

Temperature

Forecast: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday. Little change in temperature.

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MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1929.

The Weather

Table with weather statistics: Highest yesterday 49, Lowest this morning 37, Precipitation this morning .00, To 5 p. m. yesterday .00, To 5 a. m. this morning .00

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Mr. Coolidge Says No. Full Bootleg Supplies. Good News for Gamblers. Mukden, Moscow Make Up.

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Former President Coolidge decides that he will not be a candidate for United States Senator. And this time nobody will ask whether he means it. In his case, language is not made to conceal thought.

If ex-President Coolidge runs for office again, and probably he will, it will be for an office bigger than a senatorship.

Happy Mr. Coolidge. He got out in time to dodge the Wall Street crash. He left the people rolling over and over in money, prosperity, higher wages and lower cost of living.

If times get worse, and it "like a Democrat," there will come a few brief words from New England, and in will go Mr. Coolidge again, elected by the people FOR THE SECOND TIME.

Bootleggers announce plenty of liquor to supply holiday demands, "good quality, prices reasonable." The "excellent, uncut stuff" comes from Miami, Florida, and Europe.

"Good" Scotch whiskey costs \$85 for 12 bottles. Rye \$90 a dozen. Sherry and port \$55 a dozen. Champagne \$100 a dozen.

Absinthe, worst of all drinks, next to American sure-death bootleg whiskey, is scarce this year.

Excellent Christmas news for bootleggers and professional gamblers is the plan of New York state to spend millions of public money making Saratoga Springs "a great health resort."

It will be healthy for professional gamblers and bootleggers, less healthy for the fools that patronize them.

It is amusing to see an intelligent state gaily spending public money to increase property values and business profits for criminals.

That is a sample of America's "superior civilization."

New York state is proceeding also with the building of a prison which will hold 2000 criminals and cost \$12,000,000. The nation and the individual states seem to have plenty of

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DRY CONFAB BY HOOVER AND CRITIC

Senator Harris Called to White House After Demand for Removal Judge McCormick From Law Commission - Relations Declared Cordial By Solon After Conference.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Senators Borah of Idaho and Norris of Nebraska joined today in an attack on the prohibition enforcement situation.

The Idahoan expressed the opinion that the dry law would "never be enforced with the present personnel from top to bottom," charged with putting the Volstead act into effect.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Senator Borah, of Idaho, a leader among the Republican dries said today that with the present personnel nothing would be accomplished in improving law enforcement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Hoover conferred today with Senator Harris, of Georgia, who has demanded the removal from the law enforcement commission of Federal Judge Paul P. McCormick.

The Georgian, a leader among those who had expressed dissatisfaction with the procedure of the commission, said that he had been called to the White House by Mr. Hoover. He would make no comment on the nature of the discussion.

Senator Harris objected to statements Judge McCormick made in Los Angeles about prohibition enforcement. McCormick said that search of private dwellings without warrants was an outstanding evil. Harris contended that McCormick's utterances would encourage law breakers.

After his return to the capital, Harris said he had a long talk with the president and that their relations before and after the conference were as cordial as they always have been.

Harris said he would seek early action on his resolution to direct the law enforcement commission to present a preliminary report to congress on prohibition unless a report is offered voluntarily.

Commenting on a statement at Lynchburg, Va., last night by Senator Carter Glass, of Virginia, who expressed some disagreement with the Georgia senator over his demand that Judge McCormick be removed as a member of the commission, Harris said he was "sure Senator Glass did not mean his statement to be a defense of those who opposed the prohibition enforcement law, but I am afraid it was accepted that way."

COURT UPHOLDS SODA SPRINGS SCHOOL BOARD

SALISBURY, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP) Supreme court decisions handed down today included one Jackson county case.

Al Hopkins et al, appellants, against School District No. 60 suit to restrain erection of playshed; Opinion by Justice McBride, Judge C. M. Thomas affirmed.

This is the case of the Soda Springs school playshed, over which a controversy raged two years ago.

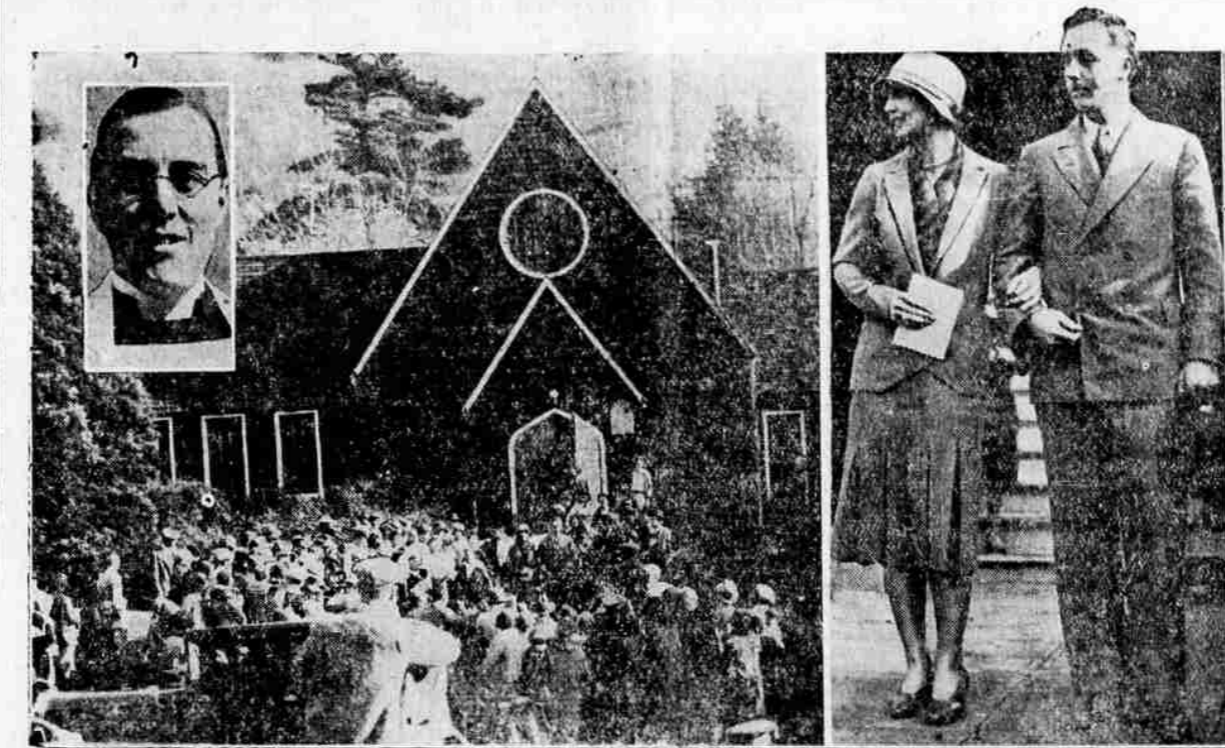
A wing of the school patrons headed by Hopkins, sought to enjoin the school board from completing a playshed at the school. When legal action was begun the playshed was half completed. A temporary injunction, halted the work.

After considerable legal skirmishing, Judge Thomas, then on the local circuit court bench, dissolved the injunction, held that the construction of the playshed was within the rights of the school board, and ruled that Hopkins, et al pay the costs. An appeal was taken to the supreme court.

The playshed was estimated to cost about \$2000. It was never finished, and probably never will be. Most of the Soda Springs school children are now transported daily to Ashland.

Oregon Weather

"Mrs." Added to Title of Queen of Tennis



Miss Helen Wills became the bride of Frederick S. Moody, Jr., San Francisco bond salesman, at a quiet wedding in St. Clement's chapel, Berkeley, Cal. At the right, the young couple leaving the church, while the other picture shows crowd watching the bride and groom leave after the ceremony. Inset, Rev. L. H. Miller who officiated.

PENILESS MAN HAS PRICELESS COAL FORMULA

Austrian Faces Bleak Christmas Though Brain Holds Key to Millions—Afraid to Ask Patent On Fuel Process.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Peniless, far from home, and unable to speak a word of English, Heinrich Weber, Austrian chemist and engineer, moped about the home of relatives at Coney Island today, facing a bleak Christmas. In his brain he has a \$1,000,000 secret, in his pockets not a penny.

Locked in the brain of Weber is a secret—a formula which, he and his former friends say, might be worth millions and revolutionize the coal industry.

But today neither Weber and his former friends were getting any benefit of it because the chemist, afraid his precious formula would be stolen from him, has refused to reveal it to anyone or to have it patented. He wants to sell it outright for \$1,000,000.

The Lehigh Valley Navigation and Coal company, Rosenthal said, had witnessed a test, but before making any arrangements with Weber and his friends, the firm insisted that the process be patented.

BANDIT ESCAPES TEXAS OFFICIAL

NOGALLES, Ariz., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Sheriff H. J. Patterson announced today that he had begun an intensive search for a man whom he released from custody today and later identified from a police photograph as Fred Burke, wanted in Chicago as the suspected leader of the St. Valentine's day massacre there last February.

Sheriff Patterson said he arrested two men last night who were driving a large sedan bearing California license plates. A quick check showed that one of the men was wanted on a run running charge, and he was held, but the other was released. The man freed Patterson now believes to be Burke.

CANCEL MILITARY BALL TO RESPECT PATTERSON

SALISBURY, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Salem reserve officers of the Oregon National Guard, announced Tuesday afternoon that plans for the military ball to have been held here on the night of December 29 in honor of Governor Patterson and Major General George A. White have been cancelled.

SNOOK MUST DIE IN CHOIR JANUARY 31ST

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Dec. 24.—(AP) The state supreme court in a decision late today, refused all the motions of Dr. James A. Snook, who must go to his death in the electric chair January 31 for the murder of Theora Hix.

PANTAGES MAY POPE STERN IN LEAVE CELL IF DENUNCIATION HEALTH BROKEN OF MUSSOLINI

District Attorney Will Not Oppose Release if Medics Say Magnate in Danger of Collapse - Theaters Sold Is Report.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 24.—(AP)—District Attorney Burton Phillips will appoint three physicians today to examine Alexander Pantages, vaudeville magnate convicted of assaulting Eunice Pringle, a good dancer, and report the condition of his health to Superior Judge Charles Fricke Thursday at the hearing of the multi-millionaire's petition for release on bond.

Fricke said yesterday he would not oppose Pantages' petition if the trio of disinterested doctors said the man was in danger of death or permanently impaired health because of his incarceration. Pantages filed the petition together with the affidavits of eight medical experts stating the showman had suffered a series of heart attacks and might die any moment if not given hospital treatment.

Pantages is awaiting the outcome of his appeal from a one to fifty-year penitentiary sentence on his charge for 76 hours. A decision has been made. Last week he was stricken with a heart attack which, the physicians said, necessitated keeping an ice pack on his chest for 76 hours.

During a brief excursion to his home under guard recently, Pantages signed papers, which it is understood contemplated the sale of most of his theaters for \$15,000,000.

Heppner - New pole line of standard construction installed by Pacific Power and Light company on city's main street.

ROCKET PLANES AT 5,000 MILES PER HOUR VISIONED BY GERMAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP) The day of 1000-passenger airplanes propelled by rockets at 5000 miles an hour was visioned today by Fritz von Opel, German auto manufacturer and authority on rocket tests.

Von Opel, who flew a rocket-propelled plane in Germany last October a distance of a mile in 22 seconds, said he expected to test the 2000-mile an hour airplane in operation within the next generation and possibly within the next decade.

The 39-year-old inventor arrived from Germany yesterday on the liner Columbus accompanied by his bride of two months. She also is a licensed pilot and circled above her husband in another plane when he conducted his rocket tests.

Von Opel is manager of the Adam Opel company, manufacturer of automobiles, and has driven a rocket-propelled car at more than two miles a minute. He said he no longer was interested in experimenting with motor cars as high speeds can only be attained in the air.

Willa key to Grace Table on Christmas Day

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—President Hoover will eat his Christmas feast with his family on Christmas day. Knowing Mr. Hoover's taste for this bird, Lawrence's Rich, one of the president's secretaries, went into the Virginia woods over the week-end and shot two fine specimens.

One of the birds weighs 20 pounds, the other 19. Both will be roasted in the White House kitchen and will grace the presidential dining table Wednesday evening.

The president had wild turkey for Thanksgiving, being presented with a gobbler by Postmaster Moomery of Washington.

ASK SOVIET SEARCH FOR LOST PILOT

Chairman Borah of Foreign Relations Committee, Appeals to Russia for Aid in Locating Ben Eielson - Huge Icebreakers to Crash Way Through Frozen Waste.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A direct request to the Soviet government for aid in locating Ben Eielson, American aviator, lost for six weeks on the ice off the coast of Siberia, has been made by Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee.

Associated Press Staff Writer, WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The American government has appealed unofficially but directly to the Soviet government of Russia, to rescue two American aviators, Lieut. Ben Eielson and Earl Borland, who disappeared off the bleak Siberian coast six weeks ago while flying to the icebound fur ship, the "Nanuk."

The Soviet, whose icebreakers smashed their way through the Arctic ice to rescue members of the crew of the "Italia" two years ago, in one of the thrilling chapters of the heroic history of the Northland, was asked by Secretary Wilbur through the Soviet news agency, to send rescue parties from two ships it has in the vicinity.

The interior department head, whose action followed an urgent appeal from Villhjalmar Stefansson, famous Arctic explorer, also instructed Governor Parks of Alaska to appeal directly to the icebreaker "Lipke" and "Stravropol," the two ships in the vicinity where Eielson and his mechanic were last seen.

Volvo No Objection. The state department, informed of the proposal to appeal directly to the two ships, made no objections nor did it make a decision on the message sent directly to Moscow, since Secretary Wilbur did not submit it for a ruling.

In his appeal to Secretary Wilbur, Stefansson said he had for rescue from the American side of the Bering straits was dim.

Stefansson pointed out that when the Italia crashed with Noble and his crew, the Italian government successfully requested Russian aid.

Eielson and Borland are now down within actual Russian territory, Stefansson said, "and the Soviet government undoubtedly would make similar efforts if similarly approached."

Secretary Wilbur today received the following telegram from Stefansson: "I am sure I speak for all the friends of Eielson and Borland in thanking you for your prompt actions."

ARGENTINA ASSASSIN FIRES AT PRESIDENT

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 24.—(AP)—An attempt was made to assassinate President Yrigoyen of Argentina here today. Three shots were fired at him, but he was not hurt. One of his party was injured.

YULE MOOD PREVALENT IN CAPITAL

Machinery of Government Halts for Observance of Christmas—White House Joins With Humble Homes in Final Preparations—Hoover to Light Community Tree Tonight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The glad spirit which comes each year with Holly wreaths, sprigs of evergreen and huckle-laden, but cheerful pedestrians today pervaded the national capital as its residents, official and unofficial, entered heartily into their observance of Christmas.

The vast machinery of the government was at rest. In the White House and in thousands of homes where humbler folk live, the day was given over to last-minute preparations for the happy celebration of the mornow.

With a son home for the holidays, President Hoover cancelled practically all engagements, including the regular cabinet meeting and conference with Washington newspapermen, in order that he might be free to spend as much of the day as possible with Mrs. Hoover and the boys.

Departments Closed. At his order the departments of the government were closed and thousands of federal workers given an opportunity to complete their shopping and otherwise make ready for Christmas day. Merchants were prepared for the season's largest throng of customers and the police department, remembering a traffic jam, that tied up the downtown section for more than an hour last Christmas Eve, assumed the almost impossible task of keeping hundreds of automobiles in the congested shopping district.

Huge wreaths of holly were hung in every window of the White House, festooned with the crimson of Christmas while dozens of brightly-hued bunnets added to the gay color scheme of the executive mansion. There were two Christmas trees, one, a monster spruce in the East room and another, smaller, in the president's apartments upstairs.

To Exchange Gifts. Around the latter, the three members of the Hoover family who are in the city—Mr. and Mrs. Hoover and their son Alvin—will gather tomorrow together with a few close friends and exchange Christmas presents. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoover, Jr., and their two small children, were unable to come to Washington for the holiday and will spend it at their home in California.

Just as yesterday, Mrs. Hoover helped dispense Christmas packages to the city's needy children, today arrangements were made for the first lady to assist in the distribution of huge baskets of food, each containing enough for six people. This was under the auspices of the Salvation Army and 500 baskets awaited distribution.

Tonight, President Hoover will participate in the community Christmas celebration in Sherman square a short distance from the White House. He will press a button lighting a huge Christmas tree.

Will Rogers Says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 24.—Poor Democrats, I love 'em. I guess it's because some are so dumb. Now they are dying to scare up an issue by trying to discredit Mr. Hoover, because some lobbyist wrote a letter saying he knew President Hoover's secretary, and that the secretary was very partial to Cuban sugar in his coffee in the morning, and that in view of this dastardly plot, Mr. Hoover should really be impeached. Then they wonder why they don't get anywhere.

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