

Today

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Big Country, Big Wonders. Meet Another Octopus. Real For Him. He's Dead. I'll Make You Love Him.

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Nature and providence made this country on a big scale. Some of the biggest things are still unknown to a majority of us. Pike's Peak, the Mississippi, Niagara Falls and the oil deposits we all know. But few know about the gigantic limestone caverns of Carlsbad in New Mexico. An invitation to see the caverns from President Paul Shoup of the Southern Pacific railroad gives this information:

"You can put the national capitol into the biggest cave, so far discovered, and then have a zeppelin sail over it without touching the roof."

Get your new car, drive out to see that cave, see other wonders in New Mexico and drive on to the Pacific coast and see the biggest thing of all, the Pacific ocean.

A new "octopus" is coming. Messrs. Eaton, of the Republic Steel, Campbell, of the Youngstown company and Grace of Bethlehem Steel are in New York planning a two billion dollar steel merger.

Once upon a time that would have set all the muck rakers to raking violently. And the supreme court would have said: "You mustn't do it; you are growing too big."

But we have passed that stage, and have taken for our motto "The bigger the better."

Many that read this call the unemployment problem "a passing thing," not too serious. It was quite serious for Harry Drucker, Hungarian shoemaker, who came to this country after the world war, found a job repairing shoes, then opened a little store and married. Twins were born, everything was promising.

Now the twins are near death, in a hospital where the father, who attempted to kill them, is dying. The mother is dead, killed by her husband. Hard times closed the store, work could not be found. He, his wife and the twins starved more or less for seven months, now it is over.

No "theory" about that.

Russia is modern. Gigantic agricultural machinery, "combinates" such as few American farmers have ever seen, travel fifty or a hundred miles in a straight line across immense wheat fields. What the Russians do, is done on a gigantic scale. Now they are spending \$45,000,000 on a powerful broadcasting wireless plan. They will broadcast their theories on government, and the sins of "capitalism" and whether you like them or not, the theories will come rattling into your radio.

Making people listen, of course, will be another thing. But some will listen, especially in these times.

The effort of Stalin to make you like his theories reminds you of Frederick the Great's father, chasing little boys into a corner, and beating them severely, saying "I'll make you love me."

Money is still lent in Wall Street "on call" at one or cent. Two years ago nobody would have dreamed of such cheap money.

A few years hence many will wonder why they did not take advantage of it. Otto H. Kahn, who really understands finance, said last Wednesday: "Two years from now looking back, you will not believe that it was really possible to buy the best securities at the ridiculous prices."

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16 STATES FOR CHANGE IN DRY LAW

Prohibition to Be Issue Before Many Legislatures—Memorials to Congress For Repeal Sought—Prohibition Forces Rally to Defend.

NEW YORK, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The prohibition issue is knocking this year at the doors of sixteen state legislatures.

In most of them the effort of repeal forces to win a hearing for their issue is in a nebulous stage, but in fourteen of 14 legislatures meeting this month attention will be sought for measures looking either to repeal of state enforcement laws or the memorializing of the federal government, and in all these states the dries are preparing to defend gains won.

The situation, in the states where prohibition is an issue this year: California—A resolution by Senator Tallent Hulbe, San Francisco memorializing congress to repeal the eighteenth amendment as a violation of state rights has been referred to the senate committee on federal relations.

Colorado—Bills to repeal state liquor law prohibition.

Delaware—Two bills affecting Du Kiar law (state enforcement act) are expected to be introduced Monday. One would repeal the statute. The other would amend it to lighten restrictions on physicians and druggists dispensing it.

Illinois—Joint resolution number one in the senate asks congress to call a convention to propose this amendment to the eighteenth amendment: "The exclusive power to tax, license, regulate or suppress the manufacture, sale, transportation, exportation and importation of intoxicating liquors shall be vested in congress."

Indiana—One bill prepared for introduction calls for repeal of the "bone dry" law under which the sale of alcoholic beverages in any form, including medicinal whiskey, is forbidden. Another calls for a referendum on the liquor law and a third seeks to legalize the sale of medicinal whiskey.

Massachusetts—Governor Ely, democrat, elected on a "wet" platform, said in his inaugural address that the legislature should ask for modification of the Volstead act. A petition has been offered to have the legislature ask congress to end national prohibition of the liquor traffic and restore to the states the power to regulate manufacture and sale.

Missouri—Representative George B. Calvin announced the preparation of a bill to repeal all Missouri prohibition laws. The anti-liquor league seeks no new legislation but will fight to retain the present dry laws.

New Jersey—Senator Emerson L. Richards seeks repeal of the Hobart enforcement act.

New York—Democratic and republican party platforms called for repeal of the eighteenth amendment.

Ohio—The first legislature introduced in the Ohio assembly calls for a referendum on repeal of the state prohibition amendment. The Ohio house is recorded as dry, and the senate is doubtful. Bills for repeal of all statutory prohibition laws have been prepared for introduction next week.

Pennsylvania—Measures to repeal the state enforcement act are expected to be introduced by Governor Pinchot, who has the veto power, is dry.

Rhode Island—Republicans are sponsoring bills to increase the alcoholic content prescribed in the state law from one-half to one per cent, and to call upon Rhode Island's national representatives to work for repeal.

Washington—Referendum proposed. West Virginia—Abolition of the state enforcement department as an economy measure.

PANAMA PRESIDENT OVERTHROWN BY REVOLUTION



President Arcemena of Panama was overthrown in the latest revolution in Central America. The rebels captured the presidential palace (shown above) after a brief skirmish and forced the president to resign.



STATE PRODUCE ON STANDARD BASIS IS PLAN

Orchardists and Farmers Told They Must Systematize to Compete—Committee of 15 Authorized to Secure Action From Legislature.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Unless Oregon will standardize her farm and orchard products she cannot expect to compete in foreign markets with neighboring states, speakers told a meeting of farmers, orchardists and shippers here today.

The meeting was called by the state chamber of commerce to discuss uniform standardization laws. George K. Aiken, editor of the Ontario Argus, presided at the meeting.

Aiken was given power to name a committee of 15 to work out plans to have the needs of growers and shippers brought before the state legislature. The committee shall consist of one editor, one banker and 13 men engaged in growing, packing and distributing Oregon products.

SCORE HELD IN TUNNEL CRASH WITH AID NEAR

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Through an opening too small to accommodate his companions one of the 20 men imprisoned in Camp Mitchell tunnel crawled to safety tonight. The other 19 were safe and could be touched by rescuers. Hope of getting all the men out immediately led to the erroneous report that the 20 were freed.

DENVER MURDERESS DENIED NEW TRIAL

DENVER, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Pearl O'Loughlin, Italian-haired step-mother of Leona O'Loughlin, slain two-year old child, today was denied a new trial on a charge of murdering the girl by Judge Hensley Carter. Formal sentence of life imprisonment was passed.

The woman's only comment was: "I can still say I am innocent."

SALEM FELONS GIVEN PARDONS

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Robert Leece, received from Portland October 22, 1929, to serve three years for burglary, received a conditional pardon under which he will be sent to the veterans' hospital in Portland for medical treatment. He has been ill most of the time he has served in the penitentiary and the Portland American Legion post recommended his pardon.

James H. Anthony, received from Portland two years ago to serve 10 years for robbery, received a conditional pardon upon recommendation from Circuit Judge Walter H. Evans and C. W. Dunn, the man he robbed.

Commutation of sentence were issued to Harry Chin and Sney Fong, Chinese, serving life sentences for first degree murder convictions in Multnomah county. In both cases the sentences were commuted to 25 years. Records reveal that Chin and Fong were involved in Portland long activities. Chin was received in 1922 and Fong in 1918 the state pardon board, secretary of State House and prison officials recommended the commutations.

Charles Boggie, received from Linn county December 6, 1924 to serve 15 years for robbery with a dangerous weapon, received a commutation to 10 years. After deducting credit for good behavior Boggie will be subject to release in 18 months. Boggie, officials said, aided in the capture of an escaped convict and this service influenced prison officials in recommending the commutation. The commutation also was recommended by the trial judge and Linn county officials.

Governor Norblad said he was considering other commutations and conditional pardons but had not yet reached any decision.

ASTORIA REPORTS BUILDING BOOM

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Clatsop county building activities are looking up for the coming year.

In Astoria the new St. Mary's hospital, to cost \$250,000, is under construction. A \$20,000 addition to the Presbyterian church will start soon, and a \$250,000 post office building is expected to be under way here by May 1.

The Co-operative cannery in Warrenton plans a \$20,000 addition and \$30,000 are to be spent by the state at Camp Clatsop. The Bradley-Woodard Lumber company is building a new mill at Clifton.

LEGION SPLIT ON CASH BONUS FOR INSURANCE

National Head Holds No Action Should Be Taken Before Congress—Texas Solon Asks Rank and File to Speak.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—

Ralph W. O'Neil, national commander of the American Legion, has written Rep. Patman of Texas the opinion that in view of the action of his Boston convention "The Legion should not initiate or sponsor a law legislation for cash payment of compensation certificates."

Patman, a democrat, attempting to force consideration of proposals to convert the veterans' certificates made the letter public today.

In a formal statement, the Texas asserted, "It is now incumbent upon the rank and file of the American Legion and the individual posts of the American Legion to let their members of congress know that this legislation is needed and expected."

The Legion commander said ten departments believe the national organization should sponsor conversion legislation while 22 others believe the organization should not join actively in the movement.

FINAL REPORT PUBLIC LANDS ISSUE MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Secretary Wilbur will open on Monday what is expected to be the final meeting of President Hoover's public lands committee which will decide upon a final report to the president on whether the public domain should be transferred to the state and the conditions for a transfer.

A tentative draft of the report, providing for the transfer and outlining several conditions, chief of which was reservation by the government of title to non-mineral lands was drawn at the last meeting of the committee held in November.

Thirteen members represent the eleven public lands states, Arizona, Nevada, Wyoming, New Mexico, Utah, Colorado, Montana, Idaho, California, Oregon and Washington, while seven members of the committee are from eastern states. There are 175,000,000 acres of public lands remaining.

WEATHER Oregon—Cloudy Sunday and Monday, probably occasional rains in west portions and local snows in the mountains; no change in temperature; moderate southerly winds offshore.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—The Belgian freighter Bolivier which grounded in the Columbia yesterday, reached the harbor here today undamaged. She stuck during a fog.

DETROIT CRIME QUIZ LEADS TO POLICE DOORS

Gang Rule Indicated By Probe of Radio Murder—Grand Jury to Eye All Phases of Official Activity and Racketeering.

DETROIT, Jan. 10.—(AP)—After four and one-half months of investigation into game killings, racketeering and other crime in Detroit and Wayne county, a special grand jury of 22 men was headed off on another trail which leads to the doors of city, county and state law enforcement offices.

The grand jury, which came into being primarily to investigate the slaying on July 23, of Jerry Buckley, radio orator has decided to find out what the police were doing while the shooting and racketeering were going on.

This decision to carry on a far-reaching move weeks and scrutinize closely the city police department, the state police force and the Wayne county sheriff's office came just as the public expected the jury to wind up its activities with a final report.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Thirteen million fewer votes were cast for house members in the last election than in 1928.

William T. Pappas, house clerk, said today 24,776,838 votes cast this year as compared with over 35,000,000 in 1928.

There were 13,070,950 votes cast for Republican candidates, 11,018,643 for Democratic candidates, 227,540 for farm labor, 238,797 for socialists, 170,851 for all others.

While but a third of the senate seats were to be filled for long terms, the Democratic candidate polled 6,852,124, Republicans 5,783,609; farm labor, 181,827, socialists 37,133, all others 155,549, making a total of 13,010,252.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A plan under which he said liquor might be manufactured and sold without repealing the 18th amendment—hinging upon the oath of each purchaser that he would not become intoxicated—was proposed by Dr. J. J. Seelman of Milwaukee, a director of the association against the prohibition amendment.

Seelman argued the eighteenth amendment "does not prohibit alcoholic liquors for beverage purposes when not intoxicating" and that liquor is not "intoxicating when moderately consumed." He contended its sale therefore would not be illegal if used moderately.

To carry out this plan it would be necessary for congress to use its power to interpret the term "intoxicating liquors" as meaning "liquors which intoxicate." Seelman would use a permit system, and have each permittee examined and given the oath. If he did not keep the oath and became intoxicated he would be liable to punishment.

PORTLAND GETS 17-STORY HOTEL

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Contracts for the construction of a \$3,000,000 hotel in Portland were awarded today by Ralph B. Lloyd, of Los Angeles, to L. H. Hoffman, Portland, and W. S. Dinwiddie, San Francisco.

Construction of the hotel will begin as soon as Los Angeles architects can complete the plans, Lloyd's announcement said.

The hotel will be a 17-story structure with a three-story crown. Fifteen months will be required to complete the building, it is expected.

The hotel will be flanked by a golf course and gardens.

LIBERIA USES WOMEN TO PAY DEBTS, CHARGE

State Department Reports Shows Slavery Exists In African State Founded As Refuge—Natives Forced Into Peonage.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Liberia, founded as a refuge for freed men upon whom the scars of bondage still were fresh, was pictured to the world today as a nation in which slavery was imposed by whip and chains.

Pleasur appeals from ignorant black natives ran through the pages of a report of an investigation commission sent there at the request of the state department. The department made the report public tonight.

Going beyond slave conditions, the commission investigated the practice of "pawning" under which relatives and particularly women were given as security for loans or indebtedness.

"The commission finds that although classic slavery carrying the idea of slave markets and slave dealers no longer exists as such in the republic of Liberia, slavery as defined in the 1926 anti-slavery convention does not exist insofar as inter and intra-tribal domestic slavery exists. Pawning is also recognized in the social economy of the republic."

The commission found no evidence that leading citizens participated in domestic slavery but that there was evidence that some Americo-Liberians took natives as pawns and abused the system by taking women to attract laborers to their land.

Systematic intimidation and ill treatment on the part of government officials, messengers and frontier soldiers was found to have been used for recruiting forced labor for motor-road construction, for building civil compounds and military barracks and for portage.

The feeble efforts of the chiefs to protect their natives when the frontier force came to gather them was shown throughout the report. Town after town where happy populations of several hundred had been depleted to a mere handful with far more women than men listed in the report.

There were instances of chiefs being flogged in the presence of their people because they refused to yield men and boys for servitude.

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PRESIDENT FLAYS HIS PESTERERS

Action of Senate On Power Commission Appointees Irks Hoover—Steps Taken to Cut Red Tape Around Drouth Relief Funds.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—President Hoover today refused the senate's request for return of the nominations of three of the five members of the new power commission.

The senate promptly voted to replace their names on its calendar of unfinished business.

Just how the impasse is to be settled was uncertain tonight. In the eyes of the senate there is no power commission. President Hoover gave notice the three commissioners in dispute—Chairman Smith, Marcel Garsaud and Claude L. Draper—would carry on under their previous confirmation by the senate.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, notified the senate after Mr. Hoover's message had been read that he would oppose any appropriation for salaries for the three commissioners who the supply bill carrying these funds is taken up by the senate.

Mr. Hoover followed his brief formal notice to the senate of declination to return the nominations with a statement to the press asserting he was resisting by his action an encroachment by the legislative upon the executive branch of the government. He also scored any attempt to symbolize him as "the defender of power interests if I refuse to sacrifice three outstanding public servants, or to allow the senate to dictate to an administrative board the appointment of its subordinate, and if I refuse to follow fundamental encroachment by the senate upon the constitutional independence of the executive."

In his later statement to the press, the president gave his views at greater length and concluded: "I regret that the government should be absorbed upon such questionable action of the power commission in employment of two subordinate officials at a time when the condition of the country requires every constructive energy."

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TANKER STUCK IN WILLAMETTE MUD

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP) Radio reports from the Union Oil Tanker Warwick to the marine editor of the Oregonian tonight said the Warwick was still fast in the mud about 20 miles downstream from Portland.

The tanker grounded Friday morning while inbound from San Francisco. Company officials here last night said they were informed part of her cargo had been transferred to a barge and she had freed herself.

Three tugs will attempt to free the Warwick Sunday morning, the radio message said. Should all these efforts fail, dredging will be resorted to.

The Belgian steamer Bolivier, which grounded near the Warwick last night, was pulled off this morning and proceeded to Portland. She was said to be undamaged.

TULSA, Okla., Jan. 10.—(AP)—A baby girl held as security for a \$46 board and lodging bill was restored to the mother today by Judge S. J. Clendinning in common pleas court.