

Today

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Restless Russia. Names of Yesteryears. Dogs Hate Wolves. Ireland? Yes. U. S. A? No.

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Russia's government, restless and energetic as the sea, invents a new court for factories called "The Friendship Court."

Under the czars, all Russians from moujiks to grand dukes, every rouble, every foot of land in Russia, belonged to the czar.

Stalin wants it understood that everything now belongs to the Soviet, and a workman who injures himself is injuring government property.

News that Howard Gould's former wife, who was Katherine Clemmons, is dead, will interest the old with long memories.

"Buffalo Bill," with long hair on his shoulders, admired her greatly, as well he might.

Dogs hate foxes and wolves because they are closely related, and, with human beings, it is the same.

The Shannon river power plant works admirably in Ireland. The first stage of development provides a peak load of 48,000 kilowatts.

American high finance will be amazed to learn that the Irish government developed and owns the power of the Shannon river.

Why is it impossible for the United States government to manage any of its own properties, for instance, Muscle Shoals?

Yesterday afternoon, at Bolonia, in Portuguese Guinea, fourteen Italian seaplanes lay on the water close together.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Governor Norblad, in his message to the 1931 legislature, will recommend the state acquire all national forest lands in Oregon, he said today.

The governor said he would recommend the legislature approve a resolution urging congress to release 546,000 acres of land in the Shuswap national forest to the state of Oregon.

STATE RULE OF FOREST LANDURGED

Gov. Norblad to Recommend National Reserves Be Turned Back For Sale Or Lease To Provide Revenue — Message to Ask Auto Crash Liability.

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Other recommendations will include a fire survey of all state institutions; surety bond for all state officials; state funds; passage of a law making homicide justifiable in cases where a bank or other financial institution is being robbed.

DOHENY DEBUT MONEY DISPLAY HIT BY NORRIS

Extravagance Near Bread Line, Should Give Pause 'To What's Wrong With Our Prosperity'—Hunger Stalks Near High Society Doings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The debut here last night of Miss Helen Lee Eames Doherty was condemned today by Senator Norris, of Nebraska as "extravagant and wasteful, particularly in view of the fact that the people across the street were hungry."

The Nebraska referred to a bread line which was served in the same block in which the elaborate party was given by Henry L. Doherty, president of the Cities Service corporation for the daughter of his wife by an earlier marriage.

"I haven't a thing against Mr. Doherty," said Mr. Norris, "and I am glad the daughter had such a fine party, but I think she could have had just as much fun on less money. Money was scattered away extravagantly and wastefully while the people across the street were hungry. It is time for thinking men and women to think what is wrong with our prosperity when such a situation prevails."

MELLON PROPOSES TO PAY BUSINESS FOR CHARITY AID

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Mellon proposal to allow income tax reduction on corporation charities has been laid aside by the house ways and means committee.

Chairman Hawley said today there was no plan pending for consideration of the proposal. "Should the treasury press it, we would give it a hearing, but I don't think the committee would do after that no one knows," he said.

Hawley said he would call for committee consideration next month a bill to reduce intentional double taxation and would seek passage of another measure to pay \$2,500,000 of war claims to enemy aliens. The latter would reimburse claimants to patents sold and sold to the chemical foundation.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mary McCormack, Chicago civic opera star, evaded questions about her reported engagement to Prince Serge M'Devant, recently estranged husband of Paul Negri, as she sailed for Europe today on the Olympic.

PRESIDENT SIGNS RELIEF BILLS



President Hoover signing the unemployment and drought relief bills calling for a total of \$161,000,000 to provide work for the jobless and seed and fertilizer for farmers of the drought area.

STEINER ACTS 1931 WILL SEE FOR CURB UPON SLOW RECOVERY WHEAT IMPORTS FOR BUSINESS

Oregon Solons Favors Early Increase In Tariff Duty To Block European Grain Flooding Market—Legge Defends Co-Ops.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Defending its operations in the cotton and grain futures markets, the farm board today wrote Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee, that were necessary to prevent large financial losses and to avoid "seriously disturbing" market conditions.

The letter was a reply to congressional criticism of the board for allowing its agents to deal in futures and laid the groundwork for defending the board against attacks which may come after congress reconvenes.

Meanwhile Senator Steiner, Oregon, Republican, advocated a higher tariff on wheat, rather than imposition of a temporary embargo as suggested by Chairman Legge of the board.

"It is absolutely essential that adequate steps be taken at once to exclude imports of wheat," Steiner said, "because of the farm board has pegged the price and if the foreign market goes down to a point where they can import over the duty we would be buying Canadian wheat at the pegged price."

Steiner said he feared an embargo on wheat would disturb our foreign relations and he saw no reason why the tariff commission should require much time to investigate the adequacy of the present 42 cent tariff.

The farm board letter to McNary said the wheat and cotton marketing associations had been forced to use the futures markets because of the system which had been set up by private operators.

"The cooperative marketing associations in wheat and cotton are agencies set up by farmers to market their products in competition with private merchants," it is said. "In order to compete in business on even terms, these cooperatives must be in position to give the same services and enjoy the same advantages as a private merchant."

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A woman identified by Coroner Earl Smith as Mrs. Craig Baker, about 25 1/2 East Republican street, Seattle, killed herself by leaping from an eighth floor hotel room here tonight.

The woman registered as Mrs. C. Beck, Chehalis, Wash. When a bellboy showed her to her room, she asked how far it was to the ground. The bellboy reported to the manager who went to the room. He found the window open. The body was lying on the court roof six stories below.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Carl Krumschky, 48, a frisky at 25 1/4 East Republican street, was yesterday sentenced here to six months in jail for larceny in July to serve a term of seven years for larceny by mail.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Irving T. Bush believes the business depression has at last about reached rock bottom.

Mr. Bush, who is president of the Bush Terminal company of New York, director of Bush House, Ltd., of London, and an authority on shipping and foreign trade, feels "we are passing through the final house-clearing after our recent speculative debacle."

In a year-end statement to the Associated Press he said "Fundamental business conditions are down to bed rock. Early in December it was apparent there would be a final spasms in the security market, followed by a period of stagnation in security dealings and values. Periods of depression seldom last longer than two or two and a half years. Half of this period is already behind us."

Although he described trade with Russia, India and China as "crippled," and world trade generally as "out of joint," Mr. Bush said he expected "slowly improving conditions in 1931, and a decisive improvement by the end of the new year."

25 LYNCHED, ALL BLACK, BUT ONE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The year 1930 has seen 25 lynchings as compared with twelve in 1929, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said today in an annual summary.

Twenty-four of the victims were negroes, the association said. All occurred in the south.

PLAN CURB UPON BOLSHEVIK LIARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Recommendations for legislation to punish individuals or groups for circulating "false and malicious" rumors which lead to runs on banks by the appeal committee investigating communism.

Chairman Fish said today he expected to call a meeting soon after congress reconvenes "to consider the propaganda spread by communists in banks and cause runs and failures."

MARSHFIELD, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Olaf Hanson of Seattle and George Cook of Portland, arrested Monday with a trunk containing 215 cases of Canadian liquor, were arraigned before the federal commissioner yesterday after William Walsh, district attorney, turned their case over to the federal authorities.

WAYCROSS, Ga., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Jim Parker, condemned slayer of his baby, who fled the Ware county jail with four other prisoners, was recaptured near here today.

LEGAL FLAW BRINGS NEW BOND VOTE

School Board Calls New School Program Election For January 15, To Clear Slight Irregularity — New Action Not To Delay Work.

Owing to what the city schools' attorneys point out as insufficient notice given in the call for the recent bond election, it will be necessary to re-submit the \$265,000 issue which the voters passed on December 16th by a seven to one vote to another selection or risk a possibility of having it declared invalid later.

The Oregon statute requires 15 days' notice to be given in advance of each an election. The Medford election was held on December 16th and the first published notice calling for the election was printed on December 1st. The supreme court, however, has ruled that neither the day on which the notice is first published nor the day on which the election is to be held can be counted in this 15-day period. According to this ruling the notice given would be only 14 instead of 15 days.

Attorneys O. C. Boggs and Gus Newbury, who have been engaged by the school board to prepare the bond issue for sale, discovered and called attention to the irregularity. Although more or less of a technicality, they held that it would be sufficient to cloud the bond issue and possibly invalidate it. Both joined yesterday in recommending that the issue be re-submitted to the voters at another election.

Dr. R. E. Green, chairman, promptly called the board into session and an order was made for a second election to be held on January 15th. E. H. Hedrick, city school superintendent, stated, "I sincerely regret that this matter must be brought up again after the voters have so decisively expressed themselves on it. It will not delay the letting of contracts, however, nor the time of beginning construction. We are going full speed ahead with these things, building plans are expected to be completed for both the new Washington and the high school by January 12th. Contracts for construction will be let immediately afterward."

A DOZEN DOLLS UPON TREE IN HAWLEY'S HOME

Oregon Congressman Greeted Arrival of Grandchild With Supply of 'Baby Dolls' at Christmas.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A dozen baby dolls smile and wink and sleep on a Christmas tree in the home of Representative Hawley of Oregon, reflecting a Christmas arrival in his family.

A second grand child was born in Baltimore on December 21. She is Anna Kathryn Hawley, daughter of Kenneth F. Hawley, an electrical engineer.

The chairman of the house ways and means committee explained that this was a "real baby doll Christmas." One of the dolls was sent by relatives, Mrs. Hawley bought one and he bought the other 10.

The representative surmised that sooner or later the bisque babies would find their way to the real new ones.

2613 ASK STATE EMERGENCY WORK

SALEM, Dec. 27.—(AP)—C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner, announced today 2613 men have registered for emergency employment. The registrations are from 19 counties outside of Multnomah. The registration showed 6345 persons were dependent on the men seeking employment.

The Weather Oregon: Fair and cold Sunday and Monday but with valley fogs; moderate east and southeast winds offshore.

Ill In Honolulu



Janet Gaynor, film actress, is convalescing in Honolulu from an operation for appendicitis.

YULE PARTY IS STAMPEDED BY ST. NICK AFIRE

Iowa Official Acting as Santa Claus Ignited, and Burns as Mob Swirls for Exits — Baby Dies In Home Blaze.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Harvey C. Jaeger, commissioner of public safety, was probably fatally burned and scores of men, women and children injured tonight at a stampeaded caused by a blaze of unknown origin at Eagles hall, where more than 1200 had gathered for the annual Christmas party.

Jaeger was playing the part of Santa Claus. A small imitation brick house had been erected in one corner of the hall. Jaeger had gone into the house and emerged a moment later, his clothes in flames.

Shouts of "fire" were heard in every part of the hall. There was a stampede for exits and those in charge failed to quiet the guests. Jaeger, a moment later, found himself in the midst of a surging mob and it was some time before he could be given aid. He was badly burned.

Many others had slight burns and injuries.

RAINIER, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Junior, 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jennison, of Fern Hill, was burned to death yesterday when the family home caught fire. The child had been left alone in the house while his mother was doing some chores. The fire was not noticed until the house was a mass of flames. Mrs. Jennison was burned about the hands and face while trying to reach the boy.

PLAN DEDICATION HARDING STATUE

MARION, Ohio, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Harding Memorial association will meet next week to formulate plans for a dedication of the tomb of the late President Warren G. Harding, and Mrs. Harding, Hobe Donihien, secretary of the association, said today.

LINKED TO CAPONE, SUES FOR LIBEL

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—J. Charles Granata, brother of Congressman-elect Peter C. Granata, obtained a warrant today for the arrest of Representative Stanley H. King, defeated Democratic candidate. He charged criminal libel. The alleged libel was made in a printed statement, Granata charged, which appeared December 5 and which was alleged to have linked him with Al Capone.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Two programs reminiscent of Oregon pioneer days will be presented at the public auditorium here Monday, the closing day of the Covered Wagon centennial celebration. The programs are sponsored by the Old Oregon Trail association.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A street car motorcar was injured seriously and four firemen received minor injuries today when the fire engine was struck by the street car on an intersection.

4 FUEDISTS RAID JAIL TO GET FOE

Brothers Seek Prisoners Charged With Killing Father — Sheriff and Wife Wounded In Repulsing Tennesseans — Holy Gibson No More.

SALEM, Ind., Dec. 27.—(AP)—One man was killed and three officers were wounded in a gun battle here tonight when four brothers stormed the Washington county jail in an effort to seize two prisoners who were being held in connection with the feud slaying of their father two weeks ago.

Holy Gibson, one of the brothers, was killed in an exchange of shots with Town Marshal Elmer Gerald, and Gerald was probably fatally wounded. Sheriff Milton Tinkle and his wife, a deputy, were wounded but their injuries were not serious.

The brothers went to the jail and demanded the keys to the cell in which Peas Spurlock, 45, and his brother, John Spurlock, 49, were held in connection with the fatal shooting of Patton Gibson, father of the four men, on December 14.

Holy Gibson stood guard at the entrance while the three brothers entered the jail quarters to demand the keys. The officer refused and an exchange of shots followed.

Meanwhile Holy Gibson and Marshal Gerald were fighting it out on the jail steps. A bullet from the marshal's gun killed Gibson instantly but Gerald suffered serious wounds.

An alarm was sounded and the city fire department and 200 citizens responded. Search was started for the three brothers and shortly afterward they were reported surrounded in a lumber yard.

The names of Holy Gibson's three brothers were not learned. Officers said the slaying was an outgrowth of a feud that has been smoldering for a number of years since the two families lived in Tennessee.

HEART TALK OF TEXAS COUPLE BEFORE MURDER

Minister's Son Held For Killing of Sweetheart After Failure to Adjust Troubles—Uncle of Girl Files Charge.

PORT ARTHUR, Texas, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A charge of murder was filed tonight against Robert L. Williams, University of Texas sophomore, in connection with the death this afternoon of Miss Elizabeth Johnson, 16. The charge was filed with Justice of the Peace T. A. Butler by Assistant County Attorney R. T. McWhorter on a complaint filed by Andrew Johnson, uncle of the dead girl.

The girl's body was found in an automobile after Williams, her former fiancée, returned from a conference with a minister over their affairs of the heart.

Williams told officers he and Miss Johnson had parked his automobile in front of the home of the Reverend Glenn Flynn, pastor of the South Methodist church, and he went in to talk with the minister about differences that had come between him and Miss Johnson.

When he returned to the automobile he said he found Miss Johnson dead, a bullet from a sawed-off rifle having penetrated her breast. Williams told investigators the gun was his.

Williams' father, the Rev. S. W. Williams of Austin, was Mr. Flynn's immediate predecessor as pastor of the south church.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Wheat stampeed to 26 cents a bushel—an all time low—at the opening of today's brief session of the grain exchange. Offerings were meager and sent of investment buyers soon entry prices back to higher levels.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Sootion of the western Canada farmer's economic problem must be sought on the basis of next year's grain crop. W. J. Ward, president of United Farmers of Manitoba, believes.

JOFFRE OF MARNE AT LIFE'S END

Famous Great War General Fails to Rally From Amputation Operation Week Ago — British Industry King to Last Reward.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Marshal Joffre, the gallant old soldier who turned back the Germans in the first battle of the Marne, lay between life and death tonight in the hospital where his left leg was amputated last Saturday.

Gangrene developing in the advanced stages of arteriosclerosis made the amputation imperative, his doctors said, but the operation was not so successful as they hoped and the latest bulletins on the patient's condition were gloomy. It looked as though the general were going to lose his greatest battle.

It was Madame Joffre, adhering to her husband's policy since his illness began, who withheld news of the marshal's grave illness since last Friday when he was taken to the hospital of St. Jean de Dieu. He went there December 19 and the amputation was performed the next day. The leg was taken off above the knee to arrest the progress of the infection.

But there was danger of infection in the other leg also and the doctors said they had tentatively decided to perform a second operation today. In a consultation, however, it became obvious that the old soldier—he is nearly 79—could not possibly stand it.

Immediately after it became known that the marshal was gravely ill rumors flew about the city which lives this man whose soldiers called him "papa" Joffre. He was believed for a time to be at his chateau in Louveciennes, near Versailles. Then there was a report his right leg had been amputated. His doctors set these things right in a definite announcement describing the patient's condition as "grave," with a pulse of 75 and a temperature of 102.2 degrees.

Arteritis is an inflammation of the arteries which often develops gangrene. It first struck the marshal last summer but he always denied reports of his illness, on one occasion going so far as to appear at a public function in his honor when he was too sick to be abroad.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Lord Melchett, giant of British industry and finance and the son of a Jewish immigrant to Great Britain, died in London today after a long illness with phlebitis which gave rise to general blood poisoning.

By his death at 62 England has lost a brilliant genius of modern industrial organization at a time when the country is looking forward to such leaders to help bring about its economic salvation.

A leader of rare quality, both in politics and in business, Lord Melchett's interests were world wide. He was immensely wealthy but after one trip to the United States remarked he felt like a pauper in comparison with the multi-millionaires of that country.

Lord Melchett, who rose to prominence as Sir Alfred Mond, was a big man physically and was big in ideas in politics and business and of wide vision in social problems, particularly in the relations of employers and workers. He was an ardent Zionist.

BARN DISTILLERY RAIDED, RUINED

SHELTON, Wash., Dec. 27.—(AP)—In the largest liquor haul ever made in southwest Washington, two complete stills and more than \$30,000 worth of alcohol and supplies were confiscated by federal agents who conducted a spectacular raid at Hammersley inlet near here today.

The distillery, which is the biggest ever found in this section, was located in a barn on the farm of Nelson place. Three men who gave the names of Pearson, Nelson and Neilson already were arrested and taken to Tacoma late today by the arresting officers.

When a quantity of the confiscated materials had been saved for evidence the raiding officers wrecked the premises. Eye witnesses declared that the floor of the building was knee deep with scattered sugar, wheat, other grain and the dumped mash.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The two-year sentence to the state penitentiary imposed upon Wilson Rogers of Portland was Saturday commuted by Governor Norblad to 18 months and Rogers was paroled. Rogers is to receive medical treatment. He underwent a surgical operation a few months ago. The paroled prisoner returned to Portland.