

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Thursday, rain; warmer tonight.

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Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, Precipitation, To 5 p.m. yesterday, To 5 a.m. today.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

8 Days Left. A \$724,000,000 Santa. We Should Dance. No Russian Home Cooking.

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Of 1930, eight days are left, including this day.

How many resolutions were made at the beginning of the year? And only eight days remain to carry them out.

However, anything can be accomplished in eight days. The thing necessary is to turn the mind in the right direction with sufficient determination to keep going.

Failure and disappointment are nothing for those that can make the right start now, not waiting for another New Year to repeat an annual farce.

There is a Santa Claus for some unemployed, and his name is Uncle Sam. President Hoover announces that, in 1931, the government will spend \$724,000,000 on public works, paying everywhere the prevailing rates, and according to local standards.

And business men are more cheerful.

Talking by radio to 200,000 employees, 267,000 stockholders and 20,000 dealers of General Motors, President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., predicts a boom in prosperity to follow this slump. Without fixing future dates, Mr. Sloan agrees with other men of importance, who know the history of past depressions, that "out of it all is sure to come a better order of things, and, eventually, greater heights of prosperity than any we have yet enjoyed."

Business men will read today that New York's Federal Reserve discount rate has been reduced. It is now 2 per cent. This is important to business generally. It encourages new enterprise by offering the hope of continuing "cheap money." It also stimulates the buying of good bonds, on which new financing and employment depend.

Mary Wigman, young woman with an earnest face, and a plan, arrives to tell us what America needs. Her prescription may surprise you.

WE NEED TO DANCE. We are "depressed," if you know enough about Freud to understand what that means. We need to dance, hop, jump, learn

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Abe Martin



The fellow who used to leave his horse stand for hours unblanketed in snow now has a grandson who leaves his car stand all night in snow in front of his second apartment. The world war is not only a memory, but liberty muffins stand out as vividly as if I tried to worry one down this mornin'.

UNCLE SAM KICKS WOLF FROM DOOR

Five Billion Dollar Construction Program Is Challenge to Unemployment—Next 12 Months Will See Concerted Action.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A five billion dollar construction symphony of chisels on stone, air hammers on steel and pick and shovel on hard winter earth is the nation's challenge to unemployment.

Heads that ordinarily would wait for spring are pushing forward in a pay-envelope drive over the face of the country and steel and brick are mounting skyward in municipalities, according to year-end reports compiled from all areas.

Oil pipe lines are stretching from the southwest, new rails are gliding under the Texas sun and public works are dotting the states. At the same time, demands for immediate relief are being met with national, state, municipal and private aid.

Push Public Work. The country is a network of commissions and committees pushing forward every bit of public work possible and preventing suffering among those who cannot be put to work. The network begins with the president's emergency committee, headed by Colonel Arthur Woods, and branches through the states and into the smallest of communities with relief organizations.

Many states have official commissions at work on the problem. Cities and counties have raised or are raising official funds and public funds. Many workers from one coast of the nation to the other are contributing part of their pay. Debutantes and Boy Scouts are giving benefits. Even blue law states are permitting Sunday movies that the proceeds may aid in preventing winter destitution.

Vast Sums Voted. The federal government plans \$724,000,000 worth of building in the next 12 months and for immediate expenditure congress has just appropriated \$116,000,000, not including the \$45,000,000 voted for drought relief.

L. Seth Schisman, chief statistician for the F. W. Dodge corporation, estimated that in addition there is now under way in the country construction totalling more than \$4,700,000,000, this including work in all stages.

The federal government has just made available \$50,000,000 for the states to match in highway construction, making the total for federal aid roads in immediate prospect \$160,000,000.

INTEREST RATES CUT BY BANKERS

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A rediscount rate of 2 per cent—the lowest in the history of the federal reserve system and the lowest in the world—went into effect in the New York federal reserve bank today.

The announcement that the rate at which member banks might borrow had been cut from 2 1/2 per cent was construed by newspapers as a stimulus to business revival and a mark of confidence in the nation's condition.

35 DIE IN QUAKE ARGENTINE AREA

SALTA, Argentina, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Thirty-five persons were killed and 79 injured in an earthquake which rocked the state of La Poma in northwestern Argentina early today.

Fragmentary dispatches received here said the entire town of La Poma, which has about 1500 inhabitants, was destroyed.

COLDEST DAY CHILLS SAN FRAN RESIDENTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—While the chamber of commerce was looking the other way the weather men at Santa Rosa today gave San Francisco a batch of colder weather than Juneau, Alaska, had. At 3 a.m. it was 29 degrees above zero in San Francisco, the coldest this winter. At Juneau, Alaska, at the same hour, it was 44.

Christmas Cheer Takes First Page Boston Traveler

BOSTON, Dec. 24.—(AP) For the seventh successive year the Boston Traveler today carried nothing but good cheer on its day-before-Christmas first page. Even the news of a spectacular five alarm fire in the business district was unceremoniously relegated to the inside pages. Reporters devoted their efforts to stories of carols, candle light and institutional programs designed to cheer the day for the unfortunates in the city's varied hospitals, institutional homes and prisons.

LUCAS HAS SUPPORT IN HOME TOWN

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 24.—(AP) Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the republican national committee, whose testimony before the senate campaign investigating committee last week made him the storm center of a controversy between regular and independent republicans, came home for the holidays today. He was greeted by about 300 Louisville republicans.

The reception was an informal one but the group included many leaders in local republican politics. "We're for you, Bob," was the welcoming cry.

Mr. Lucas said he felt he had the support of "every true republican."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The Norris-Lucas conflict swung towards the White House today, with speculation turning on how soon President Hoover would take a hand.

Senator Norris, the republican independent from Nebraska whose ouster from party ranks is sought by Robert H. Lucas, executive director of the republican national committee, turned his latest attack directly on the chief executive, questioning his republicanism.

Senator Watson of Indiana, the republican leader, asserted the issued of Norris's regularity was not now before the senate. As for retaining Lucas, whose participation in an attempt to defeat Norris in the last election has just been unveiled, Watson said that was up to the president.

Would Aid Lucas "If he wants to keep Lucas I will support him to the limit," he added.

These statements came after Representative Wood of Indiana, (continued on page 5, story one)

BAN ON WHEAT SUGGESTED TO BOOST VALUES

Chairman Legge Says Embargo Would Be Most Effective Method in Dealing With Canada.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—A temporary embargo on wheat has been suggested by Chairman Legge of the farm board to members of the senate agriculture committee.

Legge said this would be "the most effective method" of dealing with importations of Canadian wheat which he feared might result if world prices decline further below domestic levels.

Senator Capper, of Kansas, a Republican member of the committee, in making the letter public today, said in the event world prices slumped further and importations resulted, he "would be glad to sponsor" legislation to that end.

An embargo, in his opinion, could be obtained more quickly than an increase in the tariff on wheat now 42 cents a bushel.

Before congress reconvenes January 5, Capper continued, he expects to confer further with Legge regarding the matter.

Star of Bethlehem Will Shine Again Tonight For Audience In Planetarium

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The star that shone over Bethlehem will be "reconstructed" for Christmas tonight at the Berlin planetarium, where an elaborate Zeiss apparatus projects hundreds of heavenly bodies upon a big darkened inner cupola to represent the firmament at night. Of three popular theories explaining the phenomenon of the Star of Bethlehem, the third has been chosen for illustration at the planetarium. That is, that the great light seen in the skies was produced by conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, which astronomers of the period noted about the time of Christ's birth as appearing in the constellation Pisces, representative of fishes. Fishes became a frequent Christian symbol through the letters of the Greek word Icthus (fish) which forms the initials of the Greek inscription of "Jesus Christ, Son of God the Saviour."

MILLION LOST AIR PASSENGER TO FIRE DEMON ENJOYS STROLL DURING MONTH ON PLANE WING

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Fires outside the city of Portland have, so far this month, destroyed over \$1,000,000 worth of property, seven persons have lost their lives in fires and the month threatens to be a record breaker for serious fire loss, says a statement by Clarence A. Lee, state fire marshal. Of the fatalities six were children under 5 years old and one was an old man of 50.

November fire losses aggregated \$233,727 in 75 fires outside of Portland. Of these 32 per cent were in rural districts and 5.6 per cent damaged farm property.

Two of the most serious of the December fires were those that destroyed the Larmer warehouse and the Charles A. Archer implement house in Salem.

MINISTER BRODIE IS HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Home from the very region of Santa Claus land, E. E. Brodie, minister in Finland, and publisher of the Oregon City Enterprise, returned to Oregon today for the Christmas holidays. He was accompanied by Mrs. Brodie and their daughter, Miss Madelon Brodie.

NO PAPER THURSDAY

Following a long established custom there will be no issue of this paper on Christmas Day, so that the employees of the paper may enjoy the holiday with their friends and families.

WHEAT KING HAS PRAISE FOR BOARD

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 24.—(AP)—Thomas Campbell, the world's largest individual wheat grower, upheld the federal farm board's stabilization of wheat prices today. At his winter home here the Montana wheat rancher said the board's recent heavy wheat purchases had completely vindicated its activities in wheat.

Campbell said as a result the Chicago wheat market is 23 cents higher than the Winnipeg market, a condition which is usually reversed at this time of year. "If the farm board had not bought wheat three weeks ago," he continued, "we might have had the worst stock market crash in the country's history."

World's Largest Individual Grower Says Recent Purchases Have Vindicated Activities Toward Stabilization of Price.

The salvation of the United States wheat growers, Campbell said, is to produce only enough for domestic consumption, "then our tariff will protect prices. When we have an exportable surplus, all price levels maintained by the tariff are swept away by the necessity of selling the surplus."

Pilot Gets Thrill When Companion Discovered in Circus Stunts Outside Cockpit

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 24.—(AP)—Al De Garmo, veteran air mail pilot, has had numerous thrilling experiences during his sojourn in the sky, but when his passengers perform stunts on the wings of his plane he does not like it. De Garmo reported here today while flying over the Nevada desert on his last trip between this city and San Francisco, his plane suddenly rocked and he found his passenger doing stunts on one wing of his plane. De Garmo landed his craft immediately, utilizing an emergency field.

Investigation revealed the passenger with the circus ideas was intoxicated. Unable to leave him at the emergency field due to zero weather, De Garmo looked him in the cabin and proceeded to his destination. The name of the wing walker was withheld by the flying company.

BETHLEHEM Draws Christmas Crowd in Annual Tribute

BETHLEHEM, Palestine, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The roads into this little city were crowded today with a throng in striking contrast with that which filed along the dusty highways just 1950 years ago. On that far day all the descendants of the tribe of David, including Joseph and Mary, were trudging here to pay the tax enacted of all the world by the mighty Caesar Augustus.

Today's crowd came largely in automobiles and to buy, not not a tax but a tribute to the child who was born here on the first Christmas day.

CHRISTMAS EVE PARTY PLANNED IN WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(AP)—The dancing eyes of a dozen children, Christmas carols, candlelight and bells, will climax one of the grandest Christmas eve parties ever planned by the Hoovers, big or little. There will be, of course, a huge Christmas tree in the spacious east room of the White House, seats of presents, music, and a big dinner.

The plans for the president's party to his grandchildren and the children of his secretaries and aides the big event has been placed last.

Then, if all goes well, the president and Mrs. Hoover, flanked by Peggy Anne Hoover, Herbert B. Hoover, and the other children, bearing candles and bells, will parade upstairs and down through a darkened white house, singing Christmas carols.

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FOSHAY STOCKHOLDERS WILL RECEIVE NOTHING

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 24.—(AP)—C. J. Bockwood, receiver for the W. H. Foshay company, in his first formal report to the federal district court, declared today that stockholders of the company will receive nothing and creditors will get very little from liquidation of assets.

NEEDY OF COAST

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—(AP)—In countless thousands of humble shacks along the Pacific coast the jingle of Santa's sleighbells will be muted tomorrow with the laughter of children and the tears of happy mothers where, but for the thoughtfulness and enterprise of newspapers, there would have been probably only despair.

More and \$100,000 in Christmas funds were raised by newspapers in the larger coast cities and undetermined additional thousands more in smaller places. In some of the places the sums exceeded all previous records.

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Only the red despatch boxes containing government papers, which come twice a day from London, remind him of the harassing affairs of the empire.

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WILL ROGERS says:

BURBANK, Cal., Dec. 24.—Wrote a little gag the other day saying if you had somebody working for you and you wasn't going to fire 'em, why write 'em a Christmas card telling 'em so. Well, I got an awful lot of nice comments on it and if you haven't done it why do so right today. There must be millions working that are going to be kept on, but the bosses just haven't gone to the trouble of telling 'em so. You can't blame a man for not buying anything if he don't feel that his job is fairly secure. I know what I am talking about, and this is a hint to the ones I am working for.

Will Rogers