

The Weather
Prediction Cloudy, rain
Maximum yesterday 47
Minimum today 24.5

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year
Weekly—Fifty-fourth Year

K. FALLS IS CLOSED UP BY EPIDEMIC

All Schools, Churches, Movies, Dances and Public Gatherings Closed By Health Authorities in Effort to Stop Spread of Spinal Meningitis Epidemic.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—Decision to close down all public schools, churches, pool halls, dances and public meetings of every description during the present spinal meningitis epidemic was reached shortly after noon today after a conference between Dr. G. S. Newsom, county health officer and Klamath Falls physicians.

It was practically the unanimous decision of the medical men that the situation is serious and that the precaution of putting the lid on all public gatherings should be taken as a means of preventing a widespread sweep of the dread malady.

Dr. Newsom telegraphed the state board of health immediately following the conference asking for permission to place a ban on all public gatherings and expected to receive telegraphic authority by three o'clock this afternoon.

Thus far during the ten-day epidemic five cases have been reported with other suspicious cases said to be under observation.

The proposed city-wide quarantine will also cause postponement of the scheduled boxing match Thursday night in which Willie Keeler of Kellogg, Idaho, and Jack McGreer of Dallas, Texas, were to have been featured in the 16-round main event.

Up until two o'clock this afternoon there had been no further fatalities from the disease.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 14.—If another case of spinal meningitis breaks out in Klamath Falls during the next 24 hours all public schools, churches, theaters and other public meetings places will be closed indefinitely, according to an announcement last night by Dr. G. S. Newsom, county health officer.

This decision followed the reporting of another case last night at the Sacred Heart academy, where one of the little girls was found to be afflicted with the disease. The entire academy was immediately placed under strict quarantine.

The city council will hold a special session this afternoon with the county court, county health unit and local physicians, at which time a proposal will be made for the city and county to appropriate sufficient funds for the immediate construction of an isolation hospital. Such a hospital would be built on the unit system and the first building would be rushed to completion within the week, according to Health Officer Newsom.

Although but five cases of the malady had been reported up to this morning, health officials are showing grave concern, as nearly all the patients live in widely separated sections of the city, and one, a hopsteader, who died last week, lived 20 miles from here.

Lady Ghost Appears in S. England Again But Hair Is Bobbed

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—Rumors that a celebrated lady ghost has re-appeared, this time with bobbed hair, are attracting wide attention in the south of England.

The famous apparition presumably has appeared for more than two centuries to succeeding generations in the same family.

Her long flowing hair and white robe were outstanding marks of identification so folks who had made her acquaintance said.

This lady in white is reported to have stopped off at a hotel shop before materializing.

ELNORA SEARS WINS A WAGER, BY LONG HIKE

Boston Society Bachelor, 40 Years Old, Walks From Providence to Boston in 11 Hours and Wins Wager Made in Paris a Year Ago.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—Miss Elnora Sears, Boston society leader, tennis player and all around athlete, today completed a walk from Providence to her home in Boston to win a wager.

She left Providence, R. I., at 1 a. m., and her early progress gave her high hopes of being able to reach her home in exclusive Beacon street, Boston, within the stipulated period.

The amount of the wager was withheld, but Miss Sears said she made it a year ago in Paris, with Howard Sturges of Providence.

Miss Sears, Boston and New York social leader, "good fellow" and athletic extraordinary, for 20 years has kept her name among the leaders in almost every line of amateur sport.

She has been a finalist in both the women's singles and mixed doubles national tennis tournaments.

PARIS NEAR PANIC OVER CASH CRISIS

With Franc Falling to New Low Levels, French People Convert Money Into Property—New Tax Plan Is Doomed—Establishment of Dictatorship Gains Favor.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—The finance committee of the chamber of deputies today voted, 14 to 5 to return all of Finance Minister Loucheur's (fiscal measures to the government.

The action of the committee in returning the bills is tantamount to a disavowal of the finance minister. The cabinet is meeting tomorrow morning to consider the situation.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—France's financial plight daily grows worse and the public is beginning to show signs of something like a panic, which is being heightened by the series of sharp drops in the value of the franc on the exchange market.

In the viewpoint of some observers, signs are multiplying that the political system is falling more and more into discredit. These signs, however, they aver, are lost on parliament, which continues the slow and even tenor of its way, oblivious to the movements for the "sacred union" committee of public financial safety and the like.

The franc now stands at a lower level than it ever has reached before and every Frenchman who is in possession of any quantity of them is hastening to convert the money into something tangible, houses, diamonds and even raw gold and platinum.

Minister of Finance Loucheur's seven bills which he hopes to bridge the financial situation, seemingly are daltied by everybody. This dislike is beginning to find outward expression. As an instance, the merchants and manufacturers at Carcassonne, assembled in solemn conclave, bound themselves to withhold payment of all taxes should M. Loucheur's bills be adopted.

Meanwhile, all attempts to speed up a solution of the situation, be it good, bad or indifferent, is being hampered by political considerations. Indeed, it is charged that the roots of the whole evil is that which is purely a financial crisis has dominated politics.

An advisory committee to pass upon all financial plans, announcement of which was made at the time of the formation of the new Briand ministry, and which made an excellent impression, has vanished and nothing more is heard of it.

One thing seems certain, that M. Loucheur's principal bill—the revenue bill—which is in the hands of the finance committee of the chamber, will not pass. It stands. Consequently it is believed either M. Loucheur will withdraw from the ministry and that there will be a fresh set of proposals, or the bill will be remodeled by the finance committee or M. Loucheur himself. In either case, political observers opine, more importance will be attached to political considerations than to views of the financial experts.

The present week is likely to prove a momentous one in French political history, as an extraordinary change in the manner in which France has been governed for the last 55 years are regarded as imminent by the press of all political shades. The public anxiety is being fanned by extremely daring articles in the newspapers. Some of these demand and others plead for changes in the governmental regime, ranging from the establishment of a dictatorship or "committee of public safety" to the more constitutional proposal that parliament sit in secret while the financial bills are being discussed and voted.

Salm and Mother Come From Europe To "Make Up" With Heiress Wife



Attempts at a reconciliation with his wife, the former Millicent Rogers, daughter of the Standard Oil multi-millionaire, are being made by Count Salm-Hoogstraet of Austria, now in New York with his mother, Dowager Countess Salm (right). The Salm were separated in Europe soon after their runaway marriage. They are the parents of a child.

\$50,000 RANCH SALE INVOLVES TRADE OF CAFE

Max Gebauer, owner of the Valley Candy company, Saturday closed a deal whereby he becomes the owner of one of the largest irrigated bottom land farms in Jackson county. This ranch is the old Stanley farm located at the town limits of Eagle Point, and now owned by George Barker, banker of Butte Falls. One hundred and forty-five acres is in alfalfa and meadow and is under a deeded state water rights from Little Butte; the balance of the ranch is irrigated from Eagle Point irrigation project. The ranch is well located with building site surrounded by a beautiful locus grove, and has one of the largest and finest barns in the county.

In the deal two Eugene apartment houses, together with the Shasta cafe, Medford, were part of the consideration, which was in the neighborhood of \$50,000. Walter H. Leverette, local realtor, handled the transfer.

Casualties of the Air Service

FRESNO, Calif., Dec. 14.—George Grey of Taft, and Cecil H. Gerow are in a Taft hospital suffering from injuries received when an airplane which Grey was piloting crashed 150 feet to the ground. Grey's six year old daughter suffered a fractured elbow but was saved from more serious injury by her father who shielded her with his body.

HOOD RIVER TO GET EXPERIMENTAL FARM

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—Through the attorney general's office a lease has been executed between Hood River county and the Caldwell-Bunham Investment company whereby the county is to acquire a tract of land on the outskirts of Hood River for an experimental farm to be operated by Oregon Agricultural college.

The legislature of 1925 appropriated \$12,000 annually for the maintenance of the farm, but no part of this money can be used for purchase of grounds or buildings. The land is valued at \$25,225, and the county did not have the money to pay for it without incurring an indebtedness in excess of the \$5000 allowed by the constitution. To get around this difficulty the attorney general's office made the arrangement for a lease agreement whereby the county will appropriate a payment each year for five years, and at the end of that period the county will acquire title.

Portland Judge Says Hip Pockets May Be Searched

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(A. P.) Bulging hip pockets may be investigated by prohibition officials. Official sanction was given today by United States District Judge R. S. Bean to search hip pockets if they look suspicious.

"The constitution does not prohibit all search but only such search as may be unreasonable," declared the judge in deciding a motion in the case of the United States against Joe Wood and Alvin Landis, who demanded that certain testimony be thrown out because the hip pocket search of Landis had been made in an unconstitutional manner.

CLAIMS RUSSIANS JEWS LANDED IN AMERICA IN 775

Arizona Professor Finds Implications Which Indicate America Was Discovered 700 Years Before Columbus Landed—Scientific Opinion Divided.

TUCSON, Ariz., Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—A disconnected story in Latin and Hebrew inscriptions on leaden crosses and implements of war, said to date back to the eighth or ninth century, may tell of a discovery of America some 700 years before Columbus, renowned voyage—but many scientists are skeptical of the find.

Uncovered recently under a lime kiln here, Dr. C. J. Sarle, former professor of geology at the University of Arizona and director of the excavation work, asserts that the relics may shed new light on the early history of America.

Dr. Sarle has constructed a theory that a group of Roman Jews landed in America about 775 A. D., joined with natives of the southwest either by alliance or by conquest, and established a kingdom that last approximately 100 years when the natives revolted and overthrew the "Nation."

With the announcement of the discovery however, from various sections of the nation came dubious opinions from archaeologists and scientists as to the validity of the find.

Two University of Arizona professors indicated concurrence with Dr. Sarle's views as to the antiquity of the relics, according to their statements made publicly last night. Dr. Byron Cummings, head of the archaeology department of the university declared his belief that the Latin inscriptions "closely resembled that in use about 775 A. D."

Professor Frank Fowler, head of the university of classic languages is reported to have translated the inscriptions on the crosses and other relics which tell of being carried out to sea and of discovering a new land. A dynasty of kings is referred to beginning with Theodoros and including seven Israelites. A number of the relics were said to have borne inscriptions dealing principally with war and battles.

James Davis Resigns.—(A. P.)—James G. Davis, director general of railroads presented his resignation to President Coolidge today, having completed his work of winding up the affairs of the office.

OREGON GETS M'EWAN OF WEST POINT

Military Academy Football Mentor Engaged to Coach at University of Oregon for Five Years—Comes With Excellent Record of Victories—Decision Rushed.

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 14.—Captain John J. McEwan, football coach at the United States Military academy for the last three years will be the new coach at Oregon. After a lengthy discussion this morning attended by the combined athletic committees and executive council Captain McEwan was chosen from a list of more than 100 mentors all over the United States who were considered for the post. It was announced by Karl Onthank, executive secretary of the university, and Walter Malcolm, chairman of the athletic committee and executive council and president of the student body.

"Captain McEwan will be on the campus next year, but he will coach football only," said Virgil D. Earl, director of athletics, who recommended McEwan. "He is at present at Porto Rico and it will take a few weeks for him to wind up his affairs, but he will be here for spring practice. Captain McEwan will have to resign from the army."

"While at the army school Captain McEwan made an enviable record. In the game with the navy, the big one for the cadets, a scorching result and the army won the second 10 to 3." Mr. Onthank declared. "I gave him a five years' contract. It is our future policy to put athletics on a firm basis and we are going to give Captain McEwan every opportunity to make good."

Before becoming head coach in 1923, Captain McEwan was assistant for four years to Major Daly, now advisory coach at Harvard. Captain McEwan started his career in 1911 as a player on the University of Minnesota team. In 1912, 1913 and 1914 he played at West Point. He was in the World War from 1915 to 1918, returning in 1919 to become assistant to Major Daly.

As soon as Major Daly was transferred to Harvard, McEwan was appointed coach.

Under his leadership the army has won eighteen games, lost five and tied three. This year the army was the first team to crack Notre Dame, 19-14 champion, defeating them 28 to 0. The West Point team was defeated by Yale 28 to 7, but quickly rallied and won from the navy in their big game, 10 to 3.

"Captain McEwan is a member of the national rules committee," Malcolm remarked in discussing the merits of the new coach. "I feel certain that the student body will heartily approve our choice."

Because this is examination week the regular procedure of first having the athletic committee sift through the names of prospective coaches and select one to go to the executive council and then have the council finally vote on him, and employ him, if satisfactory to that body, was done away with and instead the athletic and executive bodies met together. The meeting was called early this morning, Malcolm explained as that was the only time he could get all the members of both committees to attend.

The meeting was a complete surprise to the students and members of the faculty who thought the selection of a coach would be held over until after the holidays because of examinations.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—Captain John J. McEwan has been head football coach at West Point for the last three years, during which his eleven have twice beaten and once tied their historic rival, the Naval academy.

Decisions of U. S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—Charlotte Anita Whitney, convicted of violating the California criminal syndicalism law and whose appeal recently was dismissed by the supreme court, today was granted a rehearing.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—The United States lost in the supreme court in its effort to prevent American holders of German treasury notes from satisfying their claims out of funds of the German government, seized by the alien property custodian.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—Major General Harry L. Rogers, retired, General Pershing's chief quartermaster in the American Expeditionary forces, died in his apartment here late Sunday night, it became known today. He had been ill for a long time.

General Rogers suffered from heart disease and came here several months ago for treatment by specialists. He lived in seclusion because of his serious condition.

General Rogers a few months ago filed certain charges with the war department against Major General William H. Hart, his successor in the army. The charges, it is understood were withdrawn a short time later.

General Rogers was born in Washington and saw service with General Funston in Mexico in 1914 and with General Pershing in Mexico in 1916.

Reports of record-breaking holiday trade stimulated demand for the merchandising issues, S. O. Kresge standing out with a gain of 15 points. The closing was strong. Sales approximated 1,600,000 shares.

Habit Is Too Strong.—NEW YORK.—Loose Lynch, driver for a grain firm, has had his first day off in fifty years. He observed it by lounging around his employer's stable.

Valentino Aided By Army.—ROME.—The fascist have prevented a boycott proposed against Valentino films because of Rudy's intention to become a citizen of the United States. Militia in the theaters permitted no noise but applause.

Walla Walla.—MAYOR BEN F. HILL says an exhibition of the "Charleston" last night. "No more for Walla Walla," he remarked. A dance hall proprietor is going ahead with plans for an announced exhibition next week despite the mayor.

Disabled War Veterans Given Free Licenses

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—All disabled war veterans who are entitled to government compensation after May 28, 1925, will be issued free hunting and fishing licenses in Oregon, the state game commission decided today at its regular meeting.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—The house today approved the normal and surtax income rates contained in the new tax bill.

Reduction in surtax rates from a maximum of forty to a maximum of twenty per cent was approved after a three hour fight. The normal income rates were accepted without challenge.

An amendment by Representative Rainey, Democrat, Illinois, to make the maximum surtax rate twenty-five per cent was rejected 194 to 117. Another by Representative LaGuardia, socialist of New York, to make it thirty per cent was defeated overwhelmingly.

The new rates are one and one-half per cent on the first \$4000 of taxable income, three per cent on the next \$4000 and 5 per cent on the remainder instead of 2.4 and 6 per cent respectively as in the present law. The house also approved without discussion the section of the bill providing that the limit of income on which the 25 per cent deduction for "earned income" applies shall be increased from \$10,000 to \$20,000.

BLIZZARDS RAGE OVER MIDDLE-WEST

MERCURY DROPS, AIR MADE HALTED

CHICAGO, Dec. 14.—(A. P.) Blizzards and snow storms virtually stopped the air mail in the Rocky mountain district and railroads brought out their snow plows in Colorado and Wyoming today while colder weather overcast sections of the middle-west.

Snow drifts in some western towns piled up several feet in the streets. At Laramie, Wyo., the snowfall was reported as ten inches. Cheyenne had fourteen inches and Denver five inches. The temperature dropped to zero in Leadville and was expected to fall to five degrees below zero in northeastern Iowa tonight.

The storm extended generally over northern and eastern Nebraska and the western Dakotas while in the southwest drizzling rain. Gale on wires and poles for fifty miles east, northeast and northwest of Longsight City, interrupting communication and glazing the streets.

Ten degrees above zero was predicted for Wisconsin. The northwest generally had unusually cold weather.

Jack Eakin Resigns

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—Carl C. Donaghy, young Portland lawyer, will become examiner for the state corporation department on January 1. Corporation Commissioner W. E. Crews said today. He will succeed Jack Eakin, who resigns to become vice-president of the Northwest Trust company, Portland.

Queen Mother Very Ill

TURIN, Italy, Dec. 14.—(A. P.) Queen Mother Margherita is suffering from man attack of grippe with fever and Professor Quirico, physician to the royal house has arrived here hurriedly from Rome.

The queen mother celebrated her 74th birthday on November 20.

A Compliment for Frenchmen.—BEIRUT.—Take it from Hassan Yharat, Moslem handit leader. Forty men have been detailed to beset M. LeJournal French high commissioner in Syria. Hassan has written of his intentions to a newspaper.

All Going the Same Way.—SEATTLE.—The tug Roosevelt, historic arctic exploration ship used by Robert Edwin Peary when he discovered the north pole in 1909, sailed for Miami, Fla., with three barges in tow.

Foreign Money.—PARIS, Dec. 14.—(A. P.)—The pound sterling reached a high record before the official house opened today at 124.10 francs. The dollar was quoted at 27.65 francs. This, however, was not a record, as the mark of 28.13 francs was established in March, 1924.

The Paris Mail, one of France's foremost nonparty papers—of which Finance Minister Loucheur is reported to have acquired the ruling interests some months ago, in a leading article today asks for the creation of a ministry of national union and the appointment of a committee in which all classes of the nation would be represented as eminent technical experts.

The committee would collaborate with the finance minister in framing financial decrees. These decrees would become effective without ratification by parliament, which, however, would be allowed to discuss them later in secret sessions.

Dictatorship Demanded.—Le Matin in an article virtually amounting to a proclamation to the French nation, and L'Intransigeant, ask for the dissolution of parliament and the establishment of a dictatorship by a committee of public safety.

The general solution proposed by the more moderate element is to have

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