

Today

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A New Movie.
A New Idea.
Jack Dempsey's Hand.
Has She Seen Tagliani?

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LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 23.—Here in the heart of movie land, a new picture is as important as the opening of parliament by King George. "Trader Horn" was shown for the first time at the Chinese theater in Hollywood last night. Thousands that could not get in, lined the streets on both sides, waiting to see the great movie stars "appear in person" to attend the opening.

Fiercely blazing lights, made it easy to photograph the super-beings as they arrived, looking very beautiful and unconscious of the fact that they were observed, while high school boys and girls rushed out begging for autographs.

Ten dollars is a moderate price for a seat at such a performance. You cannot imagine the crowd's eagerness unless you happened to see the waiting New York thousands when Consuelo Vanderbilt married the Duke of Marlborough in a Fifth Avenue church.

Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer spent \$1,300,000 making the picture in Africa, and you ought to see and hear the four lions fighting, the rhinoceroses shot down, the big ape slain by the leopard. Above all you must see the sixteen year old white girl who rules the savage cannibals with a lash in her hand, and her eyes wide open. She really is a wonder, blonde, skin snow white, not the slightest of tan, although she has lived under Africa's tropical sun since she was a baby, walking in her bare feet, wearing nothing but her own golden hair, and a little girdle of monkey fur around the waist.

She falls in love with a young white gentleman after having lashed his face without making him wince. Then she suddenly becomes feminine and he has to carry her in his arms, through miles and miles of jungle and wild animals. Women are never what you expect them to be.

Much the most important news of many days, comes from the scientific laboratory maintained by the General Electric company of which Owen D. Young and Gerard Swope are the responsible heads.

The new device, a thyatron, makes it possible to send power to distances hitherto unattainable. In fact all around the earth at the equator, although that will never be necessary or useful.

The new device, a glass bulb held in one hand representing the equivalent of 10,000 horsepower, takes the place of a huge rotary converter that would fill two freight cars.

The new invention, is too complicated for the lay mind, even with the admirably clear explanation of C. W. Stone, General Electric engineer.

It may make available power supplies now going to waste, for instance, a giant cataract in Brazil, more powerful than Niagara. It may harness far away African cat-racts to run machinery in those African copper mines. Something more for American copper men to think about.

Even more important, this might be the beginning of power transmission without wires, making it possible for airplanes to take up energy from the earth, as an electric engine takes it from a third rail, making fuel tanks unnecessary.

The nation is indebted to its great industrial corporations for their research work, adding billions to the national wealth. Man does these wonderful things with electricity, not knowing what electricity is, and not knowing the nature of it.

HUNT ADAMS WAS 'HIRED' FOR SLAYING

Link Ruthless Murder of Ashland Officer to Rum Ring Revenge — Prosecutor Gives Theory Credence—Prisoner in Solitary Holds Silence.

Some credence was given last evening by District Attorney George Coddling to the theory that J. C. Adams, whose true name is believed to be James E. Kinsey, was a "hired killer" sent by a rum ring to southern Oregon to slay Sam Prescott, traffic officer murdered by Adams yesterday morning in Ashland.

There are no known facts to bolster up the theory outside of the murderer's own desire to make sure the officer was dead and report that Adams had stopped at a service station a short distance north of Ashland to inquire if Prescott was still on duty in Ashland. Prescott had been active in stopping liquor cars in this section.

The possibility has been expressed that Adams may have been given a description of the officer or knew his man when Prescott was not having a look for his ownership papers. The theory will be thoroughly investigated.

Adams is held in solitary confinement in a "Pauley" cell in the county jail and has done no talking, outside of remarks he made yesterday forenoon to District Attorney Coddling and at Ashland, in the latter place he said: "Some time you ask for his ownership papers. I killed him," but refused to explain the statement.

When questioned by the district attorney, he expressed no remorse and was apparently resigned to his fate, which he expects will be the gallows.

No Regrets

He said he did not feel sorry for himself and indicated he was not sorry for his luckless victim. Adams declared his actions and the entire affair was governed by fate. It was too late to make amends and whatever his feelings may be, the deed would remain dead, it was judged from his attitude was the theory.

"What do you do for a living?" he was asked at the county jail. "I would be a fellow do with a couple of guns," he replied and went on to say that he had been in trouble before. He said he had held up business places but refused to go into detail, explaining he would never be tried on those charges.

Economies, Youth

Adams said he had never seen Earl Remington, 18-year-old Wewatche, Wash., youth, with him during the shooting, until Friday evening when he picked him up to give him a ride a short distance south of Eugene. His story dovetailed fairly well with the version given by Remington, indirectly responsible for Adams' early apprehension. Adams said he had left Portland at 8 o'clock, Friday morning and drove by himself until he picked up the youth.

"Served Time"

He said he had served time in a reformatory and had escaped from the Colorado state penitentiary at Canon City. He claimed that he still had time to serve there. He told the officer he was born in New York state. His parents had been dead for some time and he has one brother and one sister, but said he did not know where they lived. Adams stated further he knew Prescott, was an officer before he shot him, but wanted only to wound him with the first shot and then drive on. Adams claimed that when he saw the officer reach for his side arm, he fired a shot that took effect in the neck.

"I didn't want to go to the police station," was the only explanation he gave.

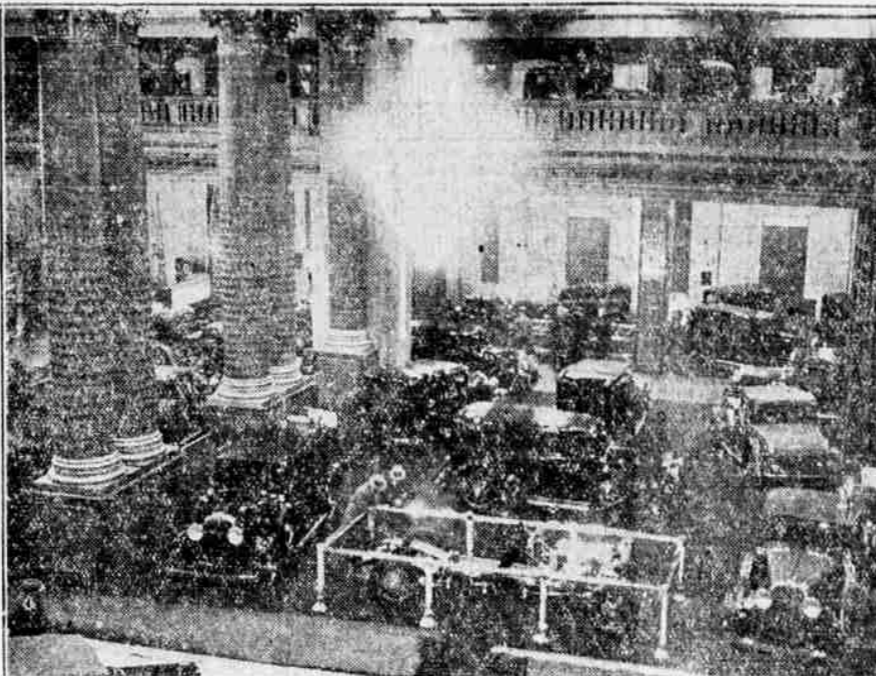
Adams gave his statements orally and was not a reluctant talker. However, he refused to sign his name to a written statement. He did not call for the advice of a lawyer and talked with some air of confidence, without indicating defiance.

He readily admitted stealing the car, a De Soto sedan, in Salt Lake City three months ago. The car was repainted during that time, changing its color from green to blue. Its parking lights had red lenses and it is thought the machine may have been taken from some law enforcement agency. It had Washington license plates.

One window was broken from the door on the left side and Adams explained this had been shot out during a gun battle up north. A bullet hole in the car was explained in similar manner. He pointed to his wrist marked with a deep scar and said it was received in a gun battle in Seattle. It was a jagged wound and had healed, he said, without receiving medical attention.

ROSEBURG, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Frank Timberlake, Mike McGarty and Jack Nastory of Roseburg were brought to Roseburg today, charged with possession of liquor. Officers raided their homes and confiscated 13 gallons of whiskey and 12 gallons of beer.

NATIONAL AUTOMOBILE SHOW OPENS IN NEW YORK



A view of a section of the ground floor of Grand Central Palace, New York City, during the national automobile show. The show is rated a biggest motor display ever held in New York. More than 300 new car and chassis models are on view.

SPRING SKIRTS PEAR EXPORTS MOVIE THRILLS TO BE LONGER FROM PORTLAND TAKE TOLL OF PARIS DECREES SHOW INCREASE CASH AND HURT

Formal Gowns Six Inches From Floor, Waist Line Where It Should Be, and No Changes in Silhouette—Hard Times Affect.

PARIS, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Skirts went lower today in fashion showings of small couturier houses, opening the ten days' exhibition of Paris spring styles. The lengthening was slight, one to three inches for street dresses and less for evening gowns.

The lengthening indicates a definite tendency on the part of Parisian dressmakers to pay scant attention to the wall of American matrons for shorter skirts and what they declare to be more of a youthful silhouette.

Showing of the largest dress-making houses, which really say the final word on styles, begin next week. So far as small dressmakers are concerned women will wear their spring street clothes slightly longer than the medium length they have worn all winter. Skirts of formal afternoon dresses shown today were definitely longer, the most popular length being six to eight inches from the floor.

Paris stylists predict two silhouettes will be shown this spring—one for slender and the other for less slender matrons. Longer skirts, belts fitted at a normal waistline and jackets which reach the hip bone are the predicted style for the youthful.

Older women will place their waistline two or three inches lower than their younger sisters. Wear three-quarter length coats and longer skirts.

UNIFORM COAST AUTO LAWS, AIM

SALEM, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Uniform motor legislation will be considered by legislative committees from five states at a meeting in Portland February 7. It was announced by the secretary of state. The states sending committees include Washington, California, Arizona, Montana and Oregon.

Presiding the hearing in Portland, the committees will meet with the joint roads and highways committee of the Oregon legislature in Salem. Preliminary meetings were held in California and Washington last December when tentative drafts or proposed laws were drawn.

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 24.—(AP)—At the request of Charles E. Stricklin, state engineer, a meeting of water users and those who have had filings for irrigation purposes in the watershed on this side of the mountains, was called here today.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Fresh fruit exports from Portland so far this season have been well above those in the corresponding period last season, said a report issued today by the merchants' exchange.

So far this month 226,171 boxes of apples have been shipped, bringing the season's total to 1,483,375 boxes. The movement during the same period last season was 475,885 boxes.

Chests of apples shipped this month amounted to \$226 boxes. The total for the season so far is 205,867 boxes, against 71,540 boxes in the corresponding period last season.

Steamship operators identified with the European trade say that unless large quantities of apples are moved soon the shipments probably will continue through April.

'HARD CITIZENS' MISSOURI 'STIR' STAGE OUTBREAK

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Jan. 24.—(AP)—Officials and guards of the Missouri penitentiary tonight quelled a disorder in "I" hall, the "hard boiled prison" inside the penitentiary, soon after the trouble broke out.

The trouble started about 6:30 p. m., shortly before the annual governor's military ball was to begin at the state capitol, and at 7:45 p. m. penitentiary officials announced the outbreak had been put down with no one injured.

The rioting convicts in the cell building, in which 473 of the most desperate inmates are quartered, overpowered three guards, Frank Welmeyer, O. F. Douglas, and another named Butler, and took their pistols. With these they fired from windows at guard towers on a wall nearby.

No details were given with the announcement the trouble was ended, except that four convicts, apparently the ringleaders, had been captured and had surrendered the guard's pistols.

WETUMPKA, Ala., Jan. 24.—(AP)—While fire consumed the 92-year-old main building and left wing of the institution, 285 women and 327 men prisoners marched rapidly from the state prison here early today without loss of life or injury.

The flames were discovered at midnight on the third floor of the main building, housing a garment factory, and had gained headway before the Wetumpka and Montgomery fire departments could get sufficient water pressure to fight the blaze.

Fifteen Accidents Daily Is Average—California Pays Compensation for Zebra Pranks, Hot Soup, The Bites of Cats, Lobsters and Insects.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Behind the scenes of those realistic thrillers which quicken the pulse of America's movie fans there is enacted a far more realistic drama that costs its cost in dollars, deaths and disabilities.

Industrial injuries in motion picture production for the past five years and the first six months of 1930, industrial accident commission figures revealed, totaled 19,794. Fifty-five were fatalities among extras, regular actors or studio workmen. The remainder were listed under permanent or temporary injuries.

An average of 15 accidents, sufficiently severe to be reported to the commission, occur daily in the production of motion pictures. Records revealed these injuries resulted from a multitude of causes.

The filming of Trader Horn on location at Tecate, Mexico, was held responsible for two peculiar disability cases. Donald Goetz wrenched his shoulder when a halibut zebra jerked away from him while an African jungle scene was being filmed. C. A. Marshall, an extra, was granted temporary disability compensation because an insect bit him.

A lobster pinched the upper right eye lid of Fred Metz as he stooped to pick up another while the filming of a comedy was in progress.

During a snow scene A. Mezzavilla got some synthetic snow in his right eye. A doctor removed a small feather from his eye. Ray Hammersley tried to drive a spike while building a stage set and struck himself in the left eye. Ronald Dicks, who hired out as a combatant in a general melee, fainted from exhaustion during the fight and was injured.

Demetrius developed after Geo. Higgins painted his body to play the part of an Indian and Isabel Maloff's baby bumped its head against hers during a rain scene causing considerable "pain and anguish."

Others reported cut bites, burns from hot soup drunk while participating in a domestic film, strained hands from a scene involving a small feather from his eye. Goings suffered a fractured leg and hip and possible internal injuries, hospital attendants said. Both men were unconscious when taken from their wrecked plane.

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DAISY PUTS ALL BLAME ON COWBOY

From Her Cell, Ex-Secretary of Clara Bow Tells How Jobless Actor Got Her Her Job—Has Dreams of Freedom and Stage Career.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 24.—(AP)—On the broad shoulders of Cowboy Rex Bell, Daisy Deboe placed the blame today for her conviction of the theft of \$25 from Clara Bow. Rex, she said, went gunning for her job as secretary to the screen's queen of flappers and dug up the charges to "get me out" of the way.

Daisy is "out of the way" for the moment, at least. From behind the bars of the county jail she talked freely with reporters. She told about her plans and thoughts and her fare on the train to Los Angeles.

Although she believes Bell responsible for her fate, that is not the most important thing in the title of events of the past two weeks for her. Right now, she wants to get out of jail and "fight to a finish" the verdict of guilty, which a jury returned against her yesterday.

One to ten years in prison or freedom on probation are the penalties provided by law for her crime. She said she will file notice of appeal when she is brought up for sentencing on Monday before Judge William Doran.

Daisy's explanation of how she got into jail is that Bell's contract expired at a studio and he had no job. He became Clara's boy friend and decided to get Daisy out of the way so he might have her position. Daisy claimed Clara knew all about the clothes she bought and the car she drove and she knew that she couldn't do it on \$75 a week. She said Clara told her to buy what she wanted, but because Clara "is just a kid," Bell talked her into believing that "I stole them." "I didn't steal anything, so how could I be guilty?"

Jail, Daisy said, isn't a place where she would want to stay very long. The surroundings are not all that could be desired, compared to the luxury of her life with Clara and blue denim dresses don't display pretty blondes to the best advantage.

When all of this is behind her, she wants to start fulfilling a long cherished desire—a career on the stage. She first hopes to make some money in vaudeville, something like it, you know," and then spend it in study, after which her real career begins. So the future does not look so black to her today as it did at 3:43 p. m. yesterday, because, for one thing, it is nearer Monday and she is quite certain of getting out of jail then on bond.

OREGON AVIATOR, STUDENT, INJURED IN PLANE CRASH

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Pounder was unconscious in the front cockpit when he was taken from the wrecked plane. At the hospital where he was taken it was said his skull was fractured, that he was injured internally and had several broken bones. His condition was critical, hospital attendants said.

Goings, whose home is in Vancouver, Wash., was in the rear cockpit of the plane. His left leg and hip were broken. He was unconscious.

PRESIDENTIAL YACHT BURNS, SINKS AT PIER

'Mayflower' Historic Craft Destroyed By Fire and Explosion at Philadelphia Navy Yard—Origin Unknown.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The Mayflower, famous as the presidential yacht of five American presidents, sank in 24 feet of water at her pier at the Philadelphia navy yard tonight after fire had destroyed her. Then she listed and went to the bottom of the Delaware.

Fire from an undetermined cause burst from the Mayflower shortly before 10 o'clock, an explosion tearing holes away and sending out clouds of smoke and flame.

All the fire fighting apparatus in the navy yard was sent to the scene, and virtually every marine and sailor in the yards fought the fire with hose lines and extinguishers. The Philadelphia department sent several engines to the yard and also rushed a fireboat down the Delaware river to fight the fire from the water side of the vessel.

Five sailors were overcome by smoke and fumes from paint containers and acid tanks that exploded and were treated at the navy yard hospital. Equipment was being transferred to the Mayflower from the Niagara, but the vessels were cut apart and the Niagara escaped damage.

HAWLEY FATHERS CURB ON ALIEN LABOR PRODUCTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Plans for establishing a national policy to prevent importation of enforced labor products in competition with those of American free labor are to be taken up by the house ways and means committee with a view to action at this session.

Chairman Hawley announced today that the Kendall bill to restrict importations of enforced labor products should be considered at hearings before the committee within a few days.

Russian products, the Oregon member said, not only were threatening American foreign markets but were injuring domestic markets, particularly wheat, pulpwood and petroleum.

Earlier in the day Hawley attended a meeting called by Chairman Fish of the committee to discuss means of combating the reported menace to the lumber industry of Russian imports. About 15 members of the house and Senator Gould, Republican, Maine, attended.

Hawley said tariff or prohibition against products of forced or indentured labor which taken effect January 1, 1932, must be included in the committee's efforts. He said there was forced labor all over Russia.

"I have under consideration bills to move the effective date of the embargo against products of forced or indentured labor forward to April 1," he said. "We are also considering legislation to bring relief from Russian competition by transferring to burden of proof in connection with convict and forced labor to the importer before the cargo is landed."

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DRYNESS OF PRESIDENT UNDER FIRE

Sen. Wheeler In Debate On Beer Bill Vote Says Mr. Hoover 'Moist To Say The Least'—Two Secretaries and Press Quoted.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 24.—(AP)—Amid debate on whether President Hoover favored modification of the dry laws to make them less or more stringent, the senate today approached the first vote it has had on four per cent beer since national prohibition became effective.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, Montana, said friends of the president had "passed out the word secretly that the president is moist on the prohibition issue." He based his statement on newspaper stories he read to the senate.

While administration leaders kept out of the discussion, Senator Brookhart, Republican, Iowa, said he interpreted the stories purporting to show the president has an open mind on prohibition to mean that he is for revision to make the dry law more enforceable.

Senator Bingham, Republican, Connecticut, offered the bill to legalize four per cent beer. He asked for a record vote and appeared to be in position to get the first test of this kind in the senate since national prohibition became effective. Bingham said he did not believe President Hoover favored his proposal.

Bingham's bill was offered as a substitute for the pending Howell bill establishing a drastic enforcement act for the District of Columbia. The Howell bill, under attack from the outset by both drys and wets, opened the flood gates of prohibition oratory. It was still pending tonight and offered an opening for much future discussion on prohibition.

The Bingham beer measure was sidetracked for disposition of an amendment by Senator Blaine, Republican, Wisconsin, to strike from the Howell bill provisions allowing search and seizures in homes upon evidence that stills are operating in them or that liquor is delivered to them or removed from them.

It was this provision which was condemned by drys as well as wets. Senator Howell, Republican, Nebraska, author of the bill, said it was necessary to keep Washington from continuing as "the sanctuary of bootleggers." He conceded that Attorney General Mitchell had opposed the provision.

Senator Wheeler read newspaper stories published recently purporting to show that Walter Newton, executive secretary to the president, and Secretary Hurley had said Mr. Hoover's message to congress on the law enforcement commission report was being misinterpreted and that Mr. Hoover had an open mind on revision.

"They are secretly giving the impression," said Wheeler, "that the president is moist to say the least."

"These newspapers," argue Senator Brookhart, "can frame up most any kind of story. All I make out of them is that the president favors revision to make prohibition more effective. I am with him."

"Yes," continued Wheeler, "I understand the senator from Iowa wants to think the president as dry as he is. He surely will be as much disappointed in the president's dryness as he was in the president's progressiveness two years ago."

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PROSPERITY ITEM

SEATTLE, Jan. 24.—(AP)—R. W. Hines, branch manager of the Ford Motor company, said today construction of the new \$3,000,000 Ford assembly plant here would be started immediately. Bidders who won contracts for about \$2,000,000 worth of the work will be announced Monday, he added.

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 24.—(AP)—The biggest blast furnace in the world, a new stack owned by Trumbull Cliffs company at Warren, Ohio, went into operation today for the Republican Steel corporation. Its capacity is 1,200 tons of pig iron a day.

The Weather

Oregon: Cloudy Sunday with rain in the west portion; Monday rain; moderate temperature; strong southerly gales offshore.