

The Weather
Forecast — Rain; colder tonight.
Temperature above freezing.
Highest yesterday 58
Lowest this morning 52

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

MEDFORD, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1928.

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 44
Minimum 36

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane
Bears, Beware.
Wasted Values.
Millions Die, What of It?

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Like a man half heartedly swearing off, in the morning, the world is trying to give up war. And this country, which never started a war against Europe, is expected to do most of the reforming. It's like asking Moody and Sankey to sign the pledge first, or entreating the Rev. Dr. Straton not to believe in Darwin.

The individual must solve his own problems, with the use of will power. "The heart knoweth his own bitterness."

Each of us knows what is wrong with him, and what he ought to do. Few of us do it. Nations know what they ought to do. None of them do it. Europe ought to stop fighting, and can't. We ought to mind our own business, and can't.

For American prosperity, the outlook is good. Prosperity demands action and the spending of money, lots of money. This present prosperity is based on the pouring out of a hundred billions, in the war.

Herbert Hoover is coming in. He will get action and will spend money, wisely. Business will boom.

The pessimists and the bears have days of sorrow ahead.

Great are the values that go to waste. When the Spaniards brought bricks of silver down from the ancient Cerro de Pasco mine on Lamas, they tossed aside the copper taken out. It was not worth transportation. It's worth millions now.

In sugar mills the problem was to get rid of the "bagasse," ground up cane, from which sugar had been taken. Now excellent building material is made of that waste stuff and Hawaii is starting to make paper of it.

The greatest of all waste goes on inside the human brain, of which 999 one-thousandths remain idle and unused, even in well managed brains. Millions of brains do not work at all, only remember and repeat, never create.

But that will change. Consider what ants and other insects accomplish, having been here many million years ahead of us. We are only 12,000 years from the late stone age, which is the most encouraging fact in history. Give men ten to fifty million more years, with deepening convolutions, and inherited knowledge, and see what they will do.

A mud wasp, as Fabre shows, is born knowing how to perform a most delicate surgical operation, difficult for a skilled man. New born human babies, 50,000,000 years hence, will know more of mathematics than Newton knew when he died, more of music than Beethoven and Bach combined.

It is predicted that 2,000,000 will die in Kansu province this winter, about half the population. Famine and cold will kill the greater number. Mohammedan fanatics, continuing their massacres, for the glory of Allah, will kill the others.

Kansu is 1000 miles north of Shanghai, and when asked why so little is done for the miserable people of Kansu, Shanghai answers, "They are so far away."
No wonder they seem far away to us. What we do not actually see disturbs us little. Famine in China, very mild sympathy, earthquake destroying all life on the planet

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RUM BUYER GUILTY OF VIOLATION

Judge Rules Purchaser Violates Law if Transportation Factor of Agreement — New York Broker Is Fined — Decision Hailed As Important Step.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Alfred E. Norris, New York broker, was today fined \$2000 on a charge of conspiracy to violate the federal prohibition law in the transportation of liquor.

The fine was imposed by Federal Judge William H. Kirkpatrick, who ruled that the purchaser of liquor is guilty of violating the law if transportation enters into the agreement.

The decision was regarded as highly important by the local federal authorities as the defendant raised the question that under the eighteenth amendment and the Volstead act it was to crime to purchase liquor.

Norris was indicted with Joel D. Keper of Philadelphia, so-called "society bootlegger," who is serving 18 months in the federal penitentiary for violating the prohibition law.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The decision of Federal Judge Kirkpatrick in Philadelphia, that a purchaser of illegal liquor is guilty of violating the prohibition law where transportation enters into the sale, was hailed by Prohibition Commissioner Doran today as an important step toward preventing bootlegging.

In the majority of cases such liquor has to be transported he said, "and the involving of the purchaser in the law violation will do much toward preventing such purchases."

SIX PERISH WHEN TOURING CAR HIT ON SOO RAILROAD

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Six persons were killed early today when a Soo line train struck an automobile at a grade crossing in Oak Park.

The automobile, carrying seven passengers, had stopped as one train sped by, and then had gone ahead, directly into the path of the other.

The dead were: Henry O. S. (driver), Berwyn, Ill.; Mrs. Henry Olsen, Halvor Olsen, Mrs. Halvor Olsen, Mrs. A. O. O. (14), 7, and daughter, Virginia, 11.

Another son, Howard, 4, was taken to a hospital, possibly fatally injured.

The bodies of those killed were mangled, the train striking the touring car squarely in the center. One boy was decapitated.

The witness had started to give testimony, as the Olsen car started across the tracks, and other machines had stopped to await the passing of the train.

A charge of criminal negligence was placed against Joseph Boharty, 47, bagman at the crossing. Boharty refused to make a statement, but admitted, police said, he failed to lower the crossing gates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The American government is not disposed to spare Dwight W. Morrow from his services as ambassador to Mexico, so that he might serve on the special committee to deal with the reparations problem. Although the selection of American experts for that work was left to the allied and German governments when this government assented to unofficial participation by Americans, Secretary Kellogg took the position today that Mr. Morrow would not be one of those chosen. He said Mr. Morrow would return to his post in Mexico City as soon as his duties here in connection with the Pan-American conference on arbitration and conciliation is completed.

COMMANDER BYRD AND PARTY IN NEW ZEALAND



Comm. Richard E. Byrd (center) autographing pictures at Wellington, N. Z., prior to sailing to Dundee on the whaler, C. A. Larsen, to join other members of the expedition for the voyage to the Antarctic. Igloo, the dog in the center, is Commander Byrd's mascot.

FLU DEATHS ON INCREASE WEEK ENDED DEC. 22

Malady Fatal to 710 in 58 Cities—Portland Reports Nine—Seattle High With 15—Pneumonia Also On Increase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Fifty-eight cities today reported to the census bureau that 719 deaths from influenza occurred during the week ended December 22. The figures compared with 475 deaths from influenza in 62 cities during the previous week.

Cities reporting on influenza deaths for the week ended December 22 included: Portland, Ore., 9; Salt Lake City, 4; San Diego, 8; San Francisco, 21; Oakland, Cal., 7; Seattle, 15; Spokane, 11; Tacoma, Wash., 3.

In the same cities there were 1,272 deaths from pneumonia during the week ended December 22. Cities reported for the previous week showed a total of 1,297 deaths.

The weekly deaths of both influenza and pneumonia, 78 cities reported to the bureau, has increased as follows: For the week ended November 24: influenza, 51; pneumonia, 57; November 19, influenza, 78; pneumonia, 58; November 17, influenza, 91; pneumonia, 68; November 24, influenza, 105; pneumonia, 74; December 1, influenza, 293; pneumonia, 83; and December 8, influenza, 291; pneumonia, 1,009.

ROYAL FAMILY TO GO ABOUT FREELY AS ANXIETY PAST

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP) It was officially stated at 3 o'clock this afternoon that there was no change in King George's condition. The younger members of the royal family are moving about more freely now that there is decreased anxiety regarding the king's illness.

The king's sons are making plans for as much hunting as possible. The Prince of Wales has decided to make his linton Grove farm in Nottingham his hunting headquarters until February. He will hunt with the Belvoir hounds from Colton Bassett on Saturday.

The Duke of Gloucester plans to hunt with the Quorn hounds from Quenborough tomorrow.

The Duke and Duchess of York arrived at Nuseby Hall, their hunting box in the Pychley country, last night and the duke will hunt with the Pychley hounds.

Cow Trees Give Palatable Milk and Chewing Gum

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—"Milk from contented trees" might well be a slogan in Guatemala. J. Itzcood, wood technologist on the staff of the Field museum, has returned from Central America bringing a sample of milk and wood from the Guatemalan cow tree.

The milk is palatable and tastes and looks much like cow's milk. Record said a "shirup" of the cow trees would be practical. He added, however, that the tree might be used more profitably in the manufacture of chewing gum.

VOLSTEAD SEES NO GREAT HELP IN PRIZE PLAN

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Andrew J. Volstead said today that he was not particularly impressed by the Mills plan to make prohibition effective.

"Major Mills (winner of the Durant \$25,000 prize for a program of prohibition enforcement) is entitled to a good deal of credit for not proposing a reorganizing of the service," said Mr. Volstead, author of the federal enforcement act.

"The prohibition forces have been organized almost to death. It has been the lame of the service almost from the very start."

Mr. Volstead, now legal adviser of the northern prohibition enforcement district, said the prohibition bureau already is operating along the same lines of "stopping the source" outlined by Major Mills.

"Major Mills' suggestions along other lines do not impress me as particularly new. The prohibition bureau has been doing nearly everything suggested by him in his plan."

BEACON BIDS IN FOR AIRWAY LIGHTS NORTH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP) Bid for 14 revolving beacons and one code beacon to light the Portland-Seattle airway was received today by Robert Warrack, superintendent of the lighthouses. The Harten-Bower company, of Boise, was lowest of three bidders. All bids will be forwarded to Washington where award will be made.

BURNED BRIDGE CAUSES WRECK MEXICAN TRAIN

Two Trainmen Killed and Many Passengers Injured — Arrested Man Claims Forced By Armed Men to Burn Supporters.

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Dispatches from Chihuahua state that two trainmen were killed and Governor Marcello Caraveo of the state of Chihuahua and a number of other prominent citizens were injured from the wrecking of the locomotive plunged into an abyss when it passed over a bridge the supports of which had been weakened by a fire.

Governor Caraveo, General Jesus Ferreira, chief of military operations in the state and about 100 other prominent citizens were returning from the opening of the Kansas City, Mexico and Orienta railroad link connecting Chihuahua and Ojinaga on Sunday when the wreck occurred.

Those killed were Francisco Rodriguez, fireman, and Manuel Candia, a trainman. Governor Caraveo suffered a lacerated face and his condition when it was found necessary to amputate the toes on both his feet. Others injured included the deputy, A. Chavez, R. Sanchez Fraus, state treasurer; Jose Alameda, and Manuel Rivero Mier.

One dispatch said that Fernando San David was arrested and claimed that four armed men forced him to burn the bridge supports. Another report was that the wreck was the result of an act of a madman. He was stated to have told railroad officials that he was cold and started a fire under the bridge to keep warm and when the bridge caught fire, he let it burn.

BLONDE IN JAIL WITH BLACK HAIR HELD IN LARGENY

LITTONIA, Pa., Dec. 27.—(AP) Rita Doran, blonde who became a brunette, was in the county jail today on charges of larceny growing out of the abduction and robbery of Russell Troup, state highway patrolman, last October.

State police said the young woman was known also as Mrs. Rose Lewis and Mrs. Willard Cole. She told Assistant District Attorney Mueller that she would plead not guilty when her case comes to trial and insisted that she is the wife of Willard Cole, who with Edward Touhey, is under arrest in Cincinnati in a bank robbery investigation.

Cole and Touhey were with Miss Doran at the time he was abducted, according to Troup's testimony at the hearing.

Miss Doran was a blonde formerly a relative of Mr. Coffin, and Colonel Starling of the secret service, proceeded from Mr. Coffin's estate on Sapelo island to the well stocked preserves on Little Sapelo, by one of many water lanes. For two and a half hours Mr. Coolidge and Colonel Starling, the only members of the party to do any shooting, stood at the edge of a broad, flat marsh, while game hunters scurried through the nearby woods and frightened the birds into the air.

REVENUE FROM CRIME HINDERS WORK OF CURE

Chicago State's Attorney Analyzes Situation—Citizens Must Show Courage — Much Spent for Protection, Is Assertion.

By Allen L. Dalrymple, Associated Press Staff Writer. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—John A. Swanson, a six feet two giant, whose 200 pounds seem cramped in the office of the state's attorney, which he assumed this month but Chicago, crime under the microscope today, analyzed its causes and prescribed his remedy.

"Don't look for miracles," said the man who was swept into office as the voters' protest against rampant crime. "Citizens themselves must show some of the backbone and courage which they expect of me and my assistants."

He spoke of the bombings that have destroyed thousands of dollars worth of Chicago property, and he picked each felony apart, seeking its basic cause.

The state's attorney strode nervously about the small office in the criminal courts building. He spoke particularly of bombings, for he himself narrowly escaped death when a bomb was tossed at him a few weeks before the primary election last April.

The "immense revenue collected by organized crime" is, in the state's attorney's opinion, the principal obstacle in Chicago to law enforcement.

Takes Time. "A great share of this immense revenue, running into millions, is collected from liquor law violators, racketeers, commercial vice leaders and gamblers, and is spent for protection," he said, "the patrolman of a beat is 'fixed.' The state's attorney's office must conduct its own investigation, and that takes time."

The attorney paused at a window and gazed toward the Chicago river, said to contain more dynamite in its waters than the river Seine. He pushed his spectacles onto his forehead.

"Why do we have more bombings in Chicago than other cities? It is a peculiar psychology, this bombing. Why we of Chicago seem to suffer more from this form of terrorism I do not know. "Dynamite is not hard to obtain. Workers have no great difficulty in sneaking sticks from jobs where they are employed. And it can be bought without a great deal of red tape."

"We hope to shut off the source of dynamite to the racketeers and blackmailers. Up to December first, 163 bombs were thrown in Chicago this year. More than 500 persons have been slain in the city since January 1. As to the reason for the wholesale homicide, State's Attorney Swanson, who was born, reared and has lived his entire life here, talked in explanation, "It's a matter of time. I've perceived it have been in effect a long time. I have been in office a long time, but I tell you more about that later."

The new holder of the prosecutor's office is 54 years old. He resigned as judge of Cook county circuit court to make the race for state's attorney, at the request of United States Senator Deneen and other leaders of the faction in favor of defeating the ticket of Mayor Thompson and State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe.

Will Rogers Says:

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Mr. Hoover has changed his mind and is going to Washington to break the news to the office seekers, instead of having them come down to Florida and him have to feed them. That will knock those two railroads out of the biggest business they would have had all year. A president-elect's popularity is the shortest lived of any public man. It only lasts till he picks his cabinet. Say, this police commissioner has rounded up so many crooks and put 'em in jail that it's interfering with the theatre attendance. Yours, WILL ROGERS.

LOOSE RAIL ON SANTA FE LINE CAUSE WRECK

Coolness of Engineer Prevents Catastrophe Near San Bernardino — Seven Cars Leave Track — Tampering Is Charged.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The presence of mind and ability of A. C. Long of Los Angeles, piloting the "Missionary," famous Santa Fe overland train, is credited with averting a serious disaster when the "Missionary" was derailed at Hesperia, 35 miles north of here early today. Only one person, W. H. Lurbage of Winslow, Ariz., a Santa Fe attorney, was hurt seriously. He suffered an injury to his hip. A half dozen others who received attention of physicians included Mrs. F. J. Mackie, wife of the assistant general manager of the road. The "Missionary" was Chicago bound from Los Angeles.

Assistant General Manager Mackie, riding in his private car with his wife, declared after the wreck that Long's coolness in the emergency had prevented a catastrophe. "He brought the train to a dead stop in fifteen car lengths," said Mackie. "It was the finest feat of locomotive engineering I have ever seen." Mackie himself was unhurt.

Hits Loose Rail. The "Missionary" struck a loose rail a mile and a half north of Hesperia at 1 a. m. Dropping down from Cajon Pass into the Mohave desert, the train had attained a speed estimated at 60 miles an hour, and this fact, it was believed, saved the locomotive from plunging into the ditch. The locomotive and the baggage cars were over the loose rail before the train was tossed aside, sending the following sleepers onto the ties. Seven cars left the track, three of them plunging down a 29-foot embankment. Two of the sleepers turned over in the ditch.

Charges that wreckers had tampered with the right of way were made by Santa Fe officials shortly after the wreck, and a report that two crossbars and a wrench had been stolen from the Santa Fe tool house at Hesperia was made to Sheriff Shea of San Bernardino county. F. E. Parley, a sheriff's deputy at Victorville, and one of the first to reach the wreck, reported he had found spikes, apparently pulled from the ties, on the length of a rail in the ditch by the side of the right of way. Officials asserted also that an angle iron had been unbolted and removed from the track.

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MEXICAN OFFICER KILLS FOUR WHEN ARREST ORDERED

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Four policemen were killed and 29 other persons were wounded last night in Mexico City when Captain Antonio Reyna of the Mexican army entrenched himself in a house and kept up a steady fire against a large force of officers sent to arrest him, says a dispatch to the newspaper El Continental.

Captain Reyna, whom the police say is mentally unbalanced, barricaded himself in the home of Major Seraphio Sanchez of San Miguel street and fought off every attempt to dislodge him. A group of the wounded were several policemen and two young women.

Captain Reyna was finally subdued. A pure of several thousand dollars was raised by the Chinese benevolent society to cover the cost of exhuming the bodies from a local cemetery and transportation to China.

ROOSEVELT TELLS HOW SUB FOILED

'Crank' Inventor Solved Problem of Mine Barrage — Electrical Contact 'Antennae' Type Effective — Ten Million Dollars Asked for Invention.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP) The New York Times today quotes Governor-elect Franklin D. Roosevelt as revealing how a crank inventor during the world war solved the problem of laying an effective mine barrage against German submarines.

Mr. Roosevelt, who was assistant secretary of the navy during the war, made his disclosure in an informal address before the Poughkeepsie, N. Y., post of the American Legion.

A problem that America and the allies were vainly seeking to solve, said Mr. Roosevelt, was of exploding mines by electrical contact with a hostile vessel. The older type of mine was ineffective as it was impossible to place them close enough together to present an effective barrier without heavy seas causing them to knock against each other and explode.

"For a long time," he said, "there was a lot of investigation to find some way to connect the mines by cable, or some other link, and construct the barrage so that any submarine hitting any position of this barrier would find itself in grief. Nobody seemed to be able to hit upon the right thing."

One day early in 1918, he said, a man of the typical "crank inventor" type walked into his office with an invention and insisted upon showing his model.

"He presented an intricate affair with a lot of nuts, which was but the same thing many other people had suggested for putting over the mouth of a harbor to exclude submarines. I was about to cast the whole thing aside when he pointed to models of mines attached to the nets. I asked him what they were, and then he told me he had a practical plan for exploding the mine by electrical contact if a vessel touched any part of the entire machinery."

Mr. Roosevelt said he called in Admiral Earle who at first was skeptical but later was won over to the idea. Out of the inventor's plan was created the "antennae" type of mine barrage which was laid from England to Norway and which was effective in protecting many convoys of American troops and sank at least two submarines.

The inventor, whose name he withheld, wanted \$10,000,000 for his invention, said Mr. Roosevelt, but he understood he finally received \$100,000.

WARNING AGAINST TAX CUT SOUNDED FOR LEGISLATURE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Warning to the legislature that the 2-mill elementary school tax should not be removed until some other definite permanent income for school support is provided was contained in a report by the legislative committee to the Oregon State Teachers' association today.

Authority to establish kindergarten in public school districts of the first class should be conferred upon school boards, and in second and third class districts legal voters should decide, the committee advised.

Property qualifications for voters in all elections pertaining to union high schools, and provision for any part of a district to withdraw when designed were other suggestions.

Miss Julia A. Spooner of Portland was advanced today to the office of president, succeeding H. E. Hlow of Portland.

BODIES OF CHINAMEN SENT TO HOMELAND