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Forecast: Unsettled with occasional rains. Little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 35
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FLOODS HALT HIGHWAY TRAFFIC



By PAUL MALLON.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Mr. Roosevelt has a neat way of making a virtue out of a necessity, so that no one knows the difference.

All political leaders strive to make that trick but few have been able to approximate the finesse which appears to come natural to the President.

He showed his mastery to best advantage in his Blue Eagle executive orders. The White House announced firmly that he was issuing the order continuing the campaign. The implication was clear that everything was just perfect, that nothing was being changed, that the program was to go on as usual.

That is the way the story went out.

The truth is that Mr. Roosevelt does not have the legal authority to continue the Blue Eagle as it is. And he did not try to do it.

That program rests on individual contracts Mr. Roosevelt signed with each employer. Those contracts expire January 1. They cannot be renewed unless each employer agrees.

If the President tried to get a specific agreement from each employer, it would be difficult and possibly embarrassing. Everyone inside and outside knows that phase of the NRA program has been least successful.

Some employers would not sign again. (A majority probably would.)

All Mr. Roosevelt did in his new executive order was to invite holders of the Blue Eagle to continue under it by merely keeping their Blue Eagle signs up. Whether that constitutes a question for lawyers to determine.

At any rate, all a man has to do now to get out of the Blue Eagle is to take down his sign.

That makes it a lot different from what it was before.

Salesmanship proof of his ability lay in his executive order authorizing federal loans to Tennessee Valley citizens for the purchase of electrical equipment.

The way the announcement was made, it sounded like a minor experiment designed solely to encourage private capital to follow suit.

The fact is that those who investigated inside the Muscle Shoals area found that the power development was encountering a serious problem. New electrical current facilities were being provided with prospects that they could not be widely used because the consumers had no money.

The great masses of poor people have no funds to buy electric washing machines, heaters, refrigerators and such. In that condition they were not likely to become sales conscious on the subject of cheap electricity. The whole experiment might fall on that unexpected point.

Merry
The executive of a large corporation described his Christmas cards to friends as follows:

"An old wish—not yet taxed, licensed, or stabilized, not NRA manufactured, AAA production controlled, or AFL organized, nor gold content reduced, paper money value inflated, or 'brain trust' regulated, on which there have been no hearings, investigations or radio broadcasts—is to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year."

Blue-Penciling.
The vice-president of General Foods company, to keep an eagle eye on the codes.

Insiders at the NRA are blaming him for alterations in the main food code. Three sections are said to have been eliminated: (1) That the government have access to company books; (2) That there be a consumer representative on the code authority; and (3) the grades and standards requirements.

A section was included proposing a price mark-up feature. Those changes will NOT stick. Mr. Roosevelt is a heartless copier on codes. He does not use a pencil, but a typewriter.

Notes.
One of the leading New York business advisory services is out currently with a confidential prediction of a business upturn for the first two months of the New Year. It predicts government financing troubles to be encountered after that.

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GENERAL WARNING ISSUED AS WATER SLIDES INCREASE

Worst Conditions in Many Years Reported in Area Drained by Willamette and Lower Columbia Rivers

General Warning
PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—"Don't venture out on the highways unless you absolutely have to."

This general warning was issued today by the Oregon Motor association which refused to guarantee for more than 30 minutes any road information given during the day as flood and slide conditions along the major highways grew worse.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(P)—All highways between Portland and Seattle were blocked today by flood waters and earth slides. Deep water over the highway at Woodland, and a slide between Kalama and Kelso prevented use of the highway and a huge earth and rock slide barred the road at Prescott, on the Oregon side.

Nearly 500 automobiles, including several stages and trucks, were lined up at the Prescott blockade, unable to proceed and unable to turn around.

PORTLAND, Dec. 22.—(AP)—One of the worst floods in many years for the area drained by the Willamette and lower Columbia rivers was predicted by the weather bureau today.

Edward L. Wells, federal meteorologist, warned that the unprecedented heavy rains over the Willamette valley are forcing the Willamette to rise rapidly.

"There is nothing to check the rise at the moment," he declared.

The upper Willamette and its roaring tributary, the Santiam, were booming higher in their banks.

Willamette Goes High.
The Willamette reached a stage of 20.7 feet in Portland at 8 a. m. Flood stage is 18 feet. The river reached the 24-foot stage during the floods of last June.

Failure of communication lines in several directions made it impossible for the weather bureau to get reports on the condition of the Cowitz and other rivers in Washington, which have been flooding wide areas.

While there is another succession of storm areas heading inland from over the Pacific, bringing more rain for the Pacific northwest, no storm of particular violence is expected. Reports from vessels in the north Pacific were few today. The wind diminished on the coast during the night, dropping to 27 miles an hour from the south at 8 a. m. today.

Portland Deluged.
Portland had 2.46 inches of rain during the 24-hour period, a phenomenal amount in view of the terrific downpours experienced the past week. At Cascade locks one of the most torrential rains in history occurred from 5 p. m. yesterday to 7 a. m. today. In the 14 hours, 2.9 inches of rain fell.

Salem had 1.86 inches of rain, and other cities in the Willamette valley were drenched.

Union Pacific railroad officials at The Dalles were uncertain whether trains would be able to get through today. No detours were immediately available for motor traffic through the gorge.

Slide Wrecks Home.
The two-story home of the Iver Eide family on Portland heights was wrecked during the night when a huge earth slide which dropped from a hillside, crashed against it. Other homes in the district were menaced. Eide, his wife and small son, had just crawled from the building when a second slide smashed the building and moved it 15 feet.

Many Portland streets were blocked by mud slides, and Terwilliger boulevard was closed intermittently.

Both stage and railroad traffic to Astoria was moving on slow schedule today.

Woodland Flooded.
Woodland, Wash., sent a call to Portland this morning for power boats. The report said the flood there was the worst in history.

The Mount Hood loop road was blocked near Parkdale, where water swept over the highway. Latest information said it was still possible to go through the Wapinitia cutoff, however.

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Held In Embezzling



David Y. Patlak, Chicago attorney, was held for grand jury action, in lieu of \$50,000 bond, on charges that he embezzled \$130,000 or more from clients seeking aid from the Home Owners Loan Corporation. (Associated Press Photo)

ALLEGED 'SHINERS' ARE HELD FOR U. S. GRAND JURY QUIZ

Fred O. Gamble of Rogue River, charged with operation of an unlicensed still, and John Weedmann of this city, charged with rectifying liquor contrary to the federal revenue laws, were bound over to the federal grand jury yesterday.

Federal charges were filed against the pair. Enforcement of liquor violations now rests with the government, if it concerns revenue angles of the traffic.

Under the federal law, operation of a still, unless licensed, having a distiller's permit, is illegal. State laws governing the same were repealed.

Weedmann is alleged to have engaged in the rectification of liquor, and when arrested, had 20 gallons of synthetic liquor in his possession, according to the state police.

Weedmann is also accused of the theft of a beef from Nichols and Ashpore, and will probably be held on the state charge first. Two men, alleged to be partners of Weedmann, are also held. Other alleged operations of Weedmann are under investigation, including suspicion of theft of a large amount of ham and bacon.

Weedmann has been a resident of this section for more than a year, and originally came from Core county.

Gamble was arrested a week ago at his cabin in the Rogue River section, and beside the operation of a still, is alleged to have set a trap in the trail leading to his cabin, as a protection against raiders. This is a felony under Oregon law, and a state charge will probably be filed.

A green colored string led from the trail to the trap gun, which was on a hair-trigger.

Reports to the authorities indicate that a small boy, traveling the trail, narrowly escaped death or injury.

EAGLES AND CHILDREN YULE PARTY SATURDAY

Fifteen skits will be presented tomorrow evening at 7:45 o'clock at the Eagles party, which members of the order are giving for their children, in the lodge hall. All children thirteen years old and younger will receive treats from the Christmas tree, at 8:45, at the close of the program.

All members of the lodge and their children are requested to attend.

14,000 POUNDS OF PORK FOR COUNTY RELIEF USE

With 14,000 pounds of government pork to be distributed in Jackson county, announcement was made today by the county relief committee.

The sale tax decision, a victory for the administration, validated the use of sales tax revenues for unemployment relief and will permit the governor to proceed with his plans to eliminate or reduce the state tax on property next year.

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3 GUNMEN SLAIN IN BATTLE WITH CHICAGO OFFICERS

Sensational Raid On Apartment Hideout Ends Careers of Suspected Bank Bandits—Arsenal Found

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A band of sharp-shooting Chicago policemen bent on capturing John Dillinger and members of his ring of escaped Indiana convicts, wrote fire to the careers of three other gunmen with bullets in a sensational raid on an apartment in the Rogers park district.

In a short, but decisive, gun fight the police shot and killed the trio last night, and for two hours afterward believed that their victims were Dillinger, and two of his lieutenants, Jack Hamilton and Harry Pierpont.

Finger prints taken from the dead men, however, revealed that they were Louis Katewitz, 28, and Charles Tietlebauer, 30, alias Chuck Tilden, both of whom were suspected of helping to hold up the Union National bank of Streator, Ill., and Sam Ginsburg, 33, a paroled convict from the Michigan state prison at Jackson.

A total of \$52,000 was obtained in the bank robbery which occurred May 15, 1932.

Katewitz and Tietlebauer had been sought since last June 15 when they escaped from jail at Ottawa, Ill.

Receiving a "tip" from an unidentified informant that the first floor apartment at 1428 Parwell avenue was a hideout for Dillinger and his men, 19 picked officers, led by supervising Captain John Stege, swooped

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MILK INDUSTRY WILL SUPPORT CONTROL BOARD

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Representatives of all divisions of the milk industry—producers, distributors and dealers—have pledged support to the state milk control board, created by the special session of the legislature.

Members of the board—E. G. Harlan of Eugene, chairman and administrator; O. M. Plumber of Portland, Burge Mason of Klamath Falls—met here Thursday to establish headquarters and confer with members of the industry.

The board has power to license all establishments where milk is sold as an article of merchandise; to set the price to be paid the producer and the price to the consumer; to designate "milk sheds" from which milk shall be produced for a market, or sales area outlined by the board, and to employ agencies to handle and dispose of surplus milk.

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Selections of persons to fill the positions were being made today by Miss Nye and announcement will be made Sunday as to those who will be in charge of the offices to be established in the county court house, through the courtesy of the county court.

Jackson and Josephine counties have been selected as representative of southern Oregon, and 2000 rural farm houses will be visited by the workers here. The questionnaires to be filled out have been prepared and furnished by the federal government, and are expected to give valuable and accurate information as to the homes of rural America.

The survey will determine the needed improvements and change needs, including extra rooms, or new houses. It is the plan of the government, Miss Nye pointed out, to obtain the estimates of cost of the necessary improvements, and, if found advisable, long time loans will be arranged by the government, to encourage persons living in the rural areas to repair and improve their homes.

This move is to increase employment by putting men to work on the houses, the sale of building material and similar work.

The survey is to begin next week, with the 11 field workers under the joint supervision of Mrs. Isabel C. Mack, Jackson county home demonstration agent, and Mrs. Sarah Wertz, Josephine county home demonstration agent. The three clerks, home economist and consulting contractor will be in the offices for 10 weeks, and the field workers will be employed for five weeks, Miss Nye said. The offices will be opened next Tuesday morning.

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Silver Coinage Ordered By Roosevelt to Hasten Commodity Price Boost

Sudden Expansion of Monetary Program Will Add Millions to Nations Mine Wealth, Spur Exports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Silver coinage today was commanded by President Roosevelt in a sudden expansion of his monetary plans for lifting commodity prices.

By proclamation, he opened federal mints to newly-mined silver in a program estimated to push the metal's price from around 43 to 64 cents an ounce, add millions to the nation's mining wealth and spur exports to silver-using countries.

Silver produced domestically from today until December 31, 1937, will be accepted by the mints. Half will be coined and returned in dollars to the government and held in reserve.

Ratifies Silver Pact
Mr. Roosevelt's proclamation formally ratified the London silver agreement by which it was understood the United States would absorb annually at least 24,241,410 ounces of its silver production, approximately the 1932 output.

Simultaneously with promulgation of silver coinage, the administration evidenced anew its intention to continue gold buying. The RFC increased funds set aside for such purchases from \$75,000,000 to \$100,000,000 and disclosed that 507,485 ounces had been acquired domestically for \$16,976,000. Thus the weight of both gold and silver will go on the Roosevelt lever under commodity prices.

Hints of other moves to come in the government's march toward a commodity dollar was contained in

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Woman Wakening After Enjoying Two Years Sleep

OAK PARK, Ill., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Patricia Maguire, who has been in a sound sleep for the last two years, is showing signs of waking up.

Although still unconscious, she has shown encouraging signs of progress. She sits up without aid for one or two hours a day, and her reactions to heat, cold and hunger are more nearly normal. She mumbles audibly when uncomfortable, but her words are still unintelligible.

STOCKS LEAP UP WITH ANNOUNCING NEW SILVER PLAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Net gains of around \$2 to \$10 for most stocks, advances of 3 cents or more a bushel for wheat, a rise of 95 cents to \$1.25 a bale net in cotton and improvement in many other commodities measured the reaction of speculative markets today to the government's new silver program.

Stocks with a burst of strength and around their day's highs. The market had reacted from an opening surge, but rallied vigorously again in the last half hour. Metal shares in the feature.

Silver features showed net advances of about 1 to 1 1/2 cents after opening advances of 2 to 3 cents.

U. S. Smelting, leading the procession, closed at \$99.37, up \$10.37. Directors, meeting in Boston, declared an extra dividend of \$3.50 a share.

Other final prices were: American Smelting, \$46, up \$6.12; Cerro de Pasco Copper \$38.75, up \$4.75; Allied Chemical \$149, up \$6.50; American Can \$97.62, up \$4.12; Chrysler \$64.37, up \$4.50; Johns-Manville \$58.75, up \$3.12; Du Pont \$92, up \$4.82; Auburn \$54.50, up \$5; Case \$68.62, up \$4; American Metals \$20, up \$2.50. Liggett & Myers "B" wax off \$4 at \$78.

The review points to increased freight car loadings, increased electric output, larger lumber output and unusually high steel production and some of the things already accomplished to make representative industrial indices "more encouraging than at any time since the early part of September."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The American Railway association announced today that loadings of revenue freight for the week ended December 16 were 354,832 cars, an increase of 17,320 over the preceding week, marking the first time since 1919 the revenue freight loadings have shown an increase over the corresponding preceding week instead of the usual seasonal decline at this period of the year.

The total for the week of December 16 was an increase of 39,063 over the same week in 1932, but was 29,338 lower than the corresponding week in 1931.

The peak of the Christmas mail was reached yesterday, Mr. Warner said, and today's incoming letters and packages were not as numerous as Thursday. All deliveries of mail are being made so that the postoffice is cleared after each shipment.

COAST BUSINESS ON HIGHER PLANE
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The first monthly advance since last July in general business activity on the Pacific coast was recorded during November by the Index of Western Business published by the Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust company.

The index stood at 65.2 per cent of the 1923-1925 average. This was 5.5 points above that of a year ago—59.7, and 12.8 points above the depression low—52.4 in March 1933. From this low there was a rise to 71.8 in July, and a later decline, with October at 64.6.

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WILD JAMBOREE STAGED AT SILVER MINING CAMP

LEADVILLE, Colo., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Wild with joy over President Roosevelt's silver purchasing plan, this Colorado silver mining camp was the scene of a riotous all-night celebration that continued today.

The steep streets of the two mile high town were thronged with mining men from all over the silver-producing district, six-guns barked throughout the night, and purveyors of "Leadville moon," a time-honored beverage, did a brisk business.

Miners gathered in groups and speculated on how soon they could get back into the hills to dig for the

\$2 TAX ON RUM, \$5 FOR BEER IS TENTATIVE PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The house ways and means committee today approved tentatively a liquor tax bill estimated to bring in \$470,000,000 including revenue from beer.

By a vote of 13 yeas to 9 Republicans voting present, the committee adopted a levy of \$2 a gallon on distilled spirits, estimated to bring in \$300,000,000 in revenue on an estimated consumption of 150,000,000 gallons the first full post-reefer year.

The committee rejected the administration's proposal for allocation of a portion of the liquor revenue to the states because of many difficulties, Chairman Doughton announced.

To Ponder Tariff
The committee will meet later today to act on the administration's double tariff proposal by which the administration would be enabled to enter into bargaining negotiations with foreign exporting countries. Doughton said, however, that every indication was the present tariff of \$5 a gallon on spirits would stand for the present. He intimated the administration would submit legislation for reciprocal trade agreements not only including liquor but other importations.

\$5 Rate on Beer
The committee also made a flat \$5 a barrel rate on beer. At present 32 beer bears the \$5 rate but all brew of alcoholic content greater now is subject to a \$5 a barrel tax.

Tax experts told Doughton that beer was producing revenue at the rate of \$180,000,000 a year, and estimated wine revenue through domestic excise taxes would net \$100,000,000.

The rates on wine agreed upon today follow:

Wine of alcoholic content of 14 per cent or less by volume, 10 cents a gallon; 14 to 21 per cent, 20 cents; 21 to 24 per cent, 40 cents a gallon, while all wines and brandies contain

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TWO FATALITIES IN OREGON'S INDUSTRY

SALISBURY, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Two fatalities resulted from industrial accidents the past week, the Industrial Accident commission reported today. There were a total of 371 accidents in Oregon during that time.

Those killed were A. L. Hunter of Falls City, a choke setter, and George Kastler of Dallas, fireman.

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