

The Weather
 Forecast—Rain or snow tonight;
 Tuesday rain, warmer.
 Highest yesterday 44
 Lowest this morning 23

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Today

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

Americans may be proud of the Boulder Dam project, made possible by President Coolidge's signature. The world's greatest reservoir is the Gatun Lake, at Panama, holding 4,410,000 acre feet. The Boulder Dam reservoir will hold 26,000,000 acre feet.

Held back by a concrete wall 550 feet high, braced against the canyon's rock walls the rushing water will generate one million horsepower, greatest power on earth. After producing power, the harnessed water will irrigate millions of fertile acres, besides supplying water to great cities.

The dam will cost \$165,000,000. You could not buy 1,000,000 good horses for that. And 1,000,000 real horses would need stabling, eat \$150,000,000 worth of feed, every year, a big payroll for grooms, drivers, etc. The 1,000,000 working horses from the great Boulder Dam will work wherever you send them, over a copper wire, do not eat, need no care.

Strange that it should have taken so long for those supposed to represent the people to make up their minds. The next question is, "Will the people retain that power, as their own, for their own profit, or will they allow private interests to take it over and exploit it?" This column predicts that private interests will get it, and the people will pay for the power whatever the traffic will bear.

In other days, brands of religion hostile to the Fostick modernist idea would have seen the "hand of providence" in that fire. Today, intelligent men do not insult the lord by accusing him of lighting fires, temporary fires here, or permanent fires, hereafter.

When this country straightens out snarls in Central America, Europe criticizes us, as a meddler with weaker nations. Europe asks us to come over and straighten out her own reparations snarl, settling on some total payment for Germany, arranging collections, etc., that is not "meddling," it's quite all right.

The worst is, that we may be drawn into that snarl. A weanling child might know that Europe does not want our advice, Europe wants our money, or our guarantee that Germany will pay. Better still, Europe would like us to lend Germany money to pay the allies.

Watch, and you will probably see that happen. We have the money. Europe needs the money. Our statesmen are babies, compared with Europe's, and our financiers, so powerful in government, would make a profitable rake-off on all transaction. That is saying enough.

Americans this year are giving the post office the biggest job it ever handled. The post office is doing the work admirably, and the public shows some intelligence in early mailing of packages and cards.

Please note that the fine perforation
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HOOVER TO HAVE SHIP CHRISTMAS

Tree and Decorations On U. S. S. Utah for Good Will Party—Presents Received—Rio de Janeiro Staged Farewell Fireworks—Brazilians Express Friendship Esteem

U. S. S. UTAH, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Homeward bound from his tour of good will of Latin-America, Herbert Hoover turned his thoughts today to Christmas which will be celebrated aboard ship tomorrow in true American style. Before sailing from Rio Janeiro, the Utah took aboard a Christmas tree and decorations. Ship carpenters were busy today setting up the tree and also taking on the quarterdeck for a general dinner to the Hoover party and the ship's officers. Many presents were brought aboard the ship to enliven the spirit of the occasion.

Most of the Hoover party, Christmas day aboard a ship was novel experience, but to Mr. and Mrs. Hoover it was nothing unusual, since the first Christmas after their marriage was on shipboard while they were en route to China, and they had been on sea several times since then. Upon boarding the ship, Mr. Hoover found a number of presents awaiting him, as well as letters of his party and he opened all of them. Among them he found a doctor's degree from Brazil university as well as a certificate as honorary chairman of the Brazilian Red Cross, enclosed in a handsome portfolio.

Other gifts included books on engineering and other subjects, a dozen boxes of cigars and a picture of Rio Janeiro. This picture he probably treasured most highly, as he was more impressed with the Brazilian capital than any other port visited in the long years of his travels.

Farewell.
 In bidding farewell to Rio Janeiro, Mr. Hoover stood on the deck as the Utah passed out to sea amid a wonderful display of fireworks.

As Mr. Hoover sailed away the whole Brazilian capital was ringing with cheers and praises for him. The general opinion was that he carried with him the genuine friendship, admiration and esteem of the Brazilian people.

Mr. Hoover's last day in Brazil began with morning church services. Then he was luncheon host at the United States embassy with Ambassador Morgan to President Washington Luis and later, at the request of the Brazilian president, he went to the jockey club race track, where the usual Sunday afternoon races were held.

The appeal was made to Mr. Hoover that thousands of workmen and others accustomed to eating the rice on their only holiday of the week, would be unable to see him unless he consented to visit the track.

Proceeding the farewell luncheon the Brazilian military band of 120 pieces, uniformed in white, crimson and gold, and with plumed brass helmets, drew up before the embassy and played the Star Spangled Banner. The band from the Utah stationed inside the embassy grounds played the Brazilian national anthem.

FIRST PRIZE TO ASHLAND MAN U.S.A. CONTEST

NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Ben Ellis, Southern Oregon Normal school, Ashland, Ore., won first prize in the normal school and teachers' college section of the Scripps prizes for essays tending to world peace. Winners were announced today by the American School Citizenship League.

The prizes are given by the Scripps Trust and Helen Scripps of this city. The subject for the normal school and teachers' college section this year was "How teachers may promote world friendship."

The essays were judged by a national committee of educators headed by Philander P. Claxton, former United States commissioner of education.

Eight Filmed.
 PARIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A film, "Les Nouveaux Messieurs," purporting to show a fist fight in the chamber of deputies, has been suppressed by the censor. Action was taken on special request of the president of the chamber.

COOLIDGES SET NATION EXAMPLE WITH QUIET CHRISTMAS AT HOME



Christmas in the White House will be as simple and unostentatious as in thousands of other American homes. President and Mrs. Coolidge will participate in a spending of Christmas cheer in Washington's nearby. Their son John will return home for the celebration. Mrs. Coolidge (above, in white) is shown dispensing baskets for the Salvation Army.

PRESIDENT IS ONE WHO SURVIVES DENY CRITICISM PREPARING TO PLANE TRAGEDY OF PRESIDENT TAKE A REST ON NEW ROUTE BY MR. HOOVER

Lure of Tropics Calls Coolidge to Georgia Island—To Enjoy Shooting and Fishing—Will Light Tree Tonight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Lured by tropical breezes and abundant opportunity to indulge in his favorite recreations of shooting and fishing, President Coolidge today made preparations for an early departure for the Georgia Island which he has chosen as the scene of his Christmas vacation.

Christmas eve found the presidential engagement list blank and the executive offices closed to callers. By Mr. Coolidge's own decree the day was a holiday for all government workers in the District of Columbia, giving them three consecutive days away from business. The president, however, was expected to spend a large part of the day at his desk, clearing up last minute business matters. In order that he may begin his vacation untroubled by the press of public affairs.

This evening, Mr. Coolidge will light Washington's community Christmas tree and later will listen while a vested choir from the First Congregational church, which the president and Mrs. Coolidge attended, sings Christmas carols beneath the huge portico at the front of the White House.

Scouts Give Greetings
 Afterward the Christmas greetings of the people of Washington are to be presented to the president and Mrs. Coolidge by members of the Boy and Girl Scouts. A program of Christmas music by the marine band and the national capital oratorio association also will be rendered at the tree-lighting ceremony.

The Christmas eve carol service at the White House has become one of Washington's customary Yuletide events. The grounds of the executive mansion are thrown open to the public.

Mrs. Coolidge returned to the national capital last night after a stay of several days with her mother, Mrs. Lemira Goodhue, at Northampton, Massachusetts. Mrs. Goodhue has been ill for some time.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Representatives of C. M. Keys, president of Transcontinental Air Transport, the plane-train system with which Col. Charles A. Lindbergh is connected, announced today that President Coolidge had accepted Keys' offer of a personal mail plane during his Christmas vacation at Sapelo Island off the Georgia coast.

A Sikorsky amphibian cabin plane with Art Caperton as pilot, was prepared to leave Curtiss field for Georgia this afternoon. It will fly with the presidential mail between the island and Brunswick, Ga.

Rogue River Losses
 POWERS, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Rogue River high school quintet was defeated by Powers high 45 to 75 here.

Vernon Is Kayced.
 COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Joe Blackwell, Eugene middleweight, proved too much for Bob Vernon of Vancouver, Wash., here Saturday evening. Vernon taking the count in the fifth round.

Four Perish in Crash Caused By Cold Motor—Gas Tank Explodes After Ship Falls—Unable Gain Altitude on Takeoff.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Dec. 24.—(AP)—W. M. Rozar, sole survivor of an airplane tragedy near Marr field which caused the immediate death of four persons, today attributed the accident to a cold motor which failed to gain altitude after the takeoff early yesterday morning.

Rozar, of Chicago, who is traveling representative for a Macon, Ga., firm, succeeded in extricating himself from the wreckage and crawled away from the burning plane after the gasoline tank had exploded.

Four companions of the ill-fated flight over the newly established Chicago-Atlanta air mail line perished in the flames.

Victims included: Charles H. Shield, of Louisville, Ky., pilot; Raymond D. Harris, another pilot who was making a study of the new air route; G. F. Mayer of St. Elmo, Tenn., and G. L. Burnett of Chicago.

Both Mayer and Burnett were en route to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Atlanta and Macon, Ga., respectively.

Rozar said Shield experienced difficulty in priming and starting

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State Department Interpreter Issues Statement—Yregoyen Interview Declared Not Critical of Coolidge Policies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Butler Sherwell, state department interpreter for President-elect Hoover has issued a denial of implications that Mr. Hoover criticized the policies of President Coolidge during an interview with Yregoyen of Argentina as published in a Buenos Aires newspaper last week.

The statement, issued before the departure of the Utah on her homeward-bound voyage, was as follows:

"I have been informed of statements in dispatches in the Argentine press quoting from an Argentine newspaper which purports to give an interview between Mr. Hoover and President Yregoyen. As I was present and acted as interpreter in the interview, I can state emphatically that Mr. Hoover did not in any way criticize the policies of President Coolidge but far from it, he vigorously supported those policies."

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KING'S CHEF STIR SOUP FOR 'NEWSIES' FEED

Former Royal Cook of Belgium in Kitchen for Annual Los Angeles Event—Christmas Spirit Thru-out the World.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—"A feast fit for a king" will be no mere expression of words when 2000 "newsies" sit down to dinner here tomorrow for out in the kitchen Alfred Vermeere, former chef to King Albert of Belgium, will be stirring the soup.

To add to the royal situation the feast will be in a splendid ballroom and the waiters—they will not be ordinary either. Among the waiters will be Frank Jordan, secretary of state; Jack Friedman, corporation commissioner; Justice William Foster, former chief of the city and government officials.

The occasion will be Los Angeles' annual Christmas turkey dinner for part of the army of "newsies" called.

BUDAPEST, Hungary, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The regent, Admiral Horthy, today granted Christmas amnesty to 24 prisoners. The list included 12 persons who have been in jail more than ten years and six who were sentenced for offenses under the new press law. In some cases a fine was substituted for imprisonment. The amnesty did not include sixteen prisoners who were convicted of offenses in connection with the red revolution.

GREENSBURG, Kans., Dec. 24.—(AP) Mrs. P. O. Chase, sheriff of Iowa county and the only woman sheriff in Kansas, today announced she had paroled all the prisoners—two of them—from the county jail over Christmas.

Both prisoners promised to return Wednesday, Mrs. Chase said. Illness in the family prompted the parole of one man. The other is visiting relatives near here. Each has only a few weeks to serve.

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) The Boston Traveler printed no news of crime, scandal or accidents on its first page today. In accordance with a practice begun five years ago, the first page was devoted to stories on Christmas and its observance here and elsewhere.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP) A Christmas tree festooned with frankfurters greeted dog inmates of the city pound today. Poundmaster Matthew McCurtie said he was in slight mitigation of a dog's life.

PLAINS, Kans., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. R. J. Carr and her two sons, Ernest and Lloyd Carr, have received a Christmas present of \$100 from the First National bank of Lamar, Colo., for locating the body of E. A. Kessinger, murdered cashier, on the Buckle farm near here. Kessinger was kidnapped by bandits who robbed the bank last May.

FAYETTEVILLE, Conn., Dec. 24.—(AP)—A. J. Simmons and Neal Golden lay desperately wounded today and Floyd Steelman, 2, was dead, victims of bullets fired into a congregation of the Cumberland Presbyterian church of Kelse, near here, last night by Joe Pig, prosperous farmer, in an effort to settle "differences" with Simmons.

Pig and Simmons had been neighbors for years, but the only explanation for the tragedy by Pig was that "differences" between the Pig and Simmons families had prompted the attack. Pig surrendered.

Steelman, the first to be struck, died within a few minutes. Simmons was wounded in the face and lungs, and Golden was shot in the abdomen.

Paul Gattlin, an 11-year-old boy, suffered a minor wound of the scalp.

Pig is the father of seven children.

No Paper Christmas
 In order to permit the employees to enjoy the holiday and in conformity with long-established custom, there will be no issue of the Mail Tribune on Christmas day.

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Christmas folks the following watching to see if there really is a Santa Claus: Kellogg is looking for some senators' autographs in his sock. Bolivia is trying to get Paraguay's whiskers on fire and burn up the tree. Arizona is so sore at California over Boulder Dam that they have turned atheist, and won't celebrate Christmas. Ten thousand Republican candidates for cabinet jobs are beginning to have grave doubts. And 14,000,000 Democrats say it may be Christmas to some people, but it's just the 25th of some month for them.

Yours,
 WILL ROGERS.

LAST COOLIDGE CHRISTMAS IN WHITE HOUSE

Quiet Home Observance for President and Mrs. Coolidge—Small Tree in Blue Room—Army, Navy Get Red Cross Bags.

By Sue McNamara
 (Associated Press-Foreign Writer)
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President and Mrs. Coolidge, as has been their custom, are observing Christmas at home. These simple but appealing rites celebrated in millions of American homes, will be duplicated on the last Christmas President and Mrs. Coolidge will spend in the White House. The family will exchange gifts on Christmas morning. Dinner will be in the evening as usual with perhaps a few guests invited.

Christmas Eve, Mrs. Coolidge will accompany the president to Sherman Square where, at 8 o'clock the president will light the National Community Christmas tree. In the afternoon of the same day Mrs. Coolidge will help the Salvation Army hand out 750 Christmas baskets.

In every army post of the land Christmas will be holiday save for those on guard and police duty. There will be post celebrations with trees and elaborate dinners.

Army women, according to custom, will see that all children of the posts are provided with toys and candy.

Christmas in the navy will be observed in various ways according to the locations of the different ships. Sailors are noted for putting on "high jinks" when given the opportunity and many an amusing vaudeville will be staged aboard battleships Christmas day.

Bags Shipped
 Forty-two thousand Christmas bags, containing all sorts of useful articles, were shipped by the American Red Cross some weeks ago to men of the army, navy and marine corps serving in distant posts. Many of the troops on duty in warm countries have regimental trees outdoors on Christmas Eve, when the bags, made and filled by Red Cross volunteer workers in chapters all over the country, are distributed.

Some of the children of the embassies and legations this year will spend their first Christmas in America. Among them are Ferdinand and Nella Veverka, children of the new minister from Czechoslovakia. The custom of Poland, a big fish dinner on Christmas Eve followed by presents to all the children, will be observed.

The three children of the minister from Guatemala will entertain their American and Central American playmates at a Christmas party.

Senior and Senora Tellez, the Mexican ambassador and his wife, who are very popular in Washington, have three children and every year a big Christmas party is given at the embassy to which youngsters of Washington's leading families look forward with glee.

DAMASCUS, Syria.—(AP)—Magnificent mosaics dating from the eighth century have been discovered in the mosque on the Omnes by E. de Lorey, director of the French Institute of Archaeology and Moslem Art.

BOLIVIANS HOLDING UP PEACE HELP

Paraguay Answers Questionnaire of Pan-American Conference—Terms Favorable to Conciliation—Bolivian Minister Expects to Hear Soon.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Only the reply of Bolivia is needed to set the committee named to help the Bolivian-Paraguayan quarrel to work. Paraguay's reply to a questionnaire from the committee was received last night.

The committee, named by the Pan-American conference on conciliation and arbitration, felt that the questionnaire was comparatively easy to answer and some uneasiness was expressed when the two countries were seemingly slow in answering. Paraguay's message at Dix de Medina, Bolivian minister, has said that he expects to hear from his government soon.

The Paraguayan note was not made public but the legation here said its terms were favorable to conciliation and peace. The questionnaire had asked both governments to define the controversy and to state their preferences as to the constitution of a conciliation tribunal.

The Bolivia-Paraguayan conference has claimed much of the attention of the conference, which met to discuss framing a new arbitration treaty.

Some progress has been made, however, toward drawing up a part but just at present differences have arisen over its provisions.

RAID SURPRISES CLUB HABITUES OF GOLD COAST

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—They thought it was another of the "different" acts staged by the management of the Club Algers.

But it wasn't. It was only a dry raid. An old act for the raiders; new for the Club Algers, exclusive rendezvous for residents of the Chicago gold coast.

"Oh, I say," expostulated one gentleman, as an axe hewed a hole in the wall quite close to his head. Finally a man crawled through. He doffed his silk hat.

"Pardon me," he said, "but this is a raid. I'll have to come in this way." And he did. So did others, similarly garbed in evening dress.

Even then the fashionably dressed women patrons, wearing jewels and their male escorts attired in tuxedos, weren't sure. But as one of the sophisticated young strikers made a grab for a flask, doubt turned to certainty.

Another flask, propelled by someone's foot, went skidding across the floor. So did another. And another.

A gentleman who said he was a banker, found them piled under his table. They didn't belong to him, he protested, because he had just disposed of his.

Patrons were not molested, but the raiders seized a card index of more than 1,900 gold coast residents.

Tiny Automobile Is Swallowed By West Virginia Tot

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—(AP)—With a tiny toy automobile lodged in his throat Frank Books, 18 months old, was in a much improved condition today, hospital officials said.

The child swallowed the toy a week ago Saturday at Bluefield, W. Va., while eating a box of popcorn in which the little auto came as a "prize."

The child apparently had little difficulty in breathing, but it is impossible for him to eat. The only nourishment he has had is small amounts of milk fed through a tube.

Physicians apparently felt there was a good chance of performing a successful operation.

Mother of "Pross" Dead
 INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Mrs. Emma Jane Nelson, 76 years old, mother of six sons nationally known as golf instructors, died at her home here last night after an illness of six months. Surviving are the sons, Lee, Wallace, Chick, Richard, Chester and Ervin Nelson, all golf instructors.

THE MAIL TRIBUNE WISHES ALL:

