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# COLD SNAP FOLLOWED BY SNOW

**Snowing Hard Up State, But Higher Mercury Expected to Turn it Into Rain—Middle West Suffering From Frigid Weather With Many Deaths—East Due Next.**

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Over-cast skies and a snow flurry this morning bore out over-night predictions of the weather bureau of some modification of the rigid spell which has gripped Oregon this week, but Forecaster E. L. Wells would not promise greater relief for Portland than a minimum of twenty degrees above zero for tonight. The minimum here last night was 17 degrees. Snow also was falling south of here this morning.

A storm at sea off the southern Oregon coast is too far south to have much effect on the weather in the vicinity of Portland, according to Wells.

The cold spell has interfered with amusements in Portland and has had some effect on retail business. A boxing card prepared for last night was postponed until next week on account of the cold.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—Snow driven by a light northwest wind began falling here at 8:30 o'clock this morning with indications that it would continue throughout the day. The temperature at that time was 25 degrees above. The thermometer here for the twenty-four hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning registered a maximum of 23 degrees and a minimum of 11, giving the city the warmest weather since Tuesday. The minimum temperature of last night was 18 degrees above.

Below Zero at Wenatchee.  
SPOKANE, Dec. 20.—While below zero temperatures were recorded again last night in some parts of eastern Washington, others showed rising thermometers and promises were held out for relief within the next few hours from the extreme cold. Wenatchee reported six below and It was two below here. Walla Walla recorded a zero reading and at Yakima, it was one above.

West side temperatures continued low, but overcast skies gave hope of warmer weather. The minimum at Bellingham was sixteen above, Aberdeen reported twelve above and Everett sixteen above.

At Olympia it was 22 above at 9 a. m.

Warmer in Rocky Area.

DENVER, Dec. 20.—Indications today pointed to a swing backward toward normalcy in temperature for the entire Rocky mountain region. Montana and Colorado the last to feel relief after five days of bitter cold, reported rising mercury and fair skies. Montana, however, recorded two more deaths, due to the cold wave. A man was frozen to death in his bed south of Butte and a woman was frozen to death in her cabin in an isolated section in the Butte district.

The most appalling tragedy of the last 24 hours was reported at Casper, Wyo., where Otto Lundblad, his wife and their six months old infant were burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire.

Little hope is felt for the recovery of the fourth member of the family, a four year old boy.

During the night the gas dropped to a low pressure point, and the fire in the Lundblad home went out. The accumulated gas exploded when Mr. Lundblad struck a match in the house the following morning.

Snowing in State.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 20.—With the thermometer standing at 22 degrees, a light snow started falling this morning. Twenty-two was the minimum temperature last night, a slightly higher mark being reached this morning. Broccoli growers are hoping for a heavy snow, for if the vegetable is covered with snow when

## City Council Refuses to Insure Station Housing Fire Dept

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 20.—A proposal to insure the harbor fire station here against fire was rejected by the city council yesterday. "If a bunch of firemen can not take care of their own station the fire department had better get out of business," declared the spokesman of the no-insurance faction just before the proposal came to a vote.

## STATE LEVY ON 1925 TAXES TO SHOW EXCESS

Uncollected Income Tax Figured in Estimates, Which Includes Item Budget Board Missed—Half Million for New Buildings.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—The state tax levy for 1925 as arrived at by the state tax commission today is \$7,492,761.47, or \$32,591.45 in excess of the levy for 1924, which was \$7,460,170.

Of the total levy, \$5,569,712.69 represents millage levies outside the 6 per cent tax limitation amendment of the state constitution, leaving \$1,923,048.78 to be raised by direct levy within the 6 per cent limitation.

This latter figure also represents the difference between \$4,757,154.73 in total estimated expenses of the state for 1925 within the 6 per cent limitation and \$2,834,105.94 in estimated receipts and unexpended balances. The \$4,757,154.73 takes into consideration the income tax yet uncollected, amounting to around \$600,000.

The tax levy is made to cover some items that were not included in recommendations of the state budget commission. For example, a building program of \$600,000 is included, \$65,000 for the public service commission and \$50,000 for the industrial accident commission.

The total to be raised for general state purposes is \$5,375,000 and for elementary school purposes \$2,117,761.

## CHRISTMAS AT WHITE HOUSE TO BE VERY QUIET ONE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Christmas at the White House will be very quiet this year because of the death within the past 12 months of the younger son of President and Mrs. Coolidge. Plans for the observance of the holiday season are most simple. John, son of the president, who is attending Amherst college, will arrive home Sunday and Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Stearns of Boston, the Coolidge family's closest friends, will come early in the week.

The choir of the First Congregational church, which President and Mrs. Coolidge attend, will sing Christmas carols from the north portico on Christmas eve as last year, and Mr. Coolidge at his desk will turn a switch lighting the big community Christmas tree, planted in Sherman park, south of the treasury.

Drug Company Fails.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A receiver for the National Drug Stores corporation was named in federal district court here today by Judge William J. Gandy. The company operates a chain of drug stores in New York and other cities.

## Helen Keller's Birthplace Preserved as Shrine



The birthplace of Helen Keller, at Tuscumbia, Ala., is to be preserved by those who regard it as a shrine. It was here that Miss Keller (inset), blind, deaf and dumb from early childhood, was given the first training that made her one of the world's greatest women, a public speaker and author of many books.

## MISSOURI TIGERS LEAVE FOR COAST TROJANS PREPARE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Receipt of word yesterday that the Missouri Tiger had left his lair and had headed westward found Elmer Henderson, coach of the University of Southern California Trojans, redoubling efforts to give his charges a thorough course in the Henderson method of stalking tiger and in preparing the Trojan appetite for a feast of tiger meat when they face the striped feline on the gridiron here Christmas day.

Signal drill, scrimmage and dummy practice are also on the preparedness program and are expected to be continued until the zero hour.

Will Dempsey Meet Rojas?  
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—Damo Rumor, who of late has been handling the name of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight boxing champion, in some what reckless manner, yesterday whispered Jack's name again. This time she has it that the champion will defend his title in a southern California ring in March or April against Romero Rojas, the Chilean boxer. Today still quoting Dame Rumor, prominent Los Angeles sportsman will meet Jack Kearns, the heavyweight's manager, and attempt to close arrangements for the fight at that time.

For some time Dame Rumor's advance notice of Dempsey's plans has failed to materialize, but this time, it is said, time will verify her predictions.

## BAN JOHNSON REFUSES TO ADMIT ANYTHING

CHICAGO, Dec. 20.—Dan Johnson president of the American League, has returned from the seclusion into which he retired while his club owners stripped him of part of his power and rebuked him for his controversy with Commissioner Landis.

## The Days Doings in U. S. Congress

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—With all thought of a vote on Muscle Shoals before the Christmas recess abandoned, the senate today settled down to consideration of amendments to the Underwood and Norris bills.

## 'MOON RING' CHARGES BY JAILED PAIR

W. B. Stevens, Klamath Falls Man, Held to Grand Jury—Failed to Keep Promises Alleged—Special Attorney's Letters to Judge Thomas Figure in Trial.

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 20.—W. B. Stevens of Klamath Falls, was bound over to the grand jury after a preliminary hearing here yesterday on a charge of possession of a still. He was placed under \$1000 bonds pending the action of the grand jury on his case in January.

Charges against Stevens were made by Curley McDowell and John Miller, who were recently convicted and sentenced to a year in jail on similar charges. Testimony brought out to the effect that Stevens was the head of a gang which was to undertake the manufacture of whiskey on Stevens' ranch near Provolt, fourteen miles east of Grants Pass, in the mountains.

McDowell claimed that Stevens had promised to deed him his ranch and to care for McDowell's family if he would take the blame for the alleged offense. This McDowell said, was not done and he turned state's evidence. Stevens was arrested in Klamath Falls and brought here. McDowell also made charges against George Tankley, former Klamath prohibition agent and his son Roy Tankley. Another son, Walter Tankley, who is in jail, was also mentioned by McDowell. It was alleged that the operators had two stills which were to be used. They brought over large quantities of sugar, corn and yeast for mash from Klamath Falls. It was in Klamath Falls, according to testimony. The liquor was to be sold special.

Special Prosecutor Elliott of Klamath Falls, appointed by Governor Pierce, testified at the hearing as to the good reputation of the accused, and attempted to show that McDowell's reputation was unfavorable.

Letters were produced by District Attorney W. T. Miller of Josephine county, in which Elliott had written to Judge C. M. Thomas, previous to McDowell's trial in circuit court, of McDowell's excellent character and reputation during the year he had known the man. Elliott admitted he had written the letters to Judge Thomas.

## Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Heavy profit taking and bear selling of a few special issues imparted some irregularity to price movements in today's stock market, but the main trend was still upward.

## JOHN M'CORMACK DENIES HE PAID \$100,000 TO HUBBY

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Rumors that John M'Cormack had paid \$100,000 to blackmailers in Boston after being maneuvered into a compromising situation in the Copley Plaza hotel are branded as "falshood" by the singer.

The tenor revealed today that for five years the whispered story had been going the rounds—so vague that it never could be traced further than that somebody heard from somebody else of the blackmailers' plot. At the trial of William J. Coeran, former district attorney of Middlesex county, and others accused of conspiring to extort \$50,000 from Victor F. Searles, and affidavit referring to the story was introduced in evidence.

Mrs. Abraham Levy, who admits having been used by the blackmail gang to lure its victims, made the affidavit. She said she had learned of the story of the blackmail of "John M'Cormack," as the affidavit put it through a conversation among members of the blackmailing gang.

"Eight back? You can't get a banashee you can't see," said Mr. M'Cormack, referring to his efforts to get at the source of the rumor.

"My friends know that I have played the game of life decently," continued M'Cormack. "They know my family life has been right, and my public won't believe this lie. That I know."

## GOLDSTEIN LOSES TITLE TO EDDIE MARTIN, BROOKLYN

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—The world awoke today to find a new champion and the shoes of "Terrible Terry" McGovern of Brooklyn were filled once again.

Eddie (Cannonball) Martin, intensely nervous, yet plunging into battle with an attack that knew no quarter, stood forth as the world's greatest bantamweight boxer by his victory over Abe Goldstein of New York last night.

McGovern accomplished the feat in 1899 before Martin was born.

Martin, whose real name is Martino, was born 21 years ago in Brooklyn of Italian parents. He started his career as an amateur and the only two reverses he has ever known were suffered in his first bouts. Since becoming a professional he has participated in two draw matches, but never has suffered defeat. He won 22 by knockouts.

Goldstein lost his belt by taking the defensive after the first three rounds and acquiescing to the infighting methods that Martin employed.

## Broadway Chorus Girl Who Never Smoked a Cigarette, Gets Hubby

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Eula Sharon, 18 year old musical comedy dancer, whose real name is Ula S. Robinson, and who came from Kansas City to be a Broadway star, is to marry Carl Hain, revealing the engagement today.

## BOOZE SEIZED ON SHIP RAID IS RETURNED

Cleaver Apologizes to Captain for Action, and Charges Against Dry Aide May Be Dropped—Check Shows Rum Not Opened—U. S. Attorney Favors Dismissal.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—State Prohibition Commissioner George L. Cleaver, having returned late yesterday to the British steamer London Merchant the liquor taken from the vessel by Cleaver Wednesday night, and Cleaver, having made apologies to the captain, the charges lodged Thursday night accused of violating the "twelve mile treaty" with Great Britain will be dropped if recommendations to Attorney General Stone by United States District Attorney Coke are approved.

Cleaver was to have appeared today before United States Commissioner Frazer for preliminary hearing, but this was waived in view of District Attorney Coke's recommendation. Check made by Rogers MacVeagh, attorney for the ship, showed that every bottle of liquor taken by Cleaver's men had been returned unopened.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 20.—Silence continued to be the reply of Governor Pierce to inquiries put to him today regarding what action, if any, he contemplated in regard to the raid of George Cleaver, state prohibition commissioner upon the British steamer London Merchant Wednesday night and in regard to Cleaver's later admission that he had exceeded his authority and the return of the seized liquor.

## Another Klamath Falls Lumber Mill To Open This April

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 20.—Plans for re-opening the Modoc Lumber company's mill at Asp Grove near Klamath Falls in March or April, were announced here today by V. D. Beach of the L. B. Menefee Lumber company which will operate the Modoc company property. Improvement in the lumber market has encouraged the company to resume operation of the mill which has been shut down for a year, said Beach.

The mill cuts between 100,000 and 120,000 feet of lumber in ten hours, and when it is re-opened 250 men will be employed.

## Death Toll of the Automobile

ELLENBURG, Wash., Dec. 20.—William G. Mutch, 32, Associated Press telegrapher for the Ellensburg Record, died here last night from injuries received when the automobile he was driving turned over, crushing him underneath. Mr. Mutch died three hours after he was found pinned beneath his car. He is survived by his widow and four children.

## MINISTER'S DAUGHTER TESTIFIES SHE SAW FATHER BITE A MULE ON THE NOSE

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Dec. 20.—A recent today interrupted defense action to show that Lawrence M. Hight, who with Mrs. Elsie Sweetin is charged with the murder by poisoning, of Wilford Sweetin, was mentally deranged. Testimony that Hight was of unsound mind will be continued Monday, defense counsel announced yesterday.

# MURDER IS DENIED BY CANBY MAN

James Howard, 65, Arrested for Murder of John Nolan Near Klamath Falls Denies Charge—Mystery Surrounds Discovery of Body With Knife Through Heart.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 20.—"I am innocent of the murder of John Nolan. I would just as soon kill my own father or mother as John, with whom I have eaten and slept for months."

With tears streaming down his face, James Howard, aged 65, made the above statement in the waiting room of the Southern Pacific station this morning. He was being taken to Yreka under suspicion of having stabbed John Nolan aged 50, to death in his lonely shack on the west shore of Tule lake Thursday night.

Howard was arrested last evening at his home at Canby's Crossing by Deputy Sheriff John Clyburn, who acted under the orders of Sheriff A. S. Calkins of Siskiyou county.

With his eyes full of tears and his narration interrupted by sobs, Howard told the following story this morning:

"Sullivan, my good friend Nolan and I were in Nolan's cabin Thursday night. There was a lot of moonshine. The other two men got the liquor. Well—Nolan and Sullivan got awful drunk and I sort of lost my balance too, but wouldn't say I was as drunk as the other two."

Here the old man stopped unable to go on for a few moments. But finally renewing his narrative he continued:

"I was standing by the stove. It was bitter cold and the tips of my fingers were nearly frozen. Nolan and Sullivan were having an argument in the corner at this time. I saw clinching and struggling back and forth and at one time saw Nolan almost on the floor. But he got up again."

"I did not interfere with the two men. Suddenly, just after Nolan was on the floor, he looked over towards me and I saw he was coming towards the stove and hit me hard on the side of the neck. I don't know what with. I turned suddenly and just managed to dodge another heavy blow aimed for my head. If it had ever hit me it would have killed me. As it was it just grazed the side of my jaw."

Bystanders were crowding around the alleged murderer as his voice rose. Deputy Clyburn had left his prisoner alone with the interviewer.

Didn't Pull a Knife  
"Well when he hit me twice I turned and shoved him backwards. He was dead drunk and lost his balance, falling in a corner. They say I pulled a knife. I did not. I didn't see a knife. That is about all I remember. I left the house and on my way out saw Sullivan doing something with the halter of his horse. I left him there."

"Drinking as I had been, I did not think to stop at Clyburn's house and tell him to attend to Nolan. You see I was afraid that Nolan, drunk as he was, would freeze to death while in an intoxicated slumber. Instead I waited till next morning and then sent my boy, Wesley, over to Park Dyer's to tell him that may be Nolan needed a doctor."

"That is all I know about it. I am innocent and if convicted will hang a man who had no hand in the murder of John Nolan. I am willing to answer to any charge they might file against me. I come through Oregon on my way to California without extradition because I know I am innocent of this crime."

Deputy Clyburn left on this morning's train with his prisoner for Yreka. A coroner's jury was to have met today to determine the cause of Nolan's death. A warrant for Howard was issued.

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## CONVICTED CRIMINAL GETS FREEDOM THROUGH AN OPERATION ON BRAIN

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 20.—A five year option on freedom was Edward Mayerlee's today as the result of an operation performed on the delicate tissues of his brain by a surgeon who believed his plea that a fall from a windmill years ago had transformed him from an honest lad to a criminal.

Mayerlee was arrested several months ago for passing worthless checks. He pleaded guilty but ex-

plained that ever since his head had been injured in the windmill accident he had been subject to periodic spells of abnormality. Witnesses corroborated his story and an operation was authorized. Yesterday the surgeon testified that the removal of a growth impending upon Mayerlee's brain had been effected and that he believed the man cured of his criminal tendencies. The court accordingly granted Mayerlee probation for five years.

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