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AL JORDAN IS HELD FOR MURDER

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
THROUGHOUT this entire country, more than 150 people lose their lives in holiday accidents over the Christmas week-end — traffic accidents, principally.
On holidays, people get out on the roads and go places, and when the roads are crowded with people going places accidents are bound to occur.

THE loss of 150 lives over one week-end sounds like a lot. But remember that this is a big country, with a total population of some 120 millions.
Big as the total sounds, when we see it in a headline, these holiday fatalities amounted to only one out of about each 800,000 of total population.
The chances against us, you see, really aren't very great, even on holidays.

TRAFFIC accidents, as you know if you have read the papers carefully, don't make up the total of the news of the Christmas week-end. There is drunkenness—plenty of it. In sadly many cases, drunkenness led to murder.
Of lesser crimes, there were certainly enough. The papers have been more or less full of them ever since.

THE point is this:
It is in our leisure time, such as holidays, especially two-day holidays extending over week-ends, that we do most of our hell-raising. We seem to let loose on such occasions, and when we let loose the worst in us comes out.
Nearly everybody is telling us that in the future, thanks to machines, we are going to have more and more leisure time; some of the more advanced thinkers along this line asserting that we shall work not more than 15 to 20 hours per week.
That will be fine, of course; but when we get so much leisure time on our hands we are going to have to learn to use it for something better than hell-raising.

UP IN Washington, there is talk that this winter's legislature will repeal the law that forbids prize-fighting.
There is prize-fighting, anyway, law or no law. It is pointed out, so why not repeal the law and get back to first principles?

THERE is talk also—although it will probably get no farther this year than talk—of repealing the law that forbids betting on horse races.
People BET on horses, you know, when they feel that way, law or no law. So people up in Washington, the story goes, are beginning to say that if such is the case, why keep a law FORBIDDING betting on horses on the books.

BESIDES, it is asserted, the state can get a lot of revenue out of taxing prize-fights and betting on horse races and a lot of other things that people JUST WILL DO but which are now forbidden by law, and the state NEEDS THE MONEY.

THIS writer, speaking merely as one individual, is quite convinced that you can't make people moral by passing a law.
It has been tried often enough in the world's history, but it doesn't seem to work. When the law says sternly, as to such offenses, "YOU MUSTN'T," human nature appears to respond perversely: "Yes, but I WILL."
Human nature was that way, even among the Puritans. It was that way long before the Puritans. It is that way yet. The chances are it always will be that way.

SO THE state of Washington, and other states, might as well vibrate from their statute books their so-called "blue laws." These laws never have accomplished what they were intended to, and they never will.
But when it comes to TAXING the things that are forbidden by these blue laws, such as betting on horse races, thus making the state a PARTNER in them, as is being proposed up in Washington, that is another story.

Hoover and Party At St. Augustine

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Hoover and his fishing party arrived here at 1 p. m. today. Mr. and Mrs. Hoover docked at the municipal pier and planned to continue south to Daytona Beach tonight.

FIGHT IN ASHLAND HOME XMAS DAY FATAL FOR W. LONG

S. P. Engineer's Throat Cut By Broken Bottle in Scuffle With Well-Known Ashland Man—3 Witnesses

A charge of manslaughter will be filed today in justice court at Ashland by the district attorney's office against Albert E. Jordan, 51, of Ashland, a merchant, as a result of the death from a punctured jugular vein, of Walter F. Long, 49, of Dunsmuir, Calif., a Southern Pacific railroad engineer, Sunday afternoon, as the climax of a trivial quarrel. Jordan, in the county jail, claims self-defense. He voluntarily surrendered.

According to the authorities, the Christmas tragedy occurred about 3:40 o'clock in the afternoon, in the kitchen of the Jordan home in Ashland. He voluntarily surrendered. Mrs. Pearl Mackrott, of Portland, a sister of the dead man, was held for a few hours as material witness, but was allowed her liberty, to be with her mother. In a serious condition from shock.

Witnesses Give Story
There are a number of confusing angles to the case, but the story gathered from the statements of the three eye-witnesses, is as follows:
Long and his wife, Mrs. Pearl Mackrott of Portland, were spending Christmas with their mother, Mrs. George Shelton of Ashland, who lives a few doors from the Jordan home on the Boulevard in Ashland. Jordan knew Long "only by sight," he says, but had known Mrs. Mackrott from childhood.

In the afternoon, Long and Mrs. Mackrott made an informal Christmas call at the Jordan home. Mrs. Mackrott, according to the district attorney's office, and the state police, was greeted. After an exchange of greetings, Mrs. Mackrott started going from room to room, the authorities say.

Quarrel Starts
While this was underway, Jordan, his wife and Long were in the kitchen. Jordan told Sheriff Ralph (Continued on Page Four)

BOMB CONFESSION TERMED ALL LIES

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The "confession" of Paul M. Calliote, Portland sailor and mountain guide, that he unknowingly placed the bomb in the 1916 Preparedness day disaster here was today branded as the tale of a "confessed liar and publicity seeker" in a 10,000-word report made public without comment by Chief of Police William J. Quinn.

The report was prepared by Police Captain Charles Goff and Inspector Charles Maher, who journeyed to Portland to investigate Calliote's story of placing the suitcase bomb on the corner of Stewart and Market streets July 22, the day of the explosion.

SOLON HITCH-HIKES TO ATTEND SESSION

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 27.—(AP)—H. L. Challburg, of Potter, new Democratic state representative, hitch-hiked his way here for the legislative session next week.
Challburg, a widower, came 400 miles. An elderly retired farmer and grain dealer, he took to the highways and made it in two days and two nights.

Body Washes Ashore
ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A body found on the beach near Ocean City was identified today as that of Lauri Salo, Astoria trolleyman, whose fishing boat foundered in a storm December 6.

Freed in Greece



SAMUEL INSULL, former American utilities head, petition for whose extradition was denied today.

EXTRADITION OF INSULL REFUSED IN GREEK COURT

ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Greek courts today rejected an American petition for the extradition of Samuel Insull, former Chicago utilities official.
Mr. Insull was set at liberty immediately.

ATHENS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Samuel Insull, debonair and talkative, walked into a courtroom of this ancient Greek capital today with the best legal talent the country afforded to defend himself against an extradition demand from Chicago.
The former multimillionaire utilities operator is charged with embezzlement and larceny.

The hearing commenced at 9:30 a. m. Mr. Insull asked for a translator and Pandelis Raptachis, a lawyer, was appointed.
Mr. Insull gave his identity and declared he had no profession and that he agreed that the hearing be public. He named Christos Ladass and Dionysia Lararinos attorneys for the defense. Also present in court was Arthur Page, his British attorney.

Soon after Public Attorney Raptachis began his opening speech, Ladass interrupted, protesting against the taking of motion pictures. The (Continued on Page Four)

ROTARIANS HEAR TALK ON REALTY

The weekly program of the Rotary club today was in charge of Charles A. Wing, and was a discussion of matters pertaining to real estate, particularly farm management and financing. Olin Arnsperger gave an interesting and instructive talk on plans now being worked out for refinancing and improving the outlook for irrigation projects in this district.

Jack Tobin was a guest from the Roseburg Rotary club.
Chas. Furnas, vice-president, presided in the absence of President Lentis.

"Jim Ham" Denies Judgeship Plans

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 27.—(AP)—United States Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, here on vacation, emphatically denied reports that he would resign to accept a federal judgeship in order that Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago might be appointed by Governor-elect Henry Horner to the set-aside post.

BETTER TIME FOR NATION'S FARMERS ON 1933 HORIZON

Year-End Analysis of Problems Holds Hope—Readjustments Place Industry in Strategic Position

By F. A. RESCH,
(Associated Press Staff Writer.)
URBANA, Ill., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The dean of one of America's largest colleges of agriculture says the nation's farmers are looking to 1933 "with at least faint assurance that better prices will restore part of the 1932 shrinkage of \$1,715,000,000 in their incomes."

That conviction was expressed in a year-end analysis of the American farmer's plight by H. S. Mumford, nationally recognized authority on farm problems, who is dean of the college of agriculture at the University of Illinois.
In strategic position.
Many adjustments already made by farmers to the low prices of 1932, Dean Mumford said, have put them in a position to take better advantage of any improvement in prices and gross receipts that may come in 1933.

Business readjustment which began in 1932, he believes, eventually will make possible the re-employment of millions of workers and should bring about a "substantial rise" in prices of the most depressed farm staples.
Prices at Bottom.
"There is some evidence that farm prices are down to a bottom and that the general trend now will be upward."
"That is particularly true of corn, which is at the lowest price level."
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NEW TAX TANGLE IN COUNTY WHEN STATE SETS SUM

The state tax commission has served notice upon Jackson county that its share of the state will be approximately \$87,000, and a new tax tangle is thereby presented to the county court.
The apportionment for this county for elementary schools is fixed at \$69,930. The budget committee make allowance for \$69,900, so only \$30 will have to be raised.

In the event that a sales tax is adopted for Oregon, the \$87,000 would be refunded, but until that time it is necessary to raise by direct levy.
The county court is today seeking legal opinions, whether or not it will be necessary to re-publish the budget, with the \$87,000 state tax and \$930 elementary school tax added. It is expected that it will have to be re-printed.

The budget was formally adopted and made up by the budget committee. A public hearing was held last Friday.
Under the law, the county court is allowed to increase the budget 10 per cent over the estimated amount, but even with the invoking of this clause, the state demand would still be \$51,000 short.

A final decision will be made by the county court this afternoon. The tax apportionment was made on all counties of the state.

HOUSE PASSES INTERIOR BILL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Christmas lettings were quickly put aside by the house today, its members returning to work and immediately passing a major bill, but the senate held only a perfunctory five-minute session and recessed for three more days.
A sufficient number of representatives showed up to pass and send to the senate the interior department appropriation bill, a \$43,000,000 affair, without need of invoking Speaker Garner's threat to have members arrested and brought to the chamber by the sergeant-at-arms if a quorum failed to appear.

To Live Apart



Janet Gaynor, petite screen actress, and her husband, Lyle Beck, denied they contemplated divorce but admitted they had separated (Associated Press Photo)

MOSCOW SLOWS INDUSTRY WHEELS AS PLAN FINISHED

MOSCOW, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The slogan "slow down" is an evident objective of Russia when it sets forth next week upon its second five-year plan.
A general slowing up of feverish industrial activities was indicated today by the announcement that capital investments for the Russian socialist federated Soviet republic, part of the Soviet union in 1933 will be 18,000,000,000 rubles (about \$9,000,000,000) as compared with 21,000,000,000 rubles (about \$10,500,000,000) for 1931.

This republic, extending from the Baltic to the North Pacific, contains 70 per cent of the population and 92 per cent of the area of the seven Soviet republics.
The food scarcity in Soviet Russia has been a serious problem in the past year and the second five year plan is expected to bring vigorous activity looking toward the tripling or doubling of the standard of living. The migration of working groups in search of food disturbed industrial programs under the first five year plan.

To inaugurate better living conditions, the Russian republic's investment in light industry will be doubled in 1933 as compared with the past year. Much energy is to be concentrated on development of local industries, heretofore subordinated to heavy industry, it was announced.

The definite program for the first year of the second five year plan will be decided for the entire Soviet union after the red parliament is called into session January 20. Its annual meeting recently was postponed ten days.

The question of what Russia has achieved under the first five year plan is so complicated that a fair termination is practically impossible.
The viewpoint in Moscow is that the first five year plan created the industrial background and that the time has come for perfection of this basis.

There are no plans for new large scale production in the next five years, as, for instance, the great water works of Dniep-Prostroy—the power plant on the Dnieper river which Russians claim will be the largest in the world when all units are completed.
Some increase in heavy industrial production are planned for 1933 under the program announced for the Russian republic. The production of pig iron is to be increased 45 per cent, of rolled steel, 46 per cent, of tractors, 34 per cent and of automobiles, 60 per cent.

The development of heavy industry in order to increase production and reduce costs was expected to continue while emphasis is placed on production of consumers' goods.
While remarkable achievements have been claimed in various programs under the concluding five year plan, it has been estimated that food production fell off to such an extent that 15,000,000 are receiving meals by what is known as the "mass feeding" system. This is about one-tenth of the entire population and five times as many as received food in the same manner last year.
The meeting of the red parliament January 10 will provide the first definite figures on the second five year plan and therefore is the object of much interest.
The present pace of industrial activity admittedly has been a great strain on the population by bringing about low living standards.
The forthcoming session also will consider the matter of "strengthening the collective farms," indicating the government does not intend to alter its agricultural policies.
Mount Angel, \$30,000 creamery addition here, nearing completion.

FEDERAL SALES TAX DISCUSSION BOBS UP AGAIN

Both Branches of Congress Renew Talk of Levy at Factory to Balance Budget—Expense Cuts Sought

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 27.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt's advisers made known today that Governor Roosevelt was "horrified" at published reports to the effect that he had endorsed a general manufacturers' sales tax.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Following statements in Albany that Governor Roosevelt was "horrified" at reports he had endorsed the sales tax, Speaker Garner said late today the president-elect's attitude had killed, so far as this session is concerned, that method of balancing the budget.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Renewed discussion of the advisability of levying a manufacturers' sales tax sprang up in both the senate and the house today as the house ways and means committee laid plans for beginning its study of the governmental fiscal situation.
In the senate, the veteran chairman of the finance committee, Smoot of Utah, said the sales tax is the only means that can be found to balance the budget.

A somewhat similar statement came from Speaker Garner. He said that if it were necessary to pass such a tax measure, "I'd do it."
Meanwhile, the house appropriations committee tackled the budgetary problem from another angle. Its chairman, Byrns of Tennessee, appointed a subcommittee to see what (Continued on Page Four)

WIFE OF REDFERN PLEASED BY NEWS

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Paul Redfern, young wife of the aviator who disappeared five years ago on an attempted flight to Brazil, said today that a report her husband is safe is "the most welcome Christmas gift I ever received."
Redfern is reported to be living as the captive king of a tribe of South American Indians in the Rio Madeira region near the borders of the Brazilian states of Amazonas and Matto Grosso.

'OLD SOAK' ENJOYS FAMILY CHRISTMAS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—"The Old Soak," Secretary Stimson's pet parrot, was taken to the Stimson home from the Washington Zoo before Christmas to spend the holidays with the secretary of state and Mrs. Stimson.
"The Old Soak" is just as noisy as he ever was and added to our Christmas celebration," the secretary said today. "His visit of a year at the zoo has not changed him in the least."

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Katherine Baluk, central figure of a sensational Chicago murder case, who was sentenced to the state penitentiary for life in 1924, died today behind the bars, of pneumonia.
BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—(AP)—John J. Carly, 71, vice-president and chief engineer of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, died today at the Johns Hopkins hospital of heart complications following an operation Friday.

KANSAS CITY, KAN., Dec. 27.—(AP)—W. H. Sproul, 65, former Kansas representative in congress, died of heart disease here today.

Believed Lost



W. K. Harding, Minneapolis mining engineer, and his airplane pilot were reported lost in the region of Hudson bay while prospecting for gold. (Associated Press Photo)

14 BODIES REMAIN LOCKED IN BOWELS OF BLASTED MINE

MOWEQUA, Ill., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Rescue workers today began a search in the north wing of the Mowequa mine, shattered by a gas explosion Saturday, for 14 men, whose bodies still were in the workings 700 feet below the surface of the earth. Forty bodies already have been brought out.
Seals placed on the entrance of the wing Saturday to bottle up the fumes were broken at midnight. The shaft was ventilated until 9 a. m., when weary comrades of the entombed men resumed their search, finding one body in the passageway outside the wing.

The search might take days, officials said. Rocks, dirt and timbers had to be tunneled through or pushed aside as the rescuers bored toward the missing men.
Immediate relief for the bereaved families was the pressing need of the little coal community. A committee planned to visit Governor Emerson in Springfield in hope of expediting aid.

R. D. Coburn, vice-president of the Bituminous Casualty company of Rock Island, estimated that dependents of the trapped miners would receive \$200,000 under the state's compensation laws. The state industrial commission will fix the amount of each case, with a maximum of \$4500 for a married man, survived by children.

BODY OF GIRL IS FOUND IN CELLAR

NORWOOD, Mass., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The body of Ansel Keras, 9, was found late today in a burlap bag buried under a wood pile in the cellar of her home. The child had been missing since Christmas day noon. The woodpile was in that section of the cellar allotted to Ahmeed Osman, 48, who with Allie Osman, 48, was taken into custody for questioning shortly before the body was found.

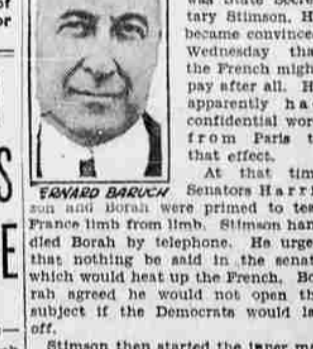
Company A Holds Inspection Tonight

Quarterly inspection and muster of Company A and headquarters company of the 186th Infantry will be held tonight at the Medford Armory. Following the drill, members of Company A will enjoy a feed in the basement.
Butler Improving.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Office of Congressman Robert B. Butler of Oregon, ill with pneumonia, reported his condition as satisfactory today.

BARUCH IS MAN BEHIND THRONE IN F. R. SET-UP

Democratic Financier to Be Real Power in Administration—Already Represents Roosevelt Behind Scenes

By PAUL MALLON,
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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—It was Bernard Baruch, the Democratic Warwick, who stopped the scheduled harpooning of France in the senate last week. He is supposed to have been acting for Gov. Roosevelt.



Behind it all was State Secretary Stimson. He became convinced Wednesday that the French might pay after all. He apparently had a confidential word from Paris to that effect.
At that time Senators Harrison and Borah were primed to tear France limb from limb. Stimson handled Borah by telephone. He urged that nothing be said in the senate which would heat up the French. Borah agreed he would not open the subject if the Democrats would lay off.

Stimson then started the inner machinery which ultimately resulted in Harrison cancelling the speech he was scheduled to make Friday. Baruch handled him.
This little backstage maneuver shows what importance the ghost-like figure of Baruch has now in Washington. You hear very little about him. You never see him. But he is always there.
Democratic Senators believe he speaks largely for Roosevelt. At least (Continued on Page Seven)

FURTHER ROAD WORK WAITS LEGISLATURE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A meeting of the state highway commission and Oregon legislative leaders, held here today, was expected to result in a formal announcement tonight that no more highway construction work will be undertaken until it is known what action the legislature will take on the question of downward revision of automobile license fees.

France Must Pay Ere Negotiations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The American government plans to insist that France meet the December 15th debt installment before there are new negotiations with that country.
Secretary Stimson made this clear today in an assertion to newspapermen with regard to the conversations between Premier Paul Boncour and Ambassador Edge.

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 27.—This "technocracy" didn't seem to make much difference with Christmas. Father's neckties and Sox were done up in the same deceptive boxes they were before the scientists took us over.
People didn't get "beer by Christmas." They just had to struggle along on gin and corn.
Mr. Hoover went fishing in the South, but didn't catch anything. He had waited too long, and the fish had all gone Democratic.
France went into a Shukle and practiced some of Haddock's signals, "to pay or not to pay." That is the question, whether it's better to pay and use the yanks again or not to pay and lose 'em.
Yours,
Will Rogers.

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