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Forecast: Unsettled, with occasional rain tonight and Thursday, little change in temperature.
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—

Washington has its quota of foreign spies. It is little different from the rest of the world capitals. But you rarely hear anything on the subject here. The reason is that we have a different technique about handling such matters.

Our agents rarely let the spies know they are even being suspected. The state department does not like the idea of making charges which only increase international suspicion and animosity. They know full well that if they raise an ado about one spy organization and break it up, another will immediately take its place.

So they generally let the spies go on with their work, keeping them under secret surveillance and tapping their methods of communication. They also try to keep such situations from getting out.

There is one such case which is very warm right now.

Open Books.

There is less for spies to do here than there is in the European capitals, where secret war preparations keep things humming. We have no secret fortifications, which are particularly important in our defense scheme. For that reason, counterparts to the recent Paris case are extremely rare in this country.

What foreign spies specialize on here are naval and army plans for airplanes, ships, guns and new weapons of war.

But we are unusually open even about those subjects in certain instances.

There is a rule that airplane plants manufacturing for the army and navy must take steps to prevent outsiders from peeping. But, recently, when foreign attaches of a certain embassy here requested a pass through the state department to go through an airplane factory near here, the pass was issued, although new government planes were then being built there.

Currently we are supposed to have developed a high speed naval plane about which the world knows little. However, it is an even bet that most of the aviation experts of foreign powers have a fairly good line on it by now. These things cannot be kept secret for long, even with stronger precautions than we take.

Reality.

The inside figure on the actual deficit for this fiscal year is four billion dollars.

That figure will never be published officially, but it is the one on which Mr. Roosevelt has been laying his budget plan. The official budget will, of course, show a surplus of perhaps a billion. That is because most of the relief expenditures were left out of it.

Bookkeeping.

The only crowd the experts want to pick with Mr. Roosevelt's budgetary device is the manner in which public works expenditures have been handled.

That fund is a grab bag. Any time they need money for anything they call on Interior Secretary Ickes for it, and he goes down in his sock and produces it from the public works fund.

When the final report from that agency it you will find that more than half of it has gone to government departments, some for legitimate public works, but also substantial amounts for national information services and what not.

Slight-of-Hand.

In one peculiar instance, congress declined to give the coast and geodetic survey money to carry on certain work. It cut the appropriation for that bureau at the last session. After congress the money desired by the bureau from the public works fund. The same thing has been done for the commerce, interior and agriculture departments. The idea behind it is that the work furnishes employment and should be done despite the attitude of congress.

Farm Mortgages.

The farm credit administration appears to be in a little credit jam which the authorities are trying to smooth over.

The whisper is that the original \$200,000,000 appropriation for mortgage relief has been entirely earmarked or spent so that there is none remaining free.

The farm credit crowd has not used the two billions in bonds authorized

BILLION DEFICIT FAILS TO WORRY PREST. ROOSEVELT

White House Expects Red Ink Figures to Mount Higher As Result Recovery Program — Income Eyed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP) The government's deficit today passed the billion-dollar mark.

The figure by which expenditures exceeded receipts in the daily treasury statement was \$1,024,121,667.

This compared with the corresponding deficit the same time last year of \$1,593,694,763.

While this figure was the latest available, it was already several days old, being given in the treasury statement of its condition December 25.

Since that day it was considered certain the deficit had grown still higher.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt displayed no surprise today at the latest treasury statement showing a deficit in government finances of a billion dollars. He said that the figure would mount even higher as a result of the recovery program.

The chief executive was said authoritatively to be interested in making certain that income in revenue certain with the normal current expenditures and he understands this income and outgo is about on an even basis.

Continuing his preparation of the budget to be submitted to congress next week, President Roosevelt called in Henry Morgenthau, acting secretary of the treasury, and Lewis Douglas, budget director.

Message Enwritten

Mr. Roosevelt told newspaper men at his press conference that he has not started writing his budget nor his message on the state of the union to be read to congress on the opening day, January 3.

Asked to give his views on past events and predictions of those to come at the turn of the year, the president replied that he was willing to let the same old forecasters do the job and continue to be the goat.

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FRANCE BURIES WRECK VICTIMS

PARIS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—In a national funeral at a Paris railroad station, France made a last farewell to the victims of the Lagny train disaster as the deaths of two women raised fatalities to 202.

An enormous crowd gathered in the great, black-crowded underground hall of the East station. It was transformed into a chapel beside the baggage room where rows of coffins lay.

Here it was that the bodies had been placed for identification after the crash Saturday night at Lagny, near here, when the Strasbourg flier ran into the rear end of a fogbound express.

Chinese Woman Wins Damage for Assault

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Marie L. John, a Chinese, was awarded \$5,150 damages by a circuit court jury here last night in her suit against Royden H. Enloe, slot machine owner and distributor, whom she charged with assault and battery.

She had asked \$15,150, declaring that Enloe beat and threatened her after she had ordered him to remove two of his slot machines from her curio store.

Five Killed When Train Hits Cattle

CALVERT, TEXAS, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Three members of the crew and two hoboes were killed when a Missouri Pacific freight train struck some livestock near Calvert early today and was derailed.

R. J. Delbosque, 48, engineer; Fred Wallace, 46, fireman; and Orlin Green, 47, front brakeman all of Mart were killed when the engine and eight cars left the track.

PLANE WINS DEATH RACE TO SAVE LIFE OF BABY

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The condition of Sue Trammell, five-month-old baby flown here from Houston, Texas, in what was thought to be an air race with death, was described as "satisfactory" at Johns Hopkins hospital today.

The child had rested so well since taken from the plane, which James R. Wedell, speed flier, landed in the snow here early this morning, that Dr. Walter E. Dandy, the brain specialist, decided to postpone his examination until later in the day.

Dr. Dandy's assistants assured him that the child was in no immediate danger.

Will Turns Green When Role Calls For Pipe Smoking

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Will Rogers, the actor-humorist, today proved the truth in the saying that it's difficult to teach an old dog new tricks. A sequence in a motion picture he is appearing in called for Rogers to smoke a pipe.

He smoked.

Presently he began to take on a greenish color.

"Jim," he yelled to Director Cruze, "I'm sick."

Rogers never before smoked. Production was held up for ten minutes while a messenger went to a corner drug store to purchase an aromatic herb commonly smoked to relieve asthma.

YOUTH SENTENCED TO 2 YEARS FOR STEALING AUTOS

Gordon T. Johnson, a CCC worker, has been sentenced by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton to two years in state prison for a series of deceptions, including the appropriation of a score of automobiles. He hailed from upstate, has a reform school record of considerable length, and has been nefariously busy the past six months in this country. Johnson pleaded guilty, and is the second CCC worker to receive a state prison sentence in the past two weeks. William C. Poole, 19, of the Butte Falls district, was the other. Poole admitted the theft of five autos and a number of petty thefts, over a six month period.

Albert Nichols and Robert Goyke entered pleas of guilty to burglary not in a dwelling and the court deferred sentence, pending disposition of the case of John Weedman, charged with the same offense, also the federal court of manufacturing synthetic liquor. The two will appear as witnesses in the federal action against Weedman, who formerly resided in Coos county.

The burglary not in a dwelling involved the theft of a steer belonging to C. W. Ashpole and attempt to dispose of the carcass. Weedman is alleged to have attempted to outfit Uncle Sam in the enforcement of the liquor revenue laws.

Port Orlando Gamble of Rogue River also faces a federal count and the possibility of a state charge. Gamble is alleged to have operated an unlicensed still and to have set a trap-gun in the trail near his plant.

The federal grand jury meeting next month at Portland is expected to take action in both the Gamble and Weedman cases.

PILOT, PASSENGER INURED IN CRASH

OSBORNE, IDAHO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Russell Owen, former aviator pilot and a veteran flier, and a passenger, Ed Murphy of Kellogg, Idaho, were critically injured when their plane fell 200 feet and was demolished at the airport here today.

Owen was circling the field preparatory to landing when the ship side-slipped, landing on its nose in a stump on the east end of the field. The men, both unconscious, were extricated from the wreckage and taken to a hospital.

Owen, flying a private plane in the emergency operations set up by N. B. Namer, of Northwest Airways, to aid residents of this region after floods isolated them from the outside world, had been making several trips daily from Spokane to this point.

STROKE VICTIMS ARE IMPROVING

E. G. Trowbridge of 344 North Central was reported in a much improved condition this afternoon, having suffered a light stroke on Christmas morning.

E. F. Alexander of the Alexander Grocery, who suffered a stroke Saturday, was reported in a slightly improved condition at his home on South Newtown this afternoon. He had not regained use of his right side, which was paralyzed.

Dunning Takes Post With NRA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—C. W. Dunning of Portland, Oregon, assistant chief of the processing and marketing section of the farm administration, resigned today to become a deputy administrator of the NRA.

Major Dunning will assist in handling codes transferred from the farm administration to the NRA by President Roosevelt.

NORTHWEST RAILROAD PIONEER SUCCUMBS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Edward Lyons, 83, one of the pioneer railroad men of the Pacific northwest, died at his home here today.

In Rochester, Minn., where his family moved from his birthplace in Hamilton, Canada, when he was three years old, he began a lifelong identification with railroading.

Judge Assigned.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Chief Justice John L. Sand today assigned Judge J. W. Knowles to hear Umattila county circuit court cases for which Judge Calvin L. Sweek has been disqualified.

DESOLATE SCENE LEFT AS FLOOD WATERS RETREAT

2800 Driven From Homes—Million and Half Damage Counted in Cowlitz County Survey by Red Cross

KELSO, Wash., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Twenty-eight hundred persons were compelled to leave their homes, 705 homes were flooded and damage estimated at a million and a half dollars was done in Cowlitz county by the floods which started two weeks ago, a Red Cross survey disclosed today.

A breathing spell after sleepless nights and days of worry gave residents time to take stock of the losses to public and private property. The water was well out of the area.

Relief Organized

At Woodland a preliminary organization for immediate relief work was set up yesterday, to bring aid to the flood-stricken people of North and South Kelso, Castle Rock, Lexington, Woodland and a number of rural communities. Each community was asked to take a "census" of its individual loss at once.

The findings will be compiled by the Cowlitz County CWA and will be placed before the county commissioners, to be sent to state and federal officials with requests for aid. Delegates from the stricken areas, as well as from Longview and other communities, attended the meeting.

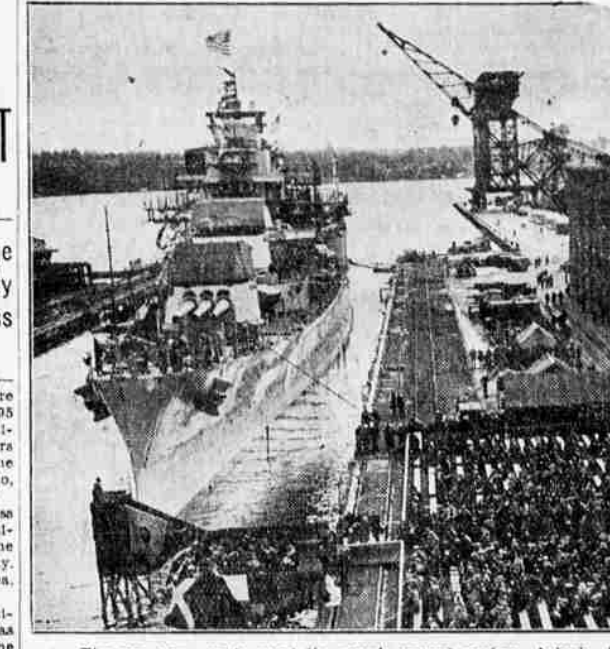
Homes Wrecked

Returning to their homes, many families at Woodland, Castle Rock, Kelso and Lexington were finding only anguished wreckage. A few families will be able to find living quarters in their homes again, but in many instances they have been washed away or are totally wrecked.

CWA workers were busy today surveying dead livestock. At Lexington, the lowlands were strewn with dead bodies, with about 100 dairy cows having been drowned. Three hundred were lost at Woodland, while about 2000 were saved by emergency measures in driving them to higher ground.

Today the weather broke colder though with partly overcast skies. The Cowlitz river is down to 121 and the Columbia is also lower at 15.0 feet. The Cowlitz is at the lowest level since December 19. The temperature dropped last night to 37 degrees here.

CRUISER ASTORIA LAUNCHED IN BUILDING DOCK



The sea came up to meet the navy's newest cruiser, Astoria, instead of the vessel sliding down greased ways to the water. The cruiser was constructed in a building dock, similar to dry dock, in the Bremerton, Wash., navy yard and when it was 85 per cent complete valves were opened and the craft floated. The Astoria is a 10,000-ton ship built under the terms of the London Naval Treaty. A bottle of champagne was broken across its bow by Lella C. McKay, great-granddaughter of one of Astoria's founders. (Associated Press Photo)

PEAR INDUSTRY SURVEY SOUGHT FOR AGREEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Alex Johnson, secretary of the California Pear Federation, announced today he had asked Federal Relief Administrator Harry L. Hopkins to finance a survey of the pear industry of California, Oregon and Washington in behalf of growers, shippers, canners and packers who are now developing a marketing agreement.

Johnson said an effective marketing agreement would depend upon accurate information regarding acreage and variety of trees in order to estimate the total tonnage, allow tonnage among growers, allow shippable tonnage for canning, fresh shipment, shipment and drying between various districts and to supply information required by a control committee for tree removal.

The farm bureau secretary said the survey could be organized around local committees, selecting from the unemployed men of the necessary experience.

LIQUOR LAW TEST SET FOR HEARING EARLY THURSDAY

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The liquor law test suit brought against the state by the city of Klamath Falls will be up for hearing in the Marion county circuit court tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock before Judge L. G. Lewelling, the court clerk announced today.

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The complaint stated the new liquor law was unconstitutional and asked that the state liquor commission and police officers be enjoined from enforcing it.

District Attorney W. H. Trindle said Judge Lewelling was willing to set the date ahead to this afternoon if the representing attorneys so desired.

Elton Watkins of Portland is attorney for Klamath Falls and Jay Bowerman of Portland is attorney representing the state.

W. M. CLEMENSON CRITICALLY ILL

W. M. Clemenson, proprietor of the Jackson hotel and a member of the city council, was reported critically ill at the hotel this afternoon, following a cerebral hemorrhage, suffered about 11:30 this morning.

A slight improvement in his condition was noted this afternoon by the attending physician, but he was still critically ill when the Mail Tribune went to press.

Mr. Clemenson was in his room when the hemorrhage occurred. His health had been causing him considerable discomfort during the past several days, his physician stated.

MRS. CLARK INJURED BY FALL IN ROOM

Mrs. L. B. Clark, who makes her home at the Hotel Medford, sustained painful injuries this morning when she slipped and fell in her room. The accident was called and she was rushed to the Community hospital, where x-rays were being taken this afternoon to determine the extent of injury to her hip.

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PROPOSED LIQUOR ORDINANCE DRAWN BY CITY LEAGUE

An ordinance, providing for liquor control by cities until the state machinery is in action, has been received by Medford from the League of Oregon Cities, Mayor E. M. Wilson announced today, stating that no action, however, has been taken here regarding the proposed ordinance, drawn up by the league.

The ordinance proposes that the cities set up temporary machinery to handle the situation, preceding the installation of the state liquor stores. It is in other respects in keeping with the Knox bill.

It will be from four to eight weeks before the state act can be placed in operation, the letter from the league points out, asking that the city council act as agent of the liquor control commission during that interim.

Licenses of various agencies is provided in the ordinance with the following submitted list of proposed rates:

Brewery \$500, winery \$250, farmer's winery \$25, distillery \$100, wholesaler \$250, restaurant \$100, hotel \$100, club \$50, package store, class A, \$10, package store, class B, \$50, druggist \$10, railroad \$50, retail beer, \$15.

Under packages store any place permitted to sell liquor in sealed packages is indicated. Class A applies to sale of beverages not exceeding five per cent alcohol by weight and class B to the sale of those of 14 per cent alcoholic content by volume.

The local committee appointed by the mayor and city council to draw up some form of legislation for Medford had not yet met today. C. C. Darby, chairman, stated.

PEAR MARKETS

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—USDA—Pear auction—No cars arrived, none on track, one sold.

Oregon Boac, 520 boxes, fancy, \$2.25 @ 2.30, average, \$2.26.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—USDA—Pear auction—Six cars arrived, one California, 1 Oregon, 9 Washington unloaded; 5 cars on track.

Oregon Boac, 585 boxes extra fancy, \$2.40 @ 3.10; average, \$2.49; 135 boxes fancy and better, \$2.50 @ 3.00; average \$2.76.

Washington D'Anjou, 684 boxes, \$2.16 @ 2.50; average, \$2.38.

FATHER SHOT ON ORDER MOTHER'S OUIJA BOARD

ST. JOHNS, Ariz., Dec. 27.—(AP)—back as he stood near a corral on his ranch, 35 miles from St. Johns, informed of the death in San Diego last night of Ernest J. Turley, retired naval officer, said today he would prepare a murder complaint against her daughter, Mattie.

"I will file a charge of first degree murder charge against Mrs. Turley and possibly her daughter some time tomorrow," Gibbons declared.

The daughter admitted shooting her father so her mother "could marry a young cowboy." She attributed her act to her mother's ouija board, which, she said, "wrote out that I was to kill my father."

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GASOLINE PRICES ARE BOOSTED BY COAST CONCERNS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Gasoline jumped 2 cents a gallon throughout California today, and increases also went into effect in Oregon, Washington and Nevada.

The new price here is 22 cents for premium grade, 20 cents for regular grade and 17.5 cents for light grade motor fuel. Prices in Los Angeles were a half cent lower than here.

In Portland the rise was a half cent on all grades, the range being 24.5 cents, 22.5 cents and 20 cents. The same rise and same prices went into effect at Seattle, Tacoma and Medford also boosted prices a half cent. At Spokane the two top grades rose a cent, and third grade a half cent.

Standard Oil company was the first to announce the boost, with Associated and Union quickly following.

MEANEST MAN IS NOMINATED HERE

Medford's meanest man, according to Chief of Police Clatus McCredie, was apprehended yesterday, after he had stolen a large basketful of groceries Christmas night from a deaf widow, at whose home he had an apartment.

A local grocery store had prepared a basket of foodstuffs for the elderly lady and left them at her door. Police were notified, and the man was found to have made some hotcakes from the flour, and had cooked most of the meat.

When questioned by the chief, the roamer said he thought the Salvation Army had left the basket at the door for him.

TWINS SMOTHERED IN EFFORT KEEP WARM

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—It was below zero last night, too cold for two 15 months old babies to sleep in their crib.

So Blanche and Barbara Marshall, twins, were smuggled into bed with their mother and father and four-year-old brother.

When the mother awoke at 6 a. m., her babies were dead. They had smothered.

Warrants Called.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The state treasury department announced that \$100,000 general fund warrants will be called tomorrow, bringing warrant redemption up to November 20.

ALLENS DISLIKED BY AUNT, CLAIMS WITNESS IN CASE

'Had No Use for Jim,' Says Ex-Step Father — Name Not Mentioned for Years — Spite Fence Is Related

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP) The name of Albert C. Allen, Jr., Central Point, Ore., farmer, who was left the bulk of the estate of Miss Margaret Keith, millionaire Los Angeles recluse, was not mentioned by the eccentric spinster for six years. Her brother-in-law, P. M. Woods, told a jury trying the contest of her will today.

"She had no use for Jim' Allen, as we called him," Woods testified. "This was because his father divorced his mother. She sided with her sister, of course. She never mentioned the Allen's name again—had no use for them."

Allen's mother married Woods four years later, in 1913. She died in 1931.

Built Spite Fence

Woods related to the jury the incident of her building an eight-foot board fence around her home in Venice.

"I told her the neighbors would complain, but she insisted on the fence," Woods said. "She said she didn't want to be on exhibition like a stuffed bird. Well, the neighbors did complain and the police came and told her to take the fence down. She told them she'd move out of their town. She moved to Santa Monica, just to spite Venice."

Woods said his sister-in-law built a house in Hollywood in 1918. On the day she was to occupy it she smelled gas as she entered a door.

"Someone is trying to poison me," Woods said she shouted. "I'll never live in a house they can fill with poison gas." She never occupied the residence.

The witness said Miss Keith never allowed mail to be delivered to her home because she was afraid to have a postman on the grounds. She rented a post office box and sent her Japanese servant for the mail.

Miss Keith's brother and sister, David Keith and Mrs. Etta Keith Eskridge, and Allen's sister, Mary Allen Tew, are contesting the will, contending the woman, who committed suicide last spring, was mentally incompetent. The estate is valued at about \$500,000.

"A fair face is fairer viewed beneath the sun" such was the late Miss Margaret Keith's reason for wanting the heavy veil, much mentioned of late in the California trial contesting her will—is the belief of a number of Medford folk, who remember her appearances in this city.

"Full face veils were being worn at that time," one merchant recalled this morning. "Her face was always a little thick, but you could see through it without difficulty and it always revealed an exceptionally beautiful face."

Miss Keith came to Medford to visit her sister, who was then Mrs. A. C. Allen, residing at Hollywood boulevard, neighboring Medford.

Her appearances here caused no small flutter on Main street, because of her beauty and attractive apparel as well as the knowledge that she had been born with a silver spoon in her mouth. No one thought of her as "mean," but as fastidious and a bit "uppish," one local person expressed the sentiment today.

The belief was prevalent, several old timers added, that the Keiths

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WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 26.—Between looking at our Christmas necktie and new Sox it don't give us much chance to read the Christmas day papers.

There is something about a terrible accident or calamity that draws even nations closer together. Now France, we cuss 'em (for looking out for France better than we look out for ourselves) but when we read of this terrible train wreck all debts are forgotten, all overcharges to us when we were tourists there are bygones. We just think of 'em as folks like us, who have about the same problems to face, wooden coaches on railroads.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.

P. S.: This P. S. is put in here to save all R. R. presidents from sending good-natured indignation wires. We know that you are all doing away with the wooden ones as fast as you can. How's that, Mr. Stotesbury?

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