. Wilson's name was known in lands far outside the currents of civilized life. The names of Shakespeare, Caesar, and Alexander are unknown to two-thirds of the human race, Mr. Ellis asserted, while contemporary military figures like Foch and the Kaiser, had only a relatively limited circle of fame.

"But because of his magic appeal to the deepest sensibilities of all hu-

President Asked to Take Action to Halt High Cost Gasoline

PIERRE, S. D., Feb. 6.—Governor W. H. MacMaster today wired President Coolidge asking the executive to take some action to stop the rising price of gasoline. The governor declared the cornering of the crude oil market by the large oil interests has taken the fight outside of the state of South Dakota, where it was originally begun August 7, 1923.

MIDDLE-WEST NOW FACED BY MILK SHORTAGE

Wires Still Down and Trains Stalled With More Snow Predicted—Scores Are Dead—Radio Replaces Telegraph—Children Suffer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—The middle-west and central sections are shaking off the grip of the storm which during the past two days has caused nearly a score of deaths and damage amounting to millions of dollars to transportation and wire communication facilities.

Although more snow is forecast for today, the blizzard's force is ebbing as it moves slowly eastward. Some time will elapse before train schedules will be normal and complete wire service restored.

Radio continues to be Chicago's chief means of communication. News, market reports, train bulletins and orders have been broadcast to and from the city. The Associated Press, whose Chicago office was most vitally affected by the breakdown of wire service, was able to supply news virtually to every paper in its membership. Points not supplied with radio receiving facilities, received their news dispatches by commercial wire and telephone service.

Three deaths in Milwaukee resulted from exhaustion in combating the force of the blizzard.

Two children, coasting, were struck and killed by an automobile. Blindness caused three persons in Michigan to die from injuries resulting from collisions. In Rockford, Ill., a girl is believed to have perished in the storm while on an errand. Southern edge of the storm area, due to accidents.

Milk famines in several cities are being faced today because of snow-blocked railroads preventing dairymen from transporting their supplies. Only one-fifth of Milwaukee's normal supply was brought in yesterday. Rockford, Ill., was left virtually without a supply yesterday.

100 PATIENTS MOVED, SALEM TO PENDLETON

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—One hundred patients were transferred early this morning from the Oregon State hospital here to the state hospital at Pendleton. Only one man, Antonio Montalva, made his escape. He separated himself from the others at a local depot.

The patients were ordered transferred at a recent meeting of the state board of control.

Montalva was committed from Multnomah county.

S. Dakota Bank Falls.

WESTINGHOUSE SPRINGS, S. D., Feb. 5.—The Farmers' Savings bank here with deposits of \$505,000, closed its doors today due to a heavy run.

man life, which were given the wings of the morning by the unprecedented propaganda facilities of the allies," he added, "the Wilson principles quickly spread to the uttermost parts of the earth."

As a result, he said, "far faring travelers can tell of the ignorant domination of the deserts insisting upon judging governments by the Wilson standards. New Turkey came into being on the platform of the Wilson being a nation again. Villagers made Egypt a nation again. Villagers in the Balkans settle their petty disputes by the formula 'President Wilson would have it so.'"

EVACUATION OF VERA CRUZ MAY END REVOLUTION

Exact Situation in Mexico Not Clear, But Sudden Flight of Huerta Taken As Sign of Collapse of Rebel Cause Say Obregon Supporters.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—War department officials declare that with the flight from Vera Cruz of Adolfo De La Huerta the backbone of the insurrection against the Obregon government has been broken.

De La Huerta is believed to be heading for Merida, capital of Yucatan. This is indicated in various wireless messages sent from his steamer signed "J" containing "final requests." Instead of orders to the rebel military commanders in the Campeche, Yucatan and Tuxpam regions.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The entire evacuation of Vera Cruz by De La Huerta insurrectionists against the Obregon government of Mexico has been peacefully effected and that city today is again under control of its regular civilian authorities.

The rebels left Vera Cruz in a manner said by American consul officials there to have closely resembled a panic. Both insurrectionist military forces and the naval craft which adhered to them were described as having departed in extreme haste.

Their destination was unknown to the American officials.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The state department is waiting a detailed report from the consul at Vera Cruz to determine whether the evacuation of that port by the De La Huerta forces Sunday night indicates collapse of the rebel movement.

The consul reported the evacuation in a message made public late yesterday but the significance of the action in view of the city's status as the headquarters of the De La Huerta forces was not revealed and representatives of the revolutionists in this city also said they had received no detailed explanation. The latter insisted, however, that the evacuation did not mark the end of the revolution which was launched three months ago as an outgrowth of President Obregon's alleged support of the candidacy of General Pallas Calles to succeed him in office.

Consul Wood expressed the belief that Mexican federal military forces would arrive today in Vera Cruz to take command of the situation.

A paraphrase of Consul Wood's report issued at the state department said:

"Consul Wood at Vera Cruz has reported under date of February 5 that the city of Vera Cruz has been entirely evacuated without disturbance by the De La Huerta forces, both military and naval, although these forces were in panic."

"All of the Mexican ships have left the port of Vera Cruz and the Richmond is in the harbor."

"The legally elected civilian authorities are now functioning effectively due to the moral support and suggestions of the consular corps. The police force has been adequately organized."

"This office (American consul) upon the request of the local authorities and through the helpfulness and necessary co-operation of Admiral Magruder, has furnished 48 rifles and ammunition to the civilian authorities."

"The situation is under control and it is believed that no unpleasant incidents will occur. The population has been reassured and is calm."

9 MORE OREGON TOURIST BUREAUS ARE ESTABLISHED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—Nine new offices for the spread of tourist information are to be opened shortly as a result of re-organization of the Oregon State Motor association.

Under its former organization the association's efforts have been focused particularly on Multnomah county, with offices also in Medford, Grants Pass and The Dalles, but under the new plan branches will be maintained also in Marshfield, Roseburg, Klamath Falls, Eugene, Salem, Astoria, Bend, Pendleton, and Baker.

G. O. Brandenburg will be state manager.

At a meeting last night Multnomah county directors named five other members of the board to represent outside points, and will name three more. Those elected and their districts are:

Number two, George Griffith; number three, J. A. Magruder; Eugene; number four, Charles Hall, Marshfield; number six, Clyde McKay, Bend, and number seven, Thomas West, The Dalles.

CHINESE WIFE TRAVELS 8,000 MILES TO SEE HUSBAND GRADUATE



Syracuse, N. Y.—Traveling 8,000 miles from China, Mrs. T. Y. Tsai arrived here to see her husband, Albert Tsai, graduate from Syracuse University at the first January commencement and also to greet him for the first time in four years. Mrs. Tsai came from Shanghai to Syracuse unaccompanied, despite the fact that she is able to speak very little English.

PIERCE UPHOLDS CLEAVER; JOINS BAPTIST CHURCH

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—Rumors that George Cleaver, state prohibition enforcement director, might be replaced were put to rest last night by Governor Pierce in an address on law enforcement before the Baptist brotherhood here.

"I haven't appointed an angel as prohibition commissioner," said the governor, "but I have known him a long while and there isn't enough money to make him do a wrong. I'm going to stay with him."

The judges, district attorneys, sheriffs and other law enforcement officers ask what is wrong with prohibition in Oregon, the governor told his listeners. Taking up the challenge flung by the prosecuting attorneys of the state at their recent convention in Portland, the chief executive said:

"The greatest obstacle in the path of law enforcement are the men in sympathy with law violators. A district attorney who drinks in private in no condition to try the bootlegger, and this condition prevails in more than one county in the state."

Governor Pierce also made reference to the New Year's eve raid on the home of a prominent Portland resident and the subsequent action of the court in dismissing the case on the ground that the warrant was illegally secured, saying that "the rich man's home in Portland was raided. They found two quarts of liquor. But the judge said that, because the search warrant was not made out properly, they couldn't fine the rich man."

"Had I been that rich man, I would have walked up to the confessional and said, 'I am a rich man, but I have erred, and I am penitent.'"

Explaining that he had been attending the Methodist and Presbyterian churches, the governor, upon invitation, last night joined the Baptist brotherhood and said that hereafter he would attend the Baptist church part of the time.

SEES PACIFIC AS COMMERCE CENTER OF FUTURE ERA

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 6.—The Pacific ocean is to be the theater of the world's great commerce and the tide has already turned from the Atlantic to an extent that Minneapolis must look west for the greatest contributor to its world commerce, Dr. Alexander Hume Ford, secretary of the Pan-Pacific union told members of the Minneapolis civic and commercial association here today.

"In twenty years I have seen the wage of the Chinese coolie jump from two cents to thirty cents a day and it is going up every year, as are the wages of workers throughout the Pacific coast. A dollar a day to labor in the Pacific means \$500,000 a day to spend and this time is coming. The Chinese are hungry for meat and wheat. Japan, the England of the Pacific, is recovering from her catastrophe and is spending millions in America and she will spend more millions when recovery is complete."

Wage Scale Agreed On.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—Final agreement on a wage scale of \$8 a day for journeymen plumbers in Salem was reached at a hearing before a special board of arbitration last night. The scale is retroactive to January 1, when the journeymen here went on strike for a daily wage of \$5.50, an increase of \$1 over the scale then prevailing.

ORPHAN BABY IS ONLY SURVIVOR FAMILY PARTY

Eleven Out of Twelve Who Attended Family Reunion at Albany Are Dead—Four Ministers to Take Part in Funeral Sunday.

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 6.—Only one of a party which composed a family reunion here last Saturday remained alive today. With the death of Paul Gerbig, today, closely following the deaths of Mrs. Reinhold Gerbig and three-year-old Margaret Gerbig, the total death toll of poisoning from food eaten at the dinner reached eleven. Horst Ruehling, two years old, whose parents already have died, is the sole survivor.

Mrs. Reinhold Gerbig died at 7:30 o'clock this morning, Margaret Gerbig died an hour later. Paul Gerbig, the little girl's father, died at 9:30.

Ravages of the poison, believed to have been botulism in home preserved beans, wiped two entire families out and left Horst Ruehling the sole survivor of a third family. A fourth family, that of Otto Yunker of Thomas Station, near Seilo, Ore., suffered the loss of one of its members, Werner Yunker, who died Monday night. Werner was nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhold Gerbig. Only a stroke of fortune, in the form of a hurry call from Otto Yunker saved the latter's wife and elder son, Carl, from joining the others at the Gerbig home in Albany.

Yunker had sent his wife and the two boys to Albany for fence wire, which he wished Saturday afternoon. They left the younger boy with the Gerbigs and hastened back to their home. They and Otto Yunker are the only relatives of the Gerbigs and Gerbig in America now living. All other relatives of the family live in Germany.

Arrangement for the funeral provide for a public ceremony at the First Presbyterian church, Albany's largest building of the kind. Four ministers will take part in the services and two sets of pall bearers have been provided for the burial which will be held Thursday afternoon.

MANY CANDIDATES MENTIONED TO BE IRVINE'S SUCCESSOR

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—With the resignation of Ward A. Irvine as private secretary to Governor Pierce believed to be due about February 15, a number of names are being mentioned as possible successors to the position. Those being mentioned most prominently are those of M. J. Brown, former newspaperman and now connected with the state market agent's office; Miss Cella Bollman, head stenographer in the governor's office; Major W. P. Simpson, acting secretary of the state bonus and loan commission; and Milton L. Miller, democratic war horse for many years.

It is understood that Miller has had an application on file for the position for several months. This, it is believed, was filed on a former occasion when the resignation of Irvine was rumored. Since then Miller has become a candidate for the democratic nomination for United States senator, and for that reason he may not push his candidacy for the secretaryship.

One rumor is that the governor offered the position to M. J. Brown, but that Brown declined it.

For many years the position has been held by newspapermen.

Watchful Waiting to Be Jap Policy Toward Soviet Govt.

TOKIO, Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan's policy toward the Russian soviet government for the present will be one of "watchful waiting," it was decided by the cabinet today.

Foreign Minister Kishiro Matsui, addressing the ministry referred to British recognition of Russia and the immediate results of similar action by Italy.

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Man Jumps to Death From S. P. Trestle Near Roseburg, Ore.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 6.—Dan Murphy, aged 47 years, a transient died at noon today as he was being carried into the local hospital. Death resulted from injuries sustained when he jumped from the Southern Pacific trestle at Cabin Creek, near Leona, Ore., to avoid being struck by a gasoline tanker. Murphy was found by a truck walker several hours after he was hurt and was brought to Roseburg.

OPEN BIDS FOR SURFACING OF CRATER L. ROAD

Highway Commission to Macadamize Nine Miles From McLeod to Cascade Gorge—Order Pavement to Fill Gap Albany to Corvallis.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—The most heavily traveled piece of bad road in the state is to be turned, as soon as possible, into the finest piece of show road between Washington and California, the state highway commission decided today.

The commission authorized a call for bids to pave the 10½ miles that now connects Albany and Corvallis. Bids will be opened February 27.

The strip will be of concrete, 18 feet wide. It will connect the East Side and West Side Pacific highways. The new Albany bridge will be a part of it.

The commission also decided to open bids at its next meeting for rock surfacing nine miles of the Crater Lake Highway. This will complete the surfacing of the road from Medford to the forest boundary by closing a gap between McLeod and Cascade gorge.

Another strip of road that the commission decided to improve at once by grading and rock surfacing is 2.3 miles between Pendleton and McKay creek.

Upon motion of Chairman William Doby this road will be named the "Ed Aldrich highway" in honor of the editor of the Pendleton East Oregonian, who has been working for this improvement for many years.

Six miles of the Roosevelt highway, between Glasgow and Hauser, north of Coos Bay in Coos county, will be graded, the commission decided. It was graded several years ago.

At its March meeting in the latter part of that month, the commission will open bids for grading and surfacing 2.2 miles of the Roosevelt highway in Curry county.

The commission also decided to resurface with crushed rock the eight miles between Newport and Toledo. It will do this work itself.

The commission protested to the state engineer against permitting the California Oregon Power company diverting the waters from Mill and Red Bluff creeks on the Crater Lake highway. This action would wipe out Mill Creek falls, one of the most beautiful sights along that scenic road.

The government forest and road services have also objected to the power company's proposed action.

Labor Against Hanging. TORONTO, Ont., Feb. 5.—The abolition of capital punishment, which has figured prominently in laborite manifestations in Great Britain for several years, probably will be among the first reforms attempted by the labor government, states a cable dispatch from London to the Mail and Empire.

EPHRAATA, Wash., Feb. 6.—Gambles on the authenticity of a postal card received by the sheriff's office here and purporting to be an offer from Owen Hudson, wanted in connection with the triple shooting here last Friday night, to surrender himself, Deputy Sheriff Porter, with five other deputies this afternoon went to the spot designated on the card but Hudson failed to appear.

The card, written in a hand which those familiar with Hudson's writing averred was penciled by the man who has been sought for the past five days by scores of Grant county men, contained an offer to surrender to the sheriff if he would bring with him a guard sufficient to insure protection from a mob. It had been mailed on a train.

When the officers reached the place where the surrender was to take place, they found scores of persons in automobiles already there and are now at a loss to say whether the card was a hoax or the man afraid to surrender in view of the crowd.

41 MINERS DROWNED IN IRON MINE

Collapse Swamp Lake Above Minnesota Iron Mine Snuffs Out Lives of Men Caught Like Rats in Trap—Thrilling Escapes Reported—State to Investigate.

CROSBY, Minn., Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press.)—The collapse of part of the bottom of a swamp lake sent a torrent of water coursing thru the workings of the Milford iron mine near here late yesterday and snuffed out the lives of forty-one miners, caught like rats in a trap.

On the lower levels more than 150 feet underground, the crew of 48 miners were working when, with hardly a warning, water burst through the roof of the drift, flooding the mine within fifteen minutes to within a few feet of the top of the shaft.

Alarmed at the first rumbling as the earthen roof and timbers gave way, seven miners near the shaft, darted up the stairs to safety but their 41 comrades caught in the muddy, swirling waters met death almost instantly.

The first check up last night indicated that of the normal crew of 55 men, 49 had been in the workings, but the final figures announced early today by the company officials put the number at 48 and the death list at 41 with seven survivors.

The survivors: Jack Ravanich, Emil Kalnu, Frank Prayatin, Jr., whose father was drowned; Carl Frausand, Mike Zakatnik, and Matt Kangas.

Kalnu was the last survivor to leave the workings. The high powered electric pumps here from Duluth were pumping water from the muddy swamp lake and the mine today and mining experts said the workings and the lake bed must be emptied before it would be possible to remove the bodies.

Worst Disaster in History.

Water from the mine is being pumped into Island lake, a quarter of a mile away. Between this lake and the mine shaft lies the mud lake, whose waters penetrated the mine workings, causing the worst mining disaster in the history of the Minnesota iron ranges.

Mining experts said today that the drift of the Milford mine which is on the Cuyana range and produces manganese ore, did not extend under the lake and the believe the water had worked a subterranean passage to the roof of the mine and the pressure finally crushed the roof.

The pumps at work now are drawing out the water at the rate of 12,000 gallons a minute but experienced mining men say it may require weeks, perhaps months, to free the imprisoned bodies.

Kalnu, the last survivor to leave the workings, told today how six others might have escaped had the promptly heeded his warning call.

Escape Just in Time.

Kalnu, the mine pump man, was working at the bottom of the 200 foot shaft when the crash came. He has been a miner for 25 years and he said that when his power failed, his long experience told him he was in danger. Rushing toward the inner workings, Kalnu discerned in the roar ahead a wall of water coming toward him. Instantly he whirled, dashing back toward the stairs, meanwhile calling to six other men, warning them of the danger. They said something about "waiting for a cage," Kalnu said. The skip was then at the top of the shaft. As Kalnu rapidly mounted the stairs he saw the other men caught in an engulfing wall and swept away to instant death. Just ahead of Kalnu, six other men had mounted the stairs and as they fled to the top the rising water almost licked their heels, so rapid was its upward progress.

In the shaft today, the waters are discernible probably not more than fifteen feet from the surface, on a level with Mud lake that fed them into the mine.

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SHERIFF GAMBLER ON POSTAL CARD BUT FAILS TO FIND THE MURDERER