

Today

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 Hard for Robots and Men
 Now the Pacific.
 We Need Submarines.
 The Feast at Las Cruces.

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 Science piles prodigy on prodigy, miracle on miracle, so rapidly that it tires the average brain.

Professor Partridge, only 26 years old, in New York University chemistry department, can manufacture lithium at \$15 a pound. A little while ago you couldn't have gotten a pound for a million dollars. Lithium is a metal so light that it floats even on kerosene.

Some things that float on water you know, will not float on kerosene.

Professor McTavish, of New York University, demonstrates a robot, a mechanical man, with an electric lamp in place of eyes, a radio tube in place of a brain, relays and magnets for hands.

However, it can be shown that no robot ever developed any new idea.

He wishes to avoid robot competition should devote himself to developing new ideas and working them out.

From Seattle, the Pacific Aeronautics Research Foundation plans for next May a non-stop flight across the Pacific.

Men have flown from Europe to South America, from London to India, across the Atlantic repeatedly, over the North and South Poles.

The Pacific alone remains to be conquered.

And only a few years ago Lord Northcliffe offered \$50,000 to anyone that would fly the English Channel.

The Brooklyn navy yard starts to work on a new submarine, the V-7, keeping at work 725 men that would have been discharged. This encourages people to think we may have some intelligent interest in national defense submarines, with modern engines that can go around the world without taking fuel, traveling on the surface, as they do in peace.

A good fleet of really big submarines, with heavy guns, knocked down fighting planes, high speed and long sailing range, would do a great deal for peace if they could be sent to visit every important port in the world.

Those well prepared have

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Also Mail



Artie Tharp's parents are so well-to-do an' prominent that it's considered a "crank" when he holds up a "fillin' station." "Sure, I've met 'em 'n' the way down," declared Tell Binkley, when asked if he believed men descended from monkeys.

URUGUAY IS AIR GOAL IN OCEAN HOP

Major Larre-Borges and Frenchman Making Good Progress Across South Atlantic After Sunday Departure From Seville—Due in Montevideo Tuesday Afternoon.

FERNANDO DO NORONHA, Brazil, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The Spanish steamer Sebastian 121 Cabo today reported sighting Captain Tadeo Larre-Borges, Uruguayan flier, south of the Cape Verde Islands off the coast of Africa. All appeared well aboard the trans-Atlantic plane.

A message received here at 11 o'clock local time, or 8 a. m., eastern standard time, gave the position of the plane as 8 north latitude and 28 west longitude.

This would place the plane about 600 miles southwest of the Cape Verde Islands and approximately 1000 miles from the Brazilian mainland.

Major Larre-Borges was reported over Porto Praya, Cape Verde Islands at 2:30 a. m., and his eight o'clock position indicated that he was making slightly more than 100 miles an hour or well up to the rate he had set for himself.

PARIS, Dec. 16.—(AP)—Major Tadeo Larre-Borges, Uruguayan aviator, and his French companion Lieutenant Charles, who hopped off from Seville, Spain, yesterday morning for Montevideo, Uruguay, today completed the first stage of their 6000-mile journey and apparently were headed over the South Atlantic for the ocean hop to South America.

In the 19 hours they had been in the air, the airmen had covered approximately 2000 miles at a speed of more than 100 miles an hour. Should they maintain that speed they should reach Montevideo sometime tomorrow afternoon.

Major Larre-Borges, before leaving Spain, announced that he planned to make a non-stop flight if conditions were favorable and his appearance over the Cape Verde islands indicated he would make no stop in Africa, but would continue straight across the south Atlantic for Natal, Brazil.

Dual Control.
 The plane has a dual control, and is equipped with a 450-horsepower motor.

The fliers took about 1400 gallons of gasoline and carried a radio set with two antennae. Both of them are skilled pilots. The flight, from Seville, which to many persons of Spanish extraction is the city most truly representative of Spain, to Montevideo, capital of its homeland, long has been a dream of the Uruguayan.

Five successful expeditions have preceded the two across the Atlantic on the Cape Verde Islands route. Several have failed. The last to make the flight was Captain Arturo Ferrarin and Major B. Del Prete, in July, 1928, when they set their new world's flight distance record, recently broken by Captain Dienneonne Coste, Frenchman.

FIRE AND WAVE BESET TANKER NEAR FLATTERY

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—(AP) Laden with a cargo of gasoline, alcohol and oil, the steamer Skagway was aground and afire between two rocks known as Pucca's pillars, two miles south of Cape Flattery today. Captain E. Strandquist was still aboard, but the crew of more than 20 men were reported taken shore safely.

The Skagway will be a total loss, according to the radio compass station at Tatoosh, a few miles north of the wreck, predicted. The fire was in the boiler room. Patrols of the coast guard on Tatoosh Island saw the distressed ship apparently out of control, at 5 a. m. today. Three hours later she had piled up in the rocks in what was regarded as a dangerous position. Heavy surf was pounding the ship, although she was protected from the wind by her position between the rocks.

The crew immediately took to two lifeboats and reached shore safely, but the master of the ship remained aboard.

Tariff Agreement.
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—An agreement was reached in the senate today among factional leaders to devote the full time of the senate after the Christmas recess to the passage of the tariff bill.

Bewildered Fish Visits Ranch in Oak Grove Dist.

Far from its watery path, a salmon, 18 inches long, paid a visit to the J. A. Dew orchard this forenoon through a drain ditch, swollen by the heavy rain, and was so active that efforts of Mr. Dew to catch it in the narrow ditch were futile. It plowed a swift course through the muddy water toward the head of the drain, where it will probably be stranded on mud banks.

The drain ditch empties into Daisy creek, which in turn joins Griffin creek, a tributary of Bear creek, which flows into the Rogue river near the Gold Ray dam. The Dew orchards are located along the Jacksonville highway a short distance from the Oak Grove school west of Medford.

TAX REDUCTION BILL IS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The \$160,000,000 income tax reduction resolution was signed today by President Hoover.

His action assured the income tax paying public a one percent reduction in personal and corporation levies to be paid next year.

The house today passed the Elliott bill to authorize the expenditure of \$230,000,000 for construction of federal buildings throughout the country.

Only a few dissenting voices were heard on the vote.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A resolution to carry out President Hoover's request for appointment of a joint congressional committee to consider the reorganization and concentration of prohibition enforcement agencies was adopted today by the senate and sent to the house.

POLA NEGRI AND PRINCE RETURN TO LOVE NEST

PARIS, Dec. 16.—(AP) The Paris edition of the Chicago Tribune today said that Pola Negri, motion picture star, and Prince Serge Mdivani, whom she married three years ago, had become reconciled and would leave together in January for America. They were on the verge of divorce.

It happened, the paper said, in the chambers of the judge of a French court. The judge summoned the two before him for the formal attempt at reconciliation which is required under French divorce procedure.

The usual happened and the move intended as a formality actually worked. The two went to their country house. They will go later to St. Moritz, before leaving for America.

END MANNIX TRIAL LATE TOMORROW

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 16.—(AP)—The disbarment trial of Thomas E. Mannix will be brought to a close probably Tuesday afternoon. It was indicated when the trial resumed after the noon recess today. The prosecution had about concluded its case and all defense testimony was expected to be in by time of adjournment this evening. Some rebuttal witnesses are expected to be called, but attorneys indicated this would take very little time.

In that event, most of Tuesday will be free for the hearing of arguments on both sides. Attorney Evans Heames of the Mannix prosecution told the court this afternoon that a certified copy of the answer of the alien property custodian to Dow Walker's telegraphic request for authority to enter the E. Henry Wempe company as a party in the first suit was on its way from Portland.

MEXICO'S NEW PRESIDENT IN U. S.



Above is closeup of Pascual Ortiz Rubio, Mexico's new president, taken at Brownsville, Tex., during his journey to Hot Springs, Ark., for a rest. Below he is shown with his family.

NINE BANK MEN POPE CREATES ADMIT GUILT IN NEW CARDINALS HUGE SHORTAGE IN SIMPLE RITE

Sentence for Embezzlement of Three Million From Michigan Bank Will Be Pronounced January 2—Six Elect Stand Trial.

FLINT, Mich., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Nine of the 15 former officers and employees of the Union Industrial bank of Flint, accused of embezzlements aggregating \$3,582,000, pleaded guilty in court today. The others stood mute and their cases were set for trial.

Those who pleaded guilty are: Elton D. Graham, former cashier; Ivan P. Christensen, former assistant cashier; Milton Pollock, former vice-president; Frank D. Montague, former assistant vice-president; Mark H. Kelley, former assistant cashier; Russell A. Runyan, former discount manager; and J. W. Barron, A. J. Schlosser and Clifford A. Plum, former tellers. All will be sentenced on Jan. 2.

John S. De Camp, former senior vice-president, and Farrell A. Thompson, Robert P. Brown, Robert H. D. McDonald, Donald McGregor and George Woodhouse, former officers, stood mute. De Camp will go on trial Jan. 6. The others will appear Jan. 10.

Disclosure of the bank shortage came shortly after the stock market collapse several weeks ago. A statement by the bank said the accused men were involved in a scheme to "scalp" the market.

SENATE RATIFIES WAR SETTLEMENT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The senate today ratified the French war debt settlement providing for the funding of the \$4,925,000,000 over a 62-year period. It is the last of the settlements of war debts arranged by the debt commission to be approved. France ratified the agreement last July.

First Ancestors of Man Found In Chinese Limestone Deposits

PEIPING, China, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A limestone bed at Chou Outien, 20 miles from here, was believed by scientists today to have yielded skeletons of 10 men who probably were among the first ancestors of the human race.

Nine of the skeletons were headless, leading some to believe the limestone bed might have been the scene of pre-neanderthal executions and beheadings. In such a case, since the skulls were not found, it was suggested the heads may have been removed for some strange prehistoric rite.

One skull was discovered, a Chinese geologist unearthing it. He claimed it belonged to a specimen of the famous "Peking man," the "Sinanthropus Pekinensis," ancestor of man as he existed near Peiping more than a million years ago.

NEW CLUES IN MURDER OF DANCER

Investigation of Death Mrs. Dreyfus May Lead to Slayer of Dot King—Mystery Artist's Model's Murder Six Years Ago Never Solved—Blackmail Suspected.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—A new investigation into the death of Mrs. Aurelia Fisher Dreyfus, killed in a fall from a porch at the Potomac Boat club, may eventually cross with the mysterious murder of Dot King, Broadway dancer, say officers conducting the inquiry into Mrs. Dreyfus' death. Mrs. Dreyfus was a waitress whose testimony helped in freeing Albert E. Gumaires, night club habitue, who was held for questioning in regard to the dancer's murder.

Reports that Mrs. Dreyfus before her death had repudiated certain testimony about the Dot King slaying were emphasized as rumors.

Mrs. Dreyfus' death was held an accident by a coroner's jury but, as was the case in the death of Mrs. Virginia McPherson, recurring reports of foul play led to the district attorney taking a hand.

Mrs. Dreyfus was the divorced wife of Herbert Dreyfus, prominent New York broker, and Edmund J. McBrian, also a New York broker and named as a co-respondent in Dreyfus' suit for divorce, was with her on the night she was killed at the night club.

Testimony given by McBrian and others indicated that Mrs. Dreyfus accidentally fell from the platform but her sister testified at the inquest that McBrian had threatened Mrs. Dreyfus on various occasions and was antagonistic on the night of the dance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The slaying of Dot King, whose real name was Keenan, an artist's model, six years ago and whose death and that in Washington recently of Aurelia Fisher Dreyfus a connection is seen by Washington police, remains one of New York's major murder mysteries.

Miss King's body was found in her fashionable 67th street apartment March 15, 1923. An empty poison phial lay near the body. The apartment had been ransacked.

A theory that she had been killed because she refused to aid in a blackmail plot against one of her many wealthy admirers was most generally accepted, but not proven.

FOUR PERISH IN FACTORY BLAZE NEGRO IS HERO

BALTIMORE, Dec. 16.—(AP) At least four persons died today in a fire in the four story plant of the Thomas H. O'Connor Waste Paper company in the downtown railroad district. Firemen recovered three bodies from the building, and another victim whose back was broken in a leap from a third story window died in a hospital.

About 50 other employees in the building fled by fire escapes ahead of the rush of flames through quantities of old paper which converted the building into a furnace before the first fire apparatus and ambulances arrived.

Miss Tiny Byers died in Mercy hospital, her back broken when she chose a three story jump in preference to death in the flames. One group of women trapped on a fire escape when the sliding ladder stuck, were saved by a negro who climbed to it and pounded the ladder loose with a hammer.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The stock market began the new week with extreme hesitancy today. The highly checked market of last week, interrupting the rapid rally from the low of mid-November, appeared to have injected a new note of uncertainty into market sentiment, and there was a noteworthy tendency to lightened accounts and curtail operations pending definite evidence of a trend.

ld As Hostage



Warden Edgar S. Jennings was held as hostage for more than two hours by score of long term convicts rioting at Auburn, N. Y., state prison.

BAGLEY CANNED 2044 TONS OF FARM PRODUCE

Ashland Plant Turned Out 57,717 Cases Fruit and Vegetables in Season Just Completed—Frost Cut Vegetable Supply.

At the close of 1929 operations, R. E. Koozer, manager of the Bagley Canning company, reports the plant expended more for raw produce than in 1928, but their output and payroll were lower.

This year the plant used 2044 tons of fruit and vegetables and packed a total of 57,717 cases. The cost of the produce was \$66,055, paid to growers and the payroll total was \$42,764.

In 1928 they used 2385 tons of fruit and vegetables and packed 74,800 cases of produce. They paid \$85,000 for the produce and the payroll was \$52,331.

The plant employed as many as 300 workers during the season. Like other canneries of the coast, difficulty was experienced in securing fruit and vegetables, due to the high price of the latter, and the lack of the former, after heavy spring frosts.

RUM RUNNERS ARE CAPTURED IN SISKIYOU

A portion of the holiday liquor of this season will never reach its destination, following the seizure early this morning on the Siskiyou mountain of two alleged rum running cars and 50 gallons of alleged moonshine. Three men were arrested and were to appear before United States Commissioner Chauncey Foley this afternoon, when they will probably be bound over to the federal grand jury at Portland under heavy bond.

Laddie Mann, said to be well known in the southern Oregon bootlegging world and a former resident of Medford and Ashland, was arrested with Thomas Yokum, both of Hoodsburg, for the possession and transportation of 20 gallons of moonshine. Mann's car, a 1928 Chevrolet, will be confiscated by the government. Joe Resnor of Chico, Calif., was arrested in a second automobile, a new Ford coupe, with 50 gallons of alleged moonshine whiskey.

The arrests were made by Federal Agent Terry Talent and Deputy Sheriff Sam Prescott of Ashland who say the two cars were traveling together and bound for Roseburg. There are small lens against each of the two machines but they will be confiscated nevertheless. It is claimed.

Pass Radio Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—(AP)—The house today passed the senate bill to extend the life of the Federal Radio commission. The measure now goes to the president.

GANG CHIEF RESIDED IN ELITE DIST

Frederick Dane, Master Gangster Identified As Member St. Valentine Day Mob—\$319,850 Bank Loot Found in Fine Lake Shore Home After Traffic Cop Wounded.

ST. JOSEPH, Mich., Dec. 16.—(AP)—Frederick Dane, in whose fashionable Lake Shore drive home \$319,850 in securities stolen from the Farmers' and Merchants' bank at Jefferson, Wis., was found after he had shot and fatally wounded a traffic officer Saturday evening, was declared today by police to have been involved in the St. Valentine's day massacre in Chicago last February.

The assertion was made after local officers had examined pictures sent here by Chicago police. The pictures were described as those of a "master gangster," known under a dozen aliases for whom rewards totaling \$41,000 have been posted. Among the aliases were Fred Burke, John Burke, Thomas Brook and also Kemp, Camp and Kemper.

Police said a woman under arrest here as Dane's wife had confirmed the identification and added that she had admitted she was not married to Dane.

Seven Chicago gangsters were shot to death after being lined up against the wall of a garage in what became known as the "St. Valentine's day massacre."

Shot Traffic Cop.
 The bank loot was discovered because Dane did not want to risk an appearance at police headquarters for a traffic accident. He shot and fatally wounded Charles Skelley, motorcycle patrolman when the latter sought to take him to headquarters. In getting away he wrecked his automobile in another collision and held up a motorist, whom he compelled to drive him to a point near Stevensville. There another motorist was persuaded to take him to Coloma. At Coloma trace of Dane was lost.

Police said Burke, under that name or one of the many aliases attributed to him, was wanted in numerous middle western cities on charges of bank robbery and murder.

A telegram to local officers from Chicago police read: "Dane is known to be a very dangerous murderer and bank robber. Advise police to use caution in approaching him. Rewards for his capture total \$41,000."

CUTTERS PREPARE TO SEARCH FOR EIELSON

SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—(AP) The coast guard cutter Chelan was in readiness here to convey three Fairchild planes and six Canadian pilots north to aid in the search for Pilot Carl Ben Eielson and his mechanic, Earl Borland who were last Nov. 9 while trying to fly to the fur trading ship Nanuk, locked in the ice at North Cape, Siberia.

Will Rogers Says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal.

Dec. 16.—These are tough times in this country to express an opinion. A college professor down in Haffland casually remarked "that while Jonah might have swallowed a whale, or vice versa, he personally didn't have enough digestion to even swallow the story." The school officer up a prayer for him, but no further salary. That will be a lesson to him to lay off Jonah in his future monologues.

The General Smedley Butler started doing a little reminiscing out loud about some of the old time antics of the marines in Nicaragua, and now he is to face a senatorial firing squad. So from now on I even believe in farm relief. Yours,

WILL ROGERS.