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By PAUL MALLON
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 Involvement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Most people could not understand why such an astute ladies' man as Mr. Roosevelt became involved in the feminine fracas at Montevideo.

The answer to that is Miss Davis Stevens. All who know about women's rights know her. She is a leader in the National Women's party and went to the Pan-American conference as a member of the Inter-American commission of women.

One of the things Miss Stevens wanted most right now is equality for women under civil and national laws. Apparently she got tired of waiting for them here and went to Montevideo to get them all at once.

When a treaty for equal civil and national laws was proposed at the conference, Miss Stevens was given credit among her friends here for putting over a fast one.

Mr. Roosevelt wriggled out of the embarrassment, but not without some bad moments.

He had taken a stitch in time by sending to the conference as an official American delegate the first woman ever to occupy such a position, Dr. Sophonisba Breckinridge, a female brain trustee from the University of Chicago.

State department officials boldly whispered that the appointment was "political" when it was made, but they did not realize how political it was until Miss Stevens' proposition burst like a firecracker under the nose of State Secretary Hull.

On orders from Mr. Roosevelt, the secretary of state and Miss Breckinridge tried to laugh off the resolution and forget it. They found Miss Stevens had worked up such strength for it, they could not.

They wired the White House for instructions.

Mrs. Roosevelt.

Whether Mrs. Roosevelt played any part in the ultimate solution of the problem will probably never be known. Openly she took no part. In fact one women's organization went to the White House and asked her specifically to use her influence for the Stevens treaty, and she declined.

As a reason she cited her general rule never to participate in political matters.

At the White House, however, a simple common sense solution was worked out.

It was agreed the international conference could take no action about civil rights because it deals with international problems only. That ruled out the crux of the Stevens treaty. To mitigate that blow, it was explained that Hull, Attorney-General Cummings and Miss Perkins were working on that question here now.

Also helpful was the decision to let the conference adopt a women's nationality resolution. It does not mean much. Authorities believe it will affect no more than ten cases out of a generation. It will apply only to American women who marry foreign royalty and whose children are born on foreign soil. It specifies the children shall have a right to determine their own nationality.

Results.

The ultimate result of the Stevens treaty fiasco therefore is a little more than nothing.

The authorities here attribute all the trouble to the fact that Miss Stevens got a little ahead of the feminist parade in which Mr. Roosevelt also is marching.

You may rest assured that this administration will ultimately advocate any equal rights that are lying around loose, but it will do it in its own way.

That is, unless Miss Stevens lights some more firecrackers in unexpected places.

COLDER WEATHER HALTS FLOODS IN NORTHWEST AREA

Ten-Day Siege Believed at End As Major Streams Stop Rise — Four Lives Lost in Christmas Slide

(By the Associated Press.)

Snow, light in the west and heavy in the east, availed today over almost all except the southernmost parts of the United States.

Through the Ohio valley and along the Atlantic seaboard it was driven by northeast winds. It struck Portland, Maine, in the form of a bitter northeast blizzard.

New York lay under five inches of snow after less than four hours of its fall. Chicago had 6.3 inches.

Elsewhere it ranged from one to four inches and weather forecasters believed it would continue unabated through tonight and tomorrow.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26. — (AP) — Cold weather today had stemmed the tide of furious floods which for ten days raged from the banks of Pacific northwest streams.

All major rivers were falling. Significant crests which had been transformed into raging torrents, were assuming more normal proportions.

Several hundred families, made homeless by the yellow, debris-laden waters throughout the northwest, were being cared for by the Red Cross and other relief agencies as rehabilitation work went forward in the stricken areas.

In many sections of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, snow or cold, drizzling rain replaced the terrific downpours and the unseasonably warm weather of the past two weeks—conditions which brought on the unprecedented floods.

PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—(AP)—An Oregon Christmas day tragedy, in which four persons lost their lives in mud and rocks hurled down a canyon by flood waters, was added today to the long Pacific northwest flood toll of the past 10 days.

Those who were killed when a natural dam gave way at Clatskanie, Ore., wrecking a farm home, were: Milo Allen, 50, and his three sons, George, 30, Robert, 12, and Donald, 7, Three Rescued.

Mrs. Allen and two other sons, Eldon, 17, and Clifford, 8, were pulled out of the wreckage by men who rushed to the scene. The mother's condition was critical today.

She related that while they were all caught in the tangled mass, both her husband and George talked with her for some time, encouraging her despite their injuries. Finally they told her calmly that they could talk no longer.

"The timbers are weighing us down and the water is near our heads," she quoted them as saying. Shortly she heard them no more.

Courier d'Alene Rages.

Hundreds of workmen spent Christmas day attempting to hold back the waters of Lake Courier d'Alene. The water was 12.85 feet above normal, or higher than during the great flood of 1894, in which great property damage occurred.

Twenty thousand sandbags were thrown up in the city park to protect the city's most exclusive residential region.

To the southwest, residents of Wallace, Kellogg, Kingstons, Evansville, Rose Lake and other towns today were beginning the task of rehabilitation after a week of the worst floods in history with the losses set at several millions of dollars.

SHOT FARMER TO 'PROTECT' COED



Britton D. Young (left), 21-year-old Western Reserve university student, explained he "had to shoot" Carl Meteling, truck farmer, "to protect" his companion, Miss Ruth Belter (right), student at Florence Mather college, when they were parked on a road near Cleveland. Young said Meteling attempted to molest Miss Belter. (Associated Press Photos)

WEATHER AND ACCIDENTS TAKE HEAVY YULE TOLL

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—The worst storm of the year struck New York City today and brought 10.3 inches of snow in the little more than seven hours.

The storm disrupted train and bus schedules, kept airplanes in their hangars, delayed ships, caused a minor collision between two ferry boats in the Hudson river and made walking hazardous.

(By the Associated Press.)

Yuletide and over-the-week-end holiday accidents and the weather combined to cause a heavy loss of life in the United States, a survey revealed today.

More than 180 deaths were reported, most of them due to motor car mishaps. No section of the country escaped.

Among the dead were a blind woman and her infant daughter, fatally burned during a Christmas celebration in their home at Battle Creek, Mich. In Cleveland a man perished in a fall while trying to lower a Christmas tree from a second story window.

Two spinster sisters were found apparently starved to death in Rochester, N. Y., Christmas eve.

At least 85 of the motor car deaths occurred in the mid-west. The south counted 40 dead in accidents. Pennsylvania had 12 dead in motor accidents on Christmas day alone. All other sections of the country added to the totals.

BRUTAL MURDER OF BOY CONFESSED BY MECHANIC

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Sheriff T. A. Heise announced today that Robert H. Wiles, 49, alleged killer of 15-year-old Herbert H. Harris, Jr., "was hired to kidnap him" for \$1,000, purpose of ransoming or killing the boy.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Robert H. Wiles, 49, a jobless mechanic, allegedly confessed today he killed 15-year-old Herbert H. Harris, Jr., with an iron bar and rained blows upon the prone boy until he ceased to struggle.

Police said Wiles attempted killing the boy Saturday in a deserted farm house near Columbia. They said he then drove back to Columbia, shook hands with the boy's father and washed him a merry Christmas.

The killing first was attributed to a desire for revenge against the elder Harris, but the investigation so far today failed to establish any motive.

John Martin Rushon, a former meat cutter for a grocery chain, today said he had seen Wiles in the state penitentiary for examination. He denied all knowledge of the crime.

Three men exploring the old house Christmas day came upon the body in the front room, beneath the bloody remnants of a mattress. Several heavy blows over the temples had battered in the skull.

ARCHBISHOP'S SLAYERS DETERMINED BY DRAWING

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Impelled by burning passion for restoration of the old republic of Armenia, rebel irreconcilables of the alleged revolutionary order of Tashneg drew lots to select the killers of Archbishop Leon Tourain, the police said today.

Striking silently and from behind, the archbishop's assassins struck him down Sunday as he paced up the aisle of the Holy Cross Armenian church in the full vestments of his office and leading the church procession.

Police, who had five men under arrest today after combing the Armenian quarters of the city, said the killers apparently hoped to bring their protests against soviet politics more strongly to the fore by writing them in blood of the cleric.

Members of the church are now characterizing the slain prelate, head of the Armenian Apostolic church in North and South America, as a martyr.

Four men were arrested shortly after the assassination and a blood-stained shirt led police to a fifth man yesterday, although they expressed the belief he was not directly connected with the act.

RANCHER INJURED BY GAS EXPLOSION

Entering a room filled with gas fumes and lighting a match, Bill Straus, Sams Valley rancher, caused an explosion last week-end which brought him severe burns of his arms, face and neck and threatened to destroy the dairy building and barns at the farm near Gold Hill.

Failing to realize upon entering the building that the gas stove was partially turned on, enabling gas to escape and fill the room housing the heating stove, Straus struck the match. An immediate explosion occurred, with flames shooting upward and burning him painfully. Realizing what had happened, he tried to reach the stove and turn off the gas. In so doing he received more injuries, but was able to prevent additional explosions and save the barn and other building adjoining the milk shed.

MRS. REAMES HEADS CENSUS ON BUSINESS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—The census bureau today announced appointment of four Oregon supervisors for the new business census, says a Washington, D. C. dispatch to the Journal.

Mrs. A. E. Reames of Medford supervised two competing companies south of Linn in western Oregon.

MONETARY POLICY CHRISTMAS TRADE AS NEW YEAR NEAR ON HIGHER LEVEL

No Indication Given By President of Step Toward Perfecting Gold Understanding Among Nations

By WILLIAM L. BEALE, Jr. (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's monetary program entered the last week of 1933 today without official indications of any immediate new step toward an international gold understanding similar to that reached on silver.

The first price for domestic gold set by the government after the Christmas holiday was \$34.66 an ounce, the sixth successive repetition of this figure. This RFC quotation was \$2.70 above the first price posted in a fall while trying to lower a Christmas tree from a second story window.

Budget Message Polished.

While the monetary program progressed apparently unchanged, the president and his financial advisors were devoting increased attention to polishing the budget message which goes to congress next week, the day after Mr. Roosevelt submits his own report on the state of the union.

These preparations were rushed at a time when the federal deficit crept close to the billion-dollar mark in latest treasury figures dated only ten days from the end of the calendar year and the first six months of the fiscal period.

It stood at \$963,518,000 as compared with \$1,588,192,000 a year ago.

Receipts Increased.

Increased receipts, due chiefly to new taxes, accounted for \$436,000,000 of this \$284,000,000 difference between last year's deficit and the present one.

The administration break-down of the outgo allotted \$1,416,803,000 to ordinary operating expenditures and \$979,825,000 to emergency ones, of which \$532,733,000 for the RFC constituted the largest single item.

Sinking fund operations also represented a big difference between the position of the treasury at the time of a year ago. During the present fiscal year the government has put \$17,287,000 in the sinking fund as against a corresponding allotment last year of \$418,784,000.

President Roosevelt set aside today and tomorrow for the completion of his budget program for the new government year upon which he will focus principal attention of the approaching session of congress.

DON'T BLAME NICK FOR TARDY GIFTS SAYS POSTMASTER

Old Santa Claus was in bad yesterday in a lot of Medford homes. . . . And it was no fault of his, Postmaster W. J. Warner apologized today for the jolly old fellow, opening a door of the mailing room to reveal evidence of the fact.

Tardy mailing from all corners of the globe interfered with St. Nick's arrival and there were a lot of disappointed boys and girls as well as over-worked post office employes as a result.

The post office was crammed last night and today with packages, which should have arrived Saturday to make their destinations for Christmas. Their contents ranged from Christmas turkeys, which may and may not be edible later, to toys for the children.

The packages for one route (and there are nine) filled a block of the immense room half way to the ceiling and having arrived yesterday, continued with their work. Trains coming into Medford yesterday and today were loaded with Christmas mail, more than 200 sacks of it covered the post office floor this morning.

When the post office staff left late Saturday night, however, all mail received had been distributed, but they found anxious boys and girls in many homes, who insisted they should have packages. They arrived today (all the same as a last year's bird nest to little folks, who had kept faith in Santa Claus). This is especially true of rural mail, Postmaster Warner stated, for it requires an extra 24 hours for delivery in most cases.

Sufficient help to care for the complete mail load was placed on the job at the post office, but the mail didn't arrive because a lot of folks waited until the last minute to start it on the way.

Yesterday 16 pouches of mail arrived, while the usual Monday delivery brings into Medford but four.

To help solve this problem in future years, Mr. Warner urged all recipients to extend hands for late packages to remind the senders that they arrived after Christmas. It might not be the polite thing to do, he added, but it would do much toward solving the worst mailing abuse now existing. Through constant effort the post office staff has educated the public to pack gifts properly, but many were careless and few packages were damaged in transit this year. It is hoped that in future years the people will become equally educated to the needs of early mailing.

THREE KILLED ON GRADE CROSSING NEAR ALBANY, OR.

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 26.—Joseph Mayer, 67; his wife, 62, of Lebanon, and their daughter, Mrs. Charles G. Bilyeu, 45, of Enterprise, were killed, and Mrs. Bilyeu's daughter, Mary Joan, University of Oregon student, was seriously injured at 11:04 a. m. Sunday when an auto driven by Mayer was struck by a south-bound Southern Pacific passenger train at the city limits here. The car was shoved more than 500 feet before Engineer Tom Luster could stop the train.

Mrs. Bilyeu is in the Albany General Hospital with a broken hip and other severe injuries. The bodies of the other victims are in the local morgue.

Three eye-witnesses, F. C. Dannals, Arthur Greulich and James Shepherd, said the car was being driven toward Lebanon on the Santiam highway and that Mayer apparently did not see or hear the approaching train, for he drove on the tracks at almost the same instant the train reached him. The driver and his passengers had no chance to save themselves, so sudden was the impact.

Mrs. Frances Sparrow, daughter of Mrs. Alex Sparrow of this city, was returning from Portland to Medford on the train, when it crashed into the car at Albany, she stated upon arrival here Sunday. She did not witness the crash, but the details of the tragedy, which followed, the train was held up in the northern city for some time as a result.

WOMEN FLIERS UP SIXTH DAY

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 26.—(AP)—Observing her 29th birthday in the skies Frances Marshall today completed her sixth day aloft with Helen Hickey in their attempt to establish a women's refueling endurance flight record.

The fliers entered their seventh day above the ground at 1:30 p. m., with clear weather prevailing, but with winds slightly choppy.

If everything goes well, the women will equal the present record of eight days, four hours and six minutes at 8:09 p. m. Thursday.

Roosevelt Mail Shows Interest Taken by Citizens

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—President Roosevelt noted with interest today a summary showing the receipt of 1,829,000 letters and parcels and 20,000 telegrams since his inauguration March 4.

This volume of correspondence between the people and the White House was regarded by the president as indicating a renewed interest on the part of citizens in government.

AUTO ACCIDENTS GALORE LISTED OVER HOLIDAYS

Carl Walden of 1715 North Riverside avenue and Don Turpin, also of Medford, were each fined \$10 in city court this morning when they entered guilty pleas to reckless driving charges proffered by city officers. The arrests were the outgrowth of a series of automobile accidents in this section over the Christmas holidays.

Walden was arrested when his car struck that belonging to Maude Abbott of 525 Albert street. The Abbott car was parked at 304 Ashland avenue. Witnesses listed were Ernest Newtown and Charles Stelle.

Turpin was arrested early this morning by city police, for driving in a reckless manner.

Harvey Stevens of Central Point reported to city officers that his car tore down about 24 feet of fence by the Jacksonville road when a rear wheel broke on the auto at 2:15 a. m. Sunday. Concerning a minor collision at the corner of Main and Oakdale on Sunday, Frank M. Howard filed an accident report with the city police. The G. J. Semon car was involved in the crash.

An accident occurred Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock on the road en route to Rand Ranger station, where a CCC camp is located, was reported to city police in Medford this morning. William Dayton of the CCC district headquarters was driving one of the cars, and a Mr. Robinson of Galice, another. The report showed that the truck was unable to avoid striking the other car one one-way dirt road.

At the intersection of the Valley View and Hillcrest roads Sunday at 12:30 a. m., the automobiles driven by H. B. Jones of the Palmer Electric house and William S. Rose of 14 North Front street collided. Jones reported filed with city police states that Rose did not have the right-of-way.

At 6:20 p. m., on Christmas day, J. Fitzgerald's automobile was slightly damaged when attempting to park on South Central street. Edward A. Moore was driving the other car, which attempted to park in the same place. Neva Measal and Raymond Wyatt were named as witnesses in the reports placed on file with the city officers.

Reports were also filed concerning the crash at 4:45 Christmas morning, on South Riverside avenue near Fifth street, between the cars driven by Oscar Ditzner and P. W. Foster of 235 South Ivy street.

MISSING NURSE IN ELOPEMENT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26.—(AP)—W. L. Folsom of Pilot Rock, Umatilla county, was today en route to Santa Monica, Cal., to return his missing daughter, Dorothy Folsom, 21, a student nurse, who disappeared from Portland Dec. 18.

The girl dropped from sight here after she and another nurse had attended a theater. Santa Monica police reported yesterday she and Lawrence Morgan, also sought in the disappearance case, had been detained in the California city.

Morgan was linked with the case after police here were told he and Miss Folsom may have eloped. The girl is well known to students of University of Oregon where she was enrolled during the 1931-32 term.

APPLICATIONS FOR OLD AGE PENSIONS GET FIRST SURVEY

The county court, acting as an old age pension board, today held its first session for consideration of old age pension applications.

In the neighborhood of 25 applications have been filed to date. Owing to the fact that most of the applicants have failed to answer all the questions, most of these will have to be returned. Many of the most vital queries have not been answered. All the questions on the blanks must be answered "yes" or "no," and full data furnished as to the length of residence in this state and country.

The county court requests that all questions on the blank be filled out, in order to avoid delay and to have a complete record as required under the law.

Close to 500 applications have been sent out, and of this number few have been returned. It was first estimated that 1500 applications would be made and that half that number were eligible.

The old age pension law requires that all property owned by the applicant be transferred to the county, as reimbursement for a pension, and that no kin, such as a son, or unmarried daughter, or other legally responsible are able to provide the relief, and that the applicant have no other source of income.

Several local applications will have to be transferred to other counties of the state. In one received today, the applicant had lived 15 years in Josephine county and a year in this county. His application will be forwarded to Josephine county.

FARLEY SHOULD QUIT ONE JOB SAYS NORRIS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Senator Norris (R., Neb.) said today James A. Farley should not serve as postmaster general in President Roosevelt's cabinet and remain chairman of the Democratic national committee. He declined to say whether he had suggested to Farley that he resign from one position or the other.

CONGRESS WON'T PUSH CASH BONUS IS BELIEF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Representative Patman (D., Texas) said today he did not believe congress would force cash payment of the bonus at the coming session if that would interfere with the president's monetary program.

APPLE SHIPMENTS FAR ABOVE 1932

Fruit shipments from the Rogue River valley in state total 1672 cars of pears and 97 cars of apples. This is approximately three times the number of cars of apples that were shipped out last year.

Pears are being shipped at the rate of from 18 to 23 cars per week.

County Horticulturist Lyle P. Wilcox said today: "The pear market is looking better" and "the export situation is being whipped around into shape." He further stated, "The French situation is being adjusted."

TOLL OF FRENCH DISASTER GROWS

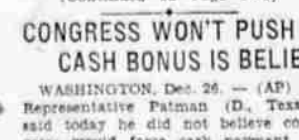
PARIS, Dec. 26.—(AP)—Known fatalities in Saturday night's railroad disaster reached 199 today with the death of three more victims.

Of the total number killed, only three persons remained unidentified at noon: they were two women and a man. Meanwhile an investigation was pressed into the worst train wreck in France's history.

The exact total of deaths may never be known. Remains shapeless beyond identification as human bodies were gathered together today in nameless catasts.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: SANTA MONICA, CAL., DEC. 25.—Well, there is lots more good cheer this Christmas than last (or the last three) and it's not all out of bottles either. It's in the heart, in the confidence and in the renewed hope of everybody.

Course there is an awful lot of folks that are not working, but they have never been the ones that's complained. Fear has never come from the fellow with no job, or no food. He has stood it wonderful. I doubt if a parallel will be found where millions hung on with such a continued hope and patience as in this country, but I believe even the most down and out, while he might not have seen a turkey Christmas day, he can see one in the future.



Will Rogers