

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Churches Should Be Big Spending and Prosperity. Children and Influenza. Autos and Airplanes.

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Signal, At Last. Final Figures. What Law CAN'T Do. Mr. Ford's Plan Aglee.

The big news is this: PRESIDENT COOLIDGE HAS SIGNED THE BOULDER DAM BILL, PROVIDING FOR RECLAMATION, FLOOD CONTROL AND WATER POWER AND USE OF THE COLORADO RIVER.

One hundred and sixty-five millions will be spent as a starter; not much for a country so rich.

More important than money is the fact, now established, that the people have a right to use their own water power without asking permission of "big men in the business."

It was a hard fight and needed plenty of publicity.

Mr. Hoover's plurality is fixed at 6,423,612. His total vote was 21,429,109. Governor Smith's vote was 15,965,497.

Mr. Hoover's plurality about equals that for Harding and Coolidge. And, like their pluralities, it represents the vote for prosperity and against control of the United States by European meddling.

The United States tried to make the people of the United States dry by law. That hasn't worked very well, although many have hopes.

Germans propose to make Germany innocent of war guilt by law. That probably won't work either, but it is an interesting attempt.

The Germans do not like to be called "responsible for the great war" and nationalists propose a law to put in jail any German blaming Germany for the war or any foreigner blaming Germany while on German soil.

Life would be pleasant if we could make ourselves sober or innocent merely by passing a law.

Henry Ford proposed, and Wall Street disposed. Mr. Ford started a British company, to manufacture and sell his cars all over Europe. He wanted Britishers in the Ford concern, as sharers in the profits, and sold them 40 per cent of the company, keeping 60 per cent for himself.

Nobody in America could buy any stock from Mr. Ford. He wanted Britishers to have it.

Wall Street had a different idea Friday. Wall Street bought \$1,800,000 shares of the new British Ford stock, putting the price up to \$15.25. Mr. Ford sold it to the British for \$5 a share.

They were satisfied, apparently, to make 200 per cent profit, in a week. They may be sorry later. It's foolish to sell anything good, in America. Meanwhile, Mr. Ford's well meant plan to let the British share in his European profit for all time, has gone astray as well laid plans will do.

The Senate asks itself, "Shall we consider first the bill to give this country fast cruisers that it needs, or take up first, the anti-labor pact that will make everything peaceful, until somebody starts a war?"

The right thing is to vote, first.

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FEAR "FLU" EPIDEMIC IN OFFING

Federal Bureau of Health Moves To Prevent Second Outbreak—No Cause For Public Alarm—Present Wave Mild But Great As In 1920.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The possibility of a second and more severe wave of influenza following the present outbreak, was discussed today by public health officials who began considering plans for studying the situation at first hand with a view of preventing such an occurrence.

While their program for this was not completed, federal authorities indicated they would seek to add to their knowledge of the disease through both laboratory and field studies. These studies would be carried on by public health officers in several representative areas in various parts of the country.

"The percentage of cases in the United States for the week ending December 15," it was said, "was as great as it was at the peak of the epidemic of 1920."

At the same time they noted that the most severe epidemic of recent years, that of 1918, came in two waves, the first mild and the second one of severe cases. While they saw no reason for public alarm they said the second wave was "always to be considered."

The studies under consideration would be undertaken, they explained, in the hope that the information gained would prove helpful in combating a second wave.

Data collected by federal and local health authorities and by scientists during the 1918 epidemic in the United States constitute the most complete study of influenza ever made. The studies contemplated would serve to round out this and other information on the subject.

Statisticians of the public health service completed a chart today showing that if the number of cases for the week ending December 15—two hundred per hundred thousand population—continued throughout the year, the annual percentage of cases would be 19,000 per 100,000 population. They had no indication, however, that the rate would continue to increase.

Comparison between the number of cases this year and during the 1918 outbreak was impossible, officials said, but added it was their opinion the 1918 outbreak was considerably longer.

Officers were still puzzled at the great number of cases in this outbreak, and the relatively negligible mortality. Reports from 78 large cities showed 1145 deaths from influenza and 5608 from pneumonia during the period between October 28 and December 15. There were 500,000 deaths from influenza and pneumonia. It was stated, during the 1918 epidemic.

PASADENA SANTA CLAUS VICTIM OF TRAGIC EVENTS

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Tragedy came all at once today for Pasadena's Santa Claus just as he completed his mission of good cheer for a throng of children and prepared for another.

Henry L. Dickson, 57 year old club man and wealthy furniture dealer, played Santa Claus at a Masonic celebration last night. This morning as he drove his car from his garage, a 74-year old woman, Mrs. Elizabeth Ryan, stepped across the driveway and was knocked down.

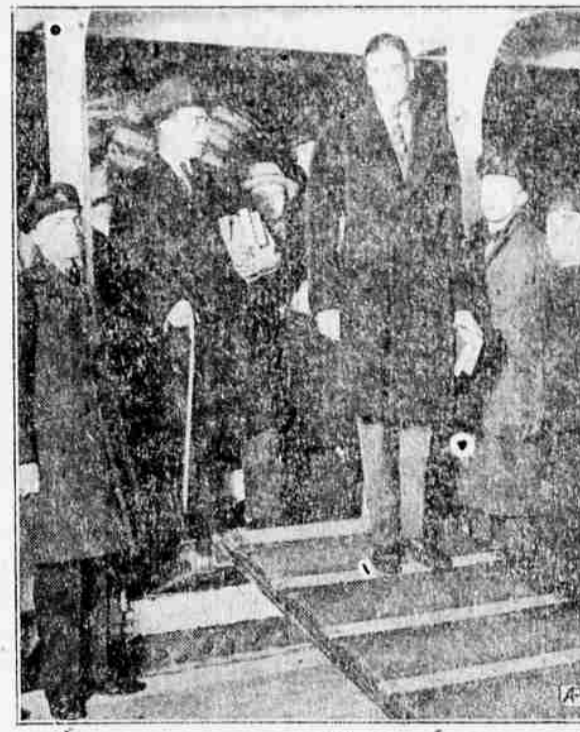
Mrs. Dickson happened to be standing at a window of her home and faintly when she saw the accident. The husband discovered his wife prostrated when he ran into the house to call for an ambulance.

After telephoning for aid for the injured woman, Dickson attempted to revive his wife. Several hours passed and a doctor called the house. He became alarmed when the telephone failed to answer and went to the home where he found the husband and wife, apparently asphyxiated, and he called for aid. An inhalator squad attempted to save their lives, but they died during the treatment.

Dickson was to have played "Santa Claus" again on Christmas eve.

The money value of a cover crop should not be measured solely by the increased yield obtained the first year. Crops may be larger for several years after a green manure crop has been turned under.

PRINCE GEORGE HURRIES HOME



Prince George, youngest son of King George, as he boarded the Berengaria in New York. He is hurrying home from Bermuda.

AUTO USED BY COW RUSTLERS AND PHOTO OF IN MID-STATE STOMACH MADE

Stockmen Guard Herds—Sing Sing Convicts Used In Thieves Hoist A Steer Into Truck and Speed Of Medical Science—No Worse Than Ordinary Beef Makes Crime Profitable.

BEND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Operating with trucks equipped with miniature derricks, cattle rustlers are inflicting heavy losses on central Oregon stockmen. Information obtained here from widely scattered districts of the mid-state group of counties, indicates the thieves are particularly active this winter.

The rustlers, using modern methods of transportation in penetrating to the center of cattle range lands, are said to be especially active in Lake county.

On the Chewaucan range, one of the large cattle raising communities of the Northwest, stockmen have been forced to put on extra riders to guard against the rustlers. These guards are using horses and automobiles in protecting the big herds.

The motorized rustlers operate at night. With their trucks they strike into the heart of the cattle country, kill some of the choice steers, remove the head and feet, and using a hole evidently similar to that used on garage wrecking cars, load the butchered animals into their trucks and make off.

Present activity of rustlers is attributed to the high price of beef. A good animal will bring \$100, making a night's work profitable even though only one steer is stolen.

In nearly all cases the rustlers operate on large ranches where thousands of head of cattle are scattered over isolated range country.

It is suspected that the beef are hauled long distances to market, perhaps in some instances, being taken out of the state.

CONGRESS IDLES AWAY FINAL DAY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The senate and house might have been large classrooms on the eve of the seasonal holiday today for the little work done and the profusion of greetings exchanged.

With the routine sessions quickly over, the few members who were on hand got busy soon—many going home for Christmas—not to return to their desks until January 2.

In the senate, Heflin of Alabama said tribute to Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, and senator Warren of Wyoming. After that he recited on how great it was to be a boy; Brookhart of Iowa dwelt on the merits of cooperatively marketing; and Christmas bells was the title of a poem read by Frazier of North Dakota.

Curtis Goes Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Senator Curtis of Kansas, vice president-elect, is preparing to return to Topeka for the holidays. He probably will announce there whether he will hold his senatorship until March 4, when he becomes the vice president.

ASK BOOST FOR STATE DRY FUNDS

Increase In Enforcers To Increase Revenues Hoped For By Federal Aide—Oregon Third In Rigidity and Popular Support of Volstead Act—High Praise Paid.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—M. A. Hazeltine, special government operative in the prohibition department, is authority for the statement that the prohibition law is enforced in Oregon as well as the laws against gambling and other crimes.

This was his conclusion, expressed here today, after a tour of western and central Oregon counties. Hazeltine said Oregon has the best set of prohibition laws of any state in the Union; that it ranks with Idaho and Kansas for the strength of the popular support given the law, and that enforcement here is "outstandingly effective."

Hazeltine made the trip in connection with his special work of looking up convicted violators of the state prohibition law with a view to assessing against them revenue penalties and old revenue statutes. In some cases, he said, fines as high as \$2,000 are being assessed for failure to pay dealer's taxes.

The character of local enforcement officials in the state is good, Hazeltine said. Only in three instances could sheriffs be suspected of neglect or lack of interest in the prohibition law.

"If bootleggers in Oregon are making any money," Hazeltine said, "the investigation of their financial standing with a view to collecting these revenue penalties does not show it."

"The people of this state," he continued, "are for prohibition enforcement to a greater degree than any state I have visited unless it be Idaho and Kansas. Oregon has the best set of prohibition laws of any state in the Union."

"Especially effective is the law providing for state prohibition agents designed to do undercover work where local officers are too well known to get evidence. I trust that the coming legislature will increase the appropriation of \$50,000 to \$75,000 so as to permit a greater number of agents, who in turn will produce more revenue for enforcement and at the same time relieve the handful of federal prohibition agents of the necessity of living any day at local officers in ordinary bootlegging cases, and leave them free to do the work for which they are intended. This work is to handle the larger cases of conspiracy, abetments, diversion of industrial alcohol, smuggling and manufacture."

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Reports that the underworld had threatened to take District Attorney Byron Fitts "for a ride" today resulted in extra safeguards being thrown around the new official.

Lucien C. Wheeler, chief of the bureau of investigation of District Attorney Fitts' office, refused to divulge the source of the information or its nature. Rumors which could not be confirmed said that 20 Los Angeles underworld characters met in a suburban town last night and agreed that the new district attorney was "entirely too active" and would have to be "put away."

Hill Rice, a special detective was assigned today as a bodyguard to Fitts. Wheeler said, and the guard placed at the district attorney's house when he took office, succeeded Asa Keyes, now under indictment for bribery, has been strengthened.

Wheeler said information that gangsters were planning to take the new young district attorney "for a ride," if he attempted to carry out the "clean up" which he has started, had reached him two weeks ago, and that there were "new developments" today.

Meanwhile, Fitts, accompanied by his bodyguard, was reported to be at a friend's house, and could not be located.

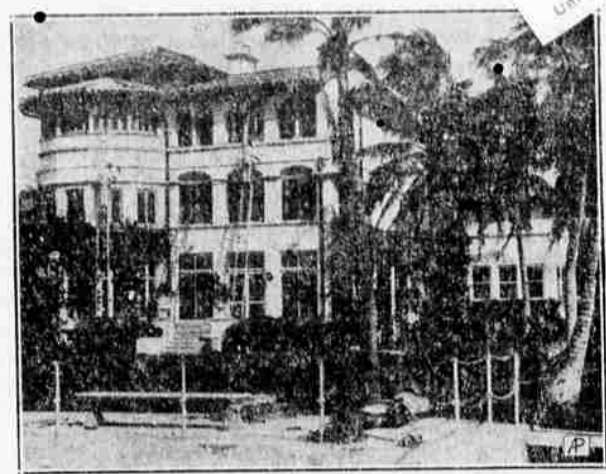
SOLO BOOTLEGGER GETS FULL PARDON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—President Coolidge has granted a full pardon to former representative John W. Langley of Kentucky, restoring him to citizenship.

Langley was convicted of conspiracy to violate the prohibition laws, and served a term in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. His wife, Katherine Langley, was elected to his seat in the house.

The president's action was taken on a recommendation from Attorney General Sargent.

PREPARING FOR PRESIDENT-ELECT



The J. C. Penney home at Belle Isle in Biscayne Bay, Miami, Fla., is being prepared to receive President-elect Hoover during his proposed Florida visit.

BOND REFUNDS BY CITIES OF STATE OPPOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Treasurers Warned of Withdrawal From Market If Eastern Proposal Accepted—Losses of Premiums to Trust Funds Reason for Drastic Action.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—City governments of Oregon are warned, in a letter sent their treasurers by the state bond commission, that if they attempt to refund their Bancroft bonds according to a proposal made by an eastern bonding house the state will withdraw from the market in so far as Bancroft bonds are concerned.

The matter came to the attention of the bond commission after an agent of the eastern concern had made his proposal to the city of La Grande.

The state commission declares that "while the proposed refunding plan is ostensibly for the benefit of the city, the real motive behind the plan is to promote more bond issues for sale at a profit to the promoters of the plan."

The state owes over \$1,000,000 in Bancroft bonds, and the letter declares that if they are called ahead of estimated dates the state will demand that the vendors refund to the state the unexpired premiums.

In threatening to withdraw from the market for Bancroft bonds if the proposal is accepted the commission declares it "cannot afford to invest the trust funds of the industrial accident and the World War veterans' commissions in securities in which there is a possibility of future loss."

Refunding the bonds before maturity is an injustice to the person or firm that purchased the bonds and to the ultimate purchaser, the letter says. "The reason that calling of the bonds in advance of estimated maturity dates will result in a loss of unexpired premiums either to the holder of the bonds or to the seller, who will be asked to compensate the holder for this loss."

PORTLAND FACES FREEZING WINDS, ROADS SLIPPERY

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Cold or weather for Portland and vicinity is predicted by the United States weather bureau. The temperature will hover near or below the freezing point in the early morning, the forecast said.

The rain storm which was to come today has shifted westward to the coast. The "backbone" here was high, but there no indication of rain or wet snow. All danger of an ice storm is over, the weather bureau said.

There was a rise in temperature all over the state today. At Baker it was two degrees above, at Eugene 26 degrees above, and at Wilson 26 degrees above.

Roads in western Washington are slippery and motorists need chains, the Oregon State Motor association reported today. Sand has been spread on the upper Columbia River highway to lessen the danger from skidding.

CORNELIUS JR. GIVEN MILLION FOR CHRISTMAS

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Daily News tomorrow will say that Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., who recently was reconciled with his father, General Cornelius Vanderbilt, after a four-year exile from the family, has been given a \$1,000,000 check as a Christmas present.

One-half was given by the general and the other \$500,000 by Mrs. Vanderbilt, the News will say. Cornelius, Jr., left tonight for his ranch near Reno, Nev., to join his wife for the holidays.

CARKIN IS TAX FUND MEDIATOR

Judge-Elect Norton and Assessor Coleman Vote for Income Tax With Offset—Jackson Legislator Strives for Unity in Recommendations—Luxury and Gas Tax Hinted.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—The property tax relief commission, authorized by the last legislature to investigate the tax situation in Oregon and to make recommendations to the January session of the legislature, decided today that an income tax is the solution to the state tax puzzle.

By a majority of five votes, the commission today adopted a resolution recommending "enactment by the legislature of an income tax on individual incomes at rates and property tax offsets which will produce approximately \$1,000,000 in net revenue, to the end that taxation on tangible property may be reduced."

The recommendation was adopted over strenuous opposition by representatives of the state grange and the Greater Oregon association.

Those voting to have the legislature enact an income tax with offset were Lawrence H. T. Harlow, H. D. Norton, C. E. Ingalls, E. E. Brodie, Sam Thompson, A. C. Spencer, J. B. Coleman and J. H. Booth.

Voting against the resolution were A. R. Shumway, I. E. Smith and C. C. Chapman. John H. Carkin did not vote.

In the role of conciliator, Carkin, chairman of the commission, sought to bring about harmony and unity of opinion in the way of a compromise. He pointed out the danger of going to the legislature with the commission divided in sentiment, an attitude which might wreck all of the taxation program which the committee has been laboring on for two years.

The state grange has agreed not to submit an income tax proposal to the legislature, and Shumway, representing that organization, indicated the grange was willing to wait developments on the excise tax and the contemplated income tax in California.

The work of drafting a bill for the income tax was assigned to the "fourth sub-committee" which will meet Friday, Dec. 28, in a hearing with Thomas H. Kay, state treasurer, and other state officials.

The object of the hearing will be to determine what rate can be levied and how much offset can be allowed if the income tax is to yield approximately to the whole commission.

The income tax is one of the ten subjects which the commission will recommend to the legislature, and these ten subjects represent fourteen points, or bills. What the legislature will do with the recommendations is not even remotely determined. Among the suggestions are: toping freight with income tax results as the income tax for instance, the proposal to add a one-cent gasoline tax as a substitute for the millage for state market roads, and the substitution of a luxury tax for one of the two mills for elementary education.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—The state tax levy for 1929 was promulgated today by the state tax commission, and totals \$7,892,247 including the 2-mill elementary school tax of \$2,244,664.36 which is property not a state levy.

The total amount to be raised for state purposes within the 8 per cent tax limitation amendment of the state constitution is \$2,427,894.77. Millage taxes authorized by the people and to which the 8 per cent limitation does not apply total \$5,220,777.87. Those two figures total \$5,648,524.44, which is properly the total state levy.

Total estimated requirements to which the state will be subjected total \$4,535,732.92. Total revenues, including the tax and miscellaneous revenues aggregate \$4,595,532.76, within the 8 per cent limitation.

The total for 1929, including the elementary school tax, is an increase of \$182,142.80 over last year.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Afghan legation here announced this afternoon that the rebels of that country had been driven from the heights near Kabul and that all roads leading to King Amanullah's capital had been cleared. The statement said that the loyal troops had pursued the malcontents some 35 miles north of Kabul.

Airplane service was resumed yesterday when a machine left Kabul for Tashkent.

KILLER AND GEM THIEF TIPPED OFF BY WIFE'S TALK

KENOSHA, Wis., Dec. 22.—(AP)—A trip east to see his wife, and her indiscreet remark to a private detective, today had resulted in the arrest of Edward Kane, sought two years as a member of the notorious "Loston Billy" gang of jewel thieves to whom robberies totalling more than \$2,800,000 have been charged.

Kane, arrested at midnight on the request of Edward Shirton, private detective who trailed him here, was said to be the last of the gang. The leader, James P. Monahan, now is serving a sentence in Sing Sing prison.

Kane faces seven indictments for murder and also is charged with participation in robberies, which police said, include theft of the famous Jesse L. Livermore pearls in 1927 at New York. Other robberies laid to his gang were those of the J. Plorpoint Moran, Percy A. Rockett and J. P. Theyer homes in New York.

Although admitting his identity, police said, Kane did not say he was connected with the gang. He recognized the detective but only said: "Well, you know, Sheriff, it won't do me any good to talk now."

KNIFE USED IN FIGHT OVER REDMOND GIRLS

BEND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Howard Wright was suffering from a serious knife wound at Redmond, and William Brown was in the Deschutes county jail today as a result of a stabbing affray at the Pleasant Ridge community hall, between Bend and Redmond. The fight was reported to have started over attention to some girls.

GANGS THREATEN NEW PROSECUTOR OF LOS ANGELES

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