

OFFICERS SLAY RUM RUNNER IN BORDER BATTLE

El Paso Patrol Repulses Attempt to Bring New Year Supply From Mexico—Smugglers Fire From Oil Storage Wall.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—(AP) This city today faced a minor or less dry New Year's day as a result of a gun battle between alleged rum runners and border patrolmen which cost the life of one man and the freedom of another.

An unidentified Mexican, about 25 was slain as he rose from a barricade and another was captured when patrolmen surprised a gang of eight or ten men attempting to carry liquor across the river.

The smugglers took refuge behind an earthen wall around the oil storage tank and put up a strong battle. After one of them was slain, however, they retreated across the river, protected by rifle fire from the Mexican side.

Forty gallons of liquor were seized. The Christmas supply of whiskey here has been seriously curtailed by a Mexican gang war across the Rio Grande and officers believe smugglers catering to the New Year's day trade will be discouraged by the battle last night.

Hollywood Sights

By Robin Coons
HOLLYWOOD—Little red-headed Janet Gaynor just recently has found her voice.

That is the talking screen for the first time has given her a singing voice—this Janet who looks so much like a wifely pretty, cheerfully child that it often is difficult to realize she recently became a bride!

Too critical critics who heard her slight treble in "Sunny Side Up" may have doubted that Janet really has found anything. But for that matter, she knows she hasn't.

Unlike most Hollywood stars, she has taken not a single voice lesson, and never sang before in her life, except the sort of singing almost everyone does under the morning shower.

When the studio powers informed her she was to do a musical comedy with Charlie Farrell, she answered sweetly and emphatically that she couldn't. So, she wouldn't even take a singing test.

Just Natural
"We all know our own limitations—at least where singing is concerned," she says. "But they insisted, and said I could just be natural and do my best. So I did, and that's all. I know it isn't really singing—but they must not think it's so very bad, because I'm to do another one."

They (she meant the studio) are guided always by box-office reports, of course, and the fans make those, so that's apparently all of that.

Movie fans who have loved Janet when she smiled have adored her when, a moment later, she has smiled through quick-welling tears. That may be cause for wonder, this seemingly inexhaustible flow of sincere pathos, especially to fans who know that her young life never has been touched by dire tragedy, and that her struggle for success has consisted of mainly hard work and perseverance and not of grueling hardships.

Real Tears
"Maybe that's why," she laughs when asked how she does it. "Maybe I'm just getting rid of pent-up tears in acting. But I do sincerely feel those tears—I can't help it."

And she does, believe it or not, because there is not the faintest trace of affection or insincerity in her. Fans know how she "lets" them on the screen. They should meet her in person!

Jersey Flowers Abroad
LONDON—(U. P.)—Roses used at the recent ball given on the Transylvania liner at Glasgow, which the Prince of Wales was the honor guest, came from Murray Hill, N. J. The pink and yellow buds were brought over in the vegetable room of the ship, kept at about 35 degrees F.—just above freezing. Some of the same shipment were also placed on exhibition at the Horticultural Hall autumn show.

First "Aerocoids" Line
MOSCOW—(U. P.)—The first regular passenger line on "aerocoids" has been established in the Chuvash Republic here, between the capital Cheboksary and the railroad station Kanas, 82 kilometers distant.

The aerocoids, developed in the Soviet Union, are run by huge propellers in the rear of a metal sled fastened like an airplane.

Crayfish Geis in Trouble
KNOXVILLE, Tenn.—(U. P.)—Use for crayfish has been found here. One of them recently worked its way into the private water system at the home of Roy White, and died. So did the system.

Radio Plans Rousing Welcome for New Year



A rousing welcome to 1930 is being planned by radio. In the Movies Hour on CBS Saturday night, December 28, Jeanette MacDonald (upper right), talkie star, will participate in a New Year's program, part of which it is planned to pick up abroad. The next night Palma Petrova (upper left), contralto and prima donna of the Moscow Grand Opera company, will be heard at the piano over WJZ and NBC chain. Ernie Smith (lower left) of KFRC will aid Ted Husing broadcast the East-West All-Star football game from San Francisco on CBS New Year's day. That night Olive Palmer (lower right) is to sing on WEAF and network in a program halting 1930.

Hoover's "Business Doctor" Began His Career at Age of Twelve

By CLINTON H. COFFIN
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
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perous grain handler to a practically permanent status as unofficial public servant.

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Hoover, then war time food administrator, picked Barnes to head the United States Grain corporation, which bought and sold the continent's export grain crop for nearly three years, enjoying a business volume of some \$8,000,000,000, winding up with a small profit and vanishing soon after the armistice demobilized.

But the close association of Hoover and Barnes failed to pass; the Duluth man became an ardent supporter of the nine-year-old presidential campaign and saw Mr. Hoover finally enter the White House. He entered the national chamber organization as a director in 1922 to help with the Hoover policy of co-operation between business and government.

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LOCAL COPS IN GUN DUEL

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revolver in his hand. The gun was pressed against Lawrence's body and Donovan, according to the victim at the police station this afternoon, gave him a hurried search, failing to find a wallet he had in a trouser pocket.

Told to "Come Across"
Donovan became anxious and in no uncertain terms told Lawrence "to come across," which he did by handing him a \$5 bill. Lawrence convinced the holdup man that it was all the money he had and that a mistake was being made, as he was not the proprietor of the establishment. Donovan had apparently convinced himself that he was holding up the proprietor, saying that he knew he had the right man.

Donovan is alleged to have threatened Lawrence with death if a policeman entered the door, but luckily no officer arrived. After taking the money, Donovan laid the gun on the counter within easy reach and accepted a cup of coffee and a cigarette. He placed several heaping teaspoons of sugar in the beverage, stirred it around nervously, took a drink or two and picked up his gun and left the establishment. The police were immediately notified upon his departure.

Meets Officer
When Donovan reached Central avenue at the intersection of Eighth he met Officer T. H. Robinson and immediately poked the gun against him. However, a second officer, William Peck, arrived on the scene and, becoming aware of his approach, Donovan's attention was drawn from Robinson, who immediately struck him on the jaw.

The blow partially stunned him and Donovan is then declared to have stumbled into the entrance

of the Ethelwynn Hoffman ladies ready-to-wear shop, from where he took five shots at the officer. The shots went wild and the officer shot three times in return. Donovan fell once as if he had been struck, but was up in a moment. His gun was empty and he started to make his escape by running. Officers Ray Stoneker and Bennett were coming down Eighth street and Stoneker fired at the fugitive, but missed. Donovan, however, was caught after a short chase.

After Donovan had been captured, Johnson came into the Rex Cafe, looking for Donovan, officers say. Upon learning of his presence, policemen arrested Johnson as he was driving toward Jacksonville in his Dodge touring car, heavily loaded with baggage and grips. Johnson was accompanied by Mrs. Donovan, who was also arrested as an accomplice.

Johnson Grilled
Johnson was undergoing a vigorous questioning by District Attorney George Coddling and Deputy George Neilson this afternoon at the police station.

Chief of Police McCredie and Deputy Sheriff Louis Jennings visited the Bohan place this morning and there learned the details of the Bohan's attack. They found the house in rummaged condition. The trunks had been opened and drawers were open, with household goods disturbed.

Bohan told officers this forenoon he kept no money on the place and said Mr. and Mrs. Donovan had been making their home with him for the past three months. They are believed to have come here from Mill Valley, Cal. Donovan was arrested here September 8 on a charge of intoxication, according to police records. He is also believed to have a criminal record.

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TEN THOUSAND VICTIMS OF SOVIET INCURSIONS

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The official Chouin news agency stated tonight that the nationalist government estimated that upwards of 10,000 soldiers and civilians were killed or wounded as a result of "recent soviet military incursions into Manchuria."

(Russian troops invaded Manchuria November 18 and clashed with Chinese soldiers for a few days. Since that time there has been sporadic activity by soviet forces during the peace negotiations.)

CLOVIS, Cal., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Lewis Watson Harrison, 59, veteran of the Confederate army and a pioneer resident of Fresno county, died at his home here. As a member of the 1st Alabama cavalry, Harrison served as a Confederate picket during Sherman's march to the sea.

KLAMATH MAN USED FLATIRON TO SLAY PONCE

Tom Demoss Held for Grand Jury After Coroner's Investigation of Christmas Crime — Body of Victim Slashed to Pieces.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Tom Demoss was confined in a cell here today to await grand jury action growing out of the murder Christmas morning of Elisete Ponce, 42, who died from wounds inflicted with a knife, flatiron and revolver. A coroner's jury late yesterday recommended that Demoss be held on a first degree murder charge.

The coroner related that when he arrived at the scene of the killing, "Texas Tom" Demoss, as he is known, was sitting in a rocking chair in his room, clad in bloody attire and smoking. On the floor Ponce lay, his body literally slashed to pieces. His head was completely shattered by blows from the flatiron and his jaw bone had been smashed by a shot which also penetrated his chest.

Demoss told police that Ponce had threatened to kill him, and that he chased Ponce out of the room and shot after him.

Mrs. Myrtle Mortenson, rooming house landlady, called police who arrived to find Demoss sitting beside Ponce and pounding his head with the heavy flatiron.

Police say position of the bullets indicate that Ponce was in bed when he was shot.

Brisbane's Today

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has been "unloading" heavy stocks of silver metal, and silver is cheaper today than it has been in 25 years.

Indo-China may adopt the gold standard, because France wants it. If that should happen and the people of India should put into the metal market, for any reason, the gigantic hoards of silver ornaments and silver metal that the Hindus possess, the price of silver would gripe the shade of W. J. Bryan.

If Gandhi, apostle of freedom for India, should tell his millions of followers to exchange their silver for gold, he would disturb his British overlords considerably, and develop in them a politeness that would amaze him. He can't do it by his plan of reviving the handloom to compete with British machinery.

St. Louis wants to erect a statue to Lindbergh. It is unnecessary; it is too soon, and who in the country could make it good enough, except MacMonnies, and he, for the time, has given up sculpture.

Lindbergh possesses now a monument sufficient—a picture in every American mind of a youth sitting in a small box, with wings, leaving New York alone, crossing the ocean from New York to Paris.

When you have that kind of monument, you don't need anything of marble or bronze.

A British judge suggests expiring for English prisoners, an experiment made in Germany. Prisoners that work well, behave themselves, show "some desire to become good citizens," will have special privileges.

Their cells will remain lighted until 9:30 p. m. They will share in prison management, and have two weeks once a year to visit friends and keep in touch with the world outside.

Rebellion in American prisons proves that mere discipline is not enough. Perhaps showing a real interest in criminals, realizing how narrow a line separates respectability from crime, would help.

"But for the grace of God there lies John Huss," said the Bohemian martyr, looking at a drunkard in the gutter.

"And 'But for the grace of God, there I sit,' anyone of us might say, seeing a convict in his cell.

Advertising means selling goods, which means making more goods necessary, and that means employing labor.

Therefore, advertising is vitally important to industry, finance and business.

Young Mr. L. Ames Brown, with the snowplow jaw, says that Lord and Thomas and Logan, the firm of which he is president, has placed \$40,000,000 worth of advertising this year.

That's good news for business.

Mr. Brown thinks his firm has done more advertising this year than any other. This column will be glad to hear from other agencies, Ayer & Son, J. Walter Thompson, Barton, Burstin & Osborne, or any other that thinks Mr. Brown is mistaken.

HOLLISTER, Cal., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Attracted by the frantic barking of a dog, neighbors found the body of Charles ("Put") Smith, 58, pioneer Hernandez district rancher, crushed under a fallen branch.

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Coffee Del Monte. One of the highest grades. In vacuum tins. Per lb. .45	Fig Bars Fresh baked fancy fig bars. Cheap. Per pound .12	Hams Sugar cured. Extra fancy hams. By whole ham. Per pound .29
Raisins Fancy quality, cleaned California seedless raisins. Cheap. 4-lb. pkg. .29	Citrus Regular citrus powder. In large packages. The kind you have always used. Per pkg. .19	Bacon Nice, lean, medium weight. Well cured. By whole piece. Per pound .25
Tea Tree Tea. Extra quality green. Every pound guaranteed. Full pound .65	Salmon Extra quality pink salmon. In full 16-oz. tall cans. Per can .15	Bacon Squares Fancy sugar cured. They are better than the ordinary. Per pound .18
Oleo Extra quality. Fresh churned. We guarantee every pound. Per lb. .15	Lard Fresh rendered pure lard. The very best. Cheap. Per lb. .15	Bologna Extra quality. Made under United States government inspection. Per pound .16
Corn Extra Standard Iowa sweet corn. In No. 2 cans. Per can .10	Shredded Wheat Large package. Regular shredded wheat. Per pkg. .10	Malt Syrup Bainier. The best quality. Cheap. Lg. 2 1/2 can .29
Apricots Ripe California fruit. In No. 2 1/2 cans. Packed in syrup. Per can .19	Puffed Wheat In regular size packages. The kind you have always bought. Large pkg. .10	Milk Your choice of Borden's, Carnation, Alpine or Libby's. Per can .09
Pancake Sperry's best pancake flour. Cheap. 10-lb. sack .53	Snowdrift One of the best. Pure vegetable shortening. 3-lb. can .69	Oranges Fancy Sun-Kist navals. The very best and the largest. Per doz. .59
Corn Flakes Kellogg's. The very best. In large packages. 2 pkgs. .15	Crisco One of the shortenings you have always used. 3-lb. can .69	Grapefruit Extra fancy Floridas. And they are large. Each .15
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