The Weather
Forecast: Fair tonight and Wednesday, but with fog. Not much change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 44
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ULM IS FORCED DOWN IN PACIFIC

News Behind The News

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—It is customary for everyone to start viewing congress with alarm about this time of year. There seems to be less of it this year because of the popular impression that President Roosevelt dominates the situation. He certainly has so far.

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A private check-up discloses that in the first 21 months of his administration he has issued almost 1000 executive orders. That means he made nearly 1000 new laws. This is a record. It is almost fifty a month, or two a day, not counting Sundays.

In the same time congress has passed 1332 measures, meaning 1332 new laws.

Most of these decrees by the president and by congress are unimportant. Mr. Roosevelt's mostly related to NRA codes. Some of the congressional acts merely gave Mr. Roosevelt authority to act.

Yet, in a general way, the comparative figures will give you a general idea of the extent to which presidential importance has grown and congressional authority diminished under the new deal.

There are other more significant underlying factors in the present congressional situation.

The truth is that this coming meeting of the newly elected legislators is not going to be a congressional session at all, but rather a caucus of the new polyglot democratic party. There are not enough republicans left to make it interesting, but there are enough different kinds of democrats to prevent it from being orderly.

At the bottom, the situation seems to be this: The congressmen generally fear Mr. Roosevelt, but few agree with him wholeheartedly; nearly all who have arrived here, so far, seem to feel that they could still do better than the president has; each carries from one to half a dozen pet panaceas hidden in his skull.

They can be expected to beat their breasts for him and raise hell for themselves.

Mr. Roosevelt's patronage club has been shortened considerably since the last session. Most of the good jobs already have been given away. Yet he retains more than the ordinary amount of small privileges and preferments to barter with.

More important is the fact that congress as a whole seems still to be as unpopular as ever with the country. Last week there was a try-out of a new play here. The producers discovered, to their amazement, that the scene which drew the greatest applause was one in which George Washington physically threw two congressmen out of his headquarters with scorn and derision. Such a feeling, more than anything else, will work in Mr. Roosevelt's favor.

The result will be that the administration generally will prevail, but it will be a harder job than you think, and frequent compromises will be necessary.

The drought has passed out of the headlines, but its real effect is only now beginning to be measurable.

Animal feed supplies have reached such a dangerously low level that actual imports of corn, soy beans, oats and hay are now starting. The government curtailment program and the drought have cut the supply to the smallest level since 1881.

AAA'ers admit, off the record, that, if there is a heavy winter, feed stocks probably will not be sufficient to carry livestock through to spring. Yet if the winter is open and pastures remain available, the lack of snow will offer another drought menace for next year. This dilemma has the AAA all tied up in knots.

While one division is announcing plans for new crop cuts next year, another is moving earth, and trying to move heaven, to conserve feedstuffs.

How the situation stacks up in the principal feed crops is figured by the AAA on this basis:

Corn, 56 per cent of average; oats 80 per cent; barley 45 per cent; wheat 66 per cent; pastures on October 1, poorest on record; commercial feeds, smallest supply in any recent year.

A special bureau was set up a few weeks ago to advise farmers what feeds are available and their price. Wild hays, and even some weeds, are for the first time being used to feed cattle.

All weather reports are being scanned by anxious eyes. The recent snows out west were hailed with delight.

The only human food supply seriously impaired by the drought is

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PLANES AND SHIPS COMBING SURFACE IN HONOLULU AREA

Exhaustion of Gasoline On Flight From Oakland Forces Australian Flier to Water—Float Two Days

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The Globe wireless company, after working with the President Coolidge at 1:50 p. m. today said that Ulm's plane had not been found, despite widely circulated reports the trans-Pacific had been located on the water.

The Globe company said: "A false rumor, the origin of which is unknown, confused the President Coolidge with that of the Ulm plane.

"The Ulm plane has not been found."

The Globe company is a subsidiary of the Dollar line steamship company, which operates the President Coolidge.

HONOLULU, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Gasoline exhausted and the course to Honolulu lying toward the north, the Hawaii-Australia plane carrying C. T. P. Ulm and two companions alighted on the Pacific ocean near here today.

Messages from the plane to radio KYG, the Globe wireless station here, indicated the plane reached the surface without mishap.

Its exact location, however, was not known. Army and navy planes and the coast guard cutter Itasca already were making a search.

Both before and after going down Ulm sent a continuous stream of SOS messages. They were most clearly heard by the Dollar liner President Coolidge, whose radio operator hazarded the opinion the plane might be north of the islands, instead of south, as Ulm's own messages has indicated.

Can Float Two Days

The Mutual wireless station here picked up a message at 9:08 a. m. Hawaiia time (11:38 a. m. P. S. T.); (2:38 p. m., E. S. T.), saying:

"Going down into sea now. Plane will float couple of days."

Navy planes reported they had reached a point as far as 60 miles south of the island without sighting the Ulm plane.

Lieutenant Ulm's surrender to fate followed a two-hour fight to ascertain his position before dwindling gasoline supply forced him down.

The fliers took off from the Oakland, Cal., airport at 3:41 p. m. yesterday on the 2408-mile flight to Honolulu, the first of a series which they expect to carry them to Australia.

As far as messages from the plane showed, none of the plane's crew sighted land at any time, and they had not been able to pick up the Makapuu Point radio beacon, which had been in continuous operation since midnight.

Asks for Help

At 9:24 a. m. (Hawaii time) the President Coolidge picked up another message:

"We are turning into wind. Come pick us up."

The Itasca was already well out into the Molokai channel when the plane sent out word she was going down. The cutter was heading toward the southeast, on the theory that the Ulm plane would be found somewhere in that direction. This apparently was based on Ulm's own radio signals.

The President Coolidge reported at 9:30 a. m. it had picked up a message reading "On water now." The SOS signals, the ship said, continued to come unceasingly, showing the plane's radio was still working, although its signals were weak.

An army amphibian plane piloted

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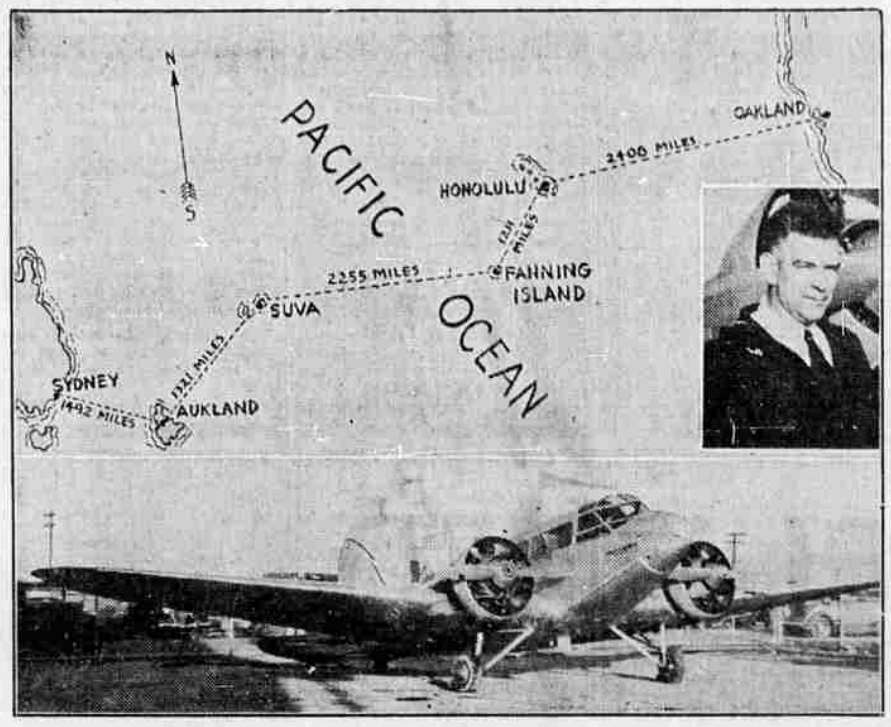
Exhausted Fuel Supply Halts Flight



Charles P. T. Ulm (inset) who with two companions—George Littlejohn, co-pilot, and Jay Skillings, radio operator—were forced, by exhaustion of gasoline, to alight on the surface of the Pacific somewhere in the vicinity of the Hawaiian islands. They were attempting to fly from Oakland, Cal., airport to Honolulu, the first hop in a proposed jaunt to Australia, in their airplane, Star of Australia (below). The map indicates the route Ulm had hoped to follow.—(Associated Press Photo).

THREE HONDURAN VILLAGES RAZED BY EARTHQUAKE

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Three towns with a total population of 6,500 persons were reported as probably destroyed by an earthquake in Ocotepeque department, in an official message today from Ginuapa, the new capital of Ocotepeque.

The three towns named were San Jorge, population 2,000; La Encarnacion, 3,000, and San Fernando, 1,500.

Owing to the wreckage of communications systems, the government had difficulty in determining any details regarding the fate of the inhabitants or the exact time of the quake, but it was regarded as probable that the shock was the same which struck Honduras day before yesterday.

A report from San Salvador said the Honduran village of Santa Rita in the Copan area was destroyed by the quake.

The western region of the republic was rocked all day yesterday.

Several houses were destroyed and others damaged in the important city of La Esperanza and the population there was sleepless throughout last night. Other western cities heavily hit were Gracias and Naranjito.

PAIR FREED ON HUNTING CHARGE

Adolph Wollenburg, 39, of Eagle Point, and Howard Kincaid, 23, of Roseburg, were found not guilty on charges of using a dog for hunting deer today by a jury in Justice of the Peace William R. Coleman's court. They were arrested by state police last September 20, their case having been postponed until today while the defendants finished work in a road camp where they were employed.

The arrest occurred at Bald Ridges, in the Umpqua divide country. Wollenburg and Kincaid entered pleas of not guilty when arraigned in justice court Sept. 26 for preliminary hearing. State police and the prosecution contended that the hunters were using a dog to "work through" thickets.

The defendants' case was represented by Attorneys Porter J. Neff and Otto Frohnmayer.

IOWA COLLEGE RAISES GRAND CHAMP STEER

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—(AP)—"Campus Idol," pride of Iowa State college at Ames, was selected today as the grand champion steer at the international livestock exposition.

The new king is a 1140-pound pure bred Aberdeen-Angus.

Iowa State made it a double victory by exhibition of "Kiron," another Aberdeen-Angus, which won the reserve grand champion.

MOTHER'S REDUCING PILL FATAL FOR 3-YEAR SON

RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Three-year-old Edward Philip Moore died here last night from a dose of his mother's reducing medicine he slipped into a glass of milk.

He was given the milk by his mother, Mrs. C. L. Moore, when she was preparing their evening meal, and returned to the kitchen a few minutes later with the drained glass and the childishly proud announcement "I've taken some of your medicine."

When the youngster became violently ill shortly afterward, Dr. L. Abbott Hedges was summoned, but said he was powerless. The child died in convulsions in a few hours.

He apparently took the tablets from his mother's purse while she was in another room before he asked for the milk. There are six children in the family.

The coroner's office believed the medicine, apparently a commercial preparation obtained in a pharmacy, contained a powerful newly-discovered drug that burns up fat tissues.

BILLION DOLLAR SUBSIDY TO PROD HOUSING TALKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—A direct subsidy plan for stimulating housing through which $1,000,000,000 of federal funds would be used in an attempt to put $4,000,000,000 of private capital to work is receiving consideration in high administrative quarters.

The scheme being studied would have the government make a direct gift of 20 per cent of the housing project. The person receiving the subsidy then could obtain an 80 per cent loan on the remainder of the cost through the insurance guarantee method of the housing administration.

An example of operation of the plan would be as follows:

A man with a $500 lot wants to build a $5,000 house on his property. The government, after investigating through housing administration machinery, would advance 20 per cent of the $5,000 or $1,000. With the insurance guarantee of the housing administration behind him, the borrower then could obtain from a bank or other lending agency a loan of 80 per cent. This would mean a loan of $3,600, putting the housing cost and the value of the lot together for a total of $4,500.

PREJUDICE CLAIM MADE BY FEHLS

Affidavits of prejudice have been filed against Circuit Judge H. D. Norton, by Earl H. Fehl, his wife, Electa A. Fehl, and mother-in-law, Corinthia E. Stalley, in the suit of Niedermeyer, Inc., against them and eight other defendants, for an adjudication of claims of creditors of the Fehls, in a judgment against Niedermeyer, Inc., for approximately $5,000 awarded the Fehls by a supreme court decision.

It is the first affidavit of prejudice filed in Jackson county in over a year—though once a favorite form of legal maneuvering.

The applicants aver that the affidavits of prejudice are not filed "for the purpose of delay," and further affirm "they cannot receive a fair hearing."

A motion is also filed asking that a restraining order prohibiting the Fehls from "assigning, hypothecating, or pledging" the money involved be set aside.

MORMON LEADER HERE TONIGHT FOR CONCLAVE

President Joseph Quinney, Jr., of the Northwestern States Mission, Portland, of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints, will be here tonight for a conference, it was announced this morning.

Services are to be conducted at the Seventh Day Adventist church on the corner of Edwards and Beatty streets, at 7:30 p.m. No collections are to be taken, and all are welcome.

President Quinney will be in Klamath Falls tomorrow evening on his tour of the northwestern states.

ECONOMIC DREAMS TOPIC OF JENKINS BEFORE ROTARIANS

A few of the ancient delusions embedded in the minds of people today, were discussed by Frank Jenkins, publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, at a meeting of the Medford Rotary club today in the basement banquet hall of the Hotel Medford. Some of these delusions are the basis of experimental tests in the great "New Deal laboratory" in Washington during recent months, Mr. Jenkins said.

One of the outstanding delusions, which many people have, is "getting rich without working." "People must completely erase from their mind the possibility of acquiring wealth and prosperity without labor" Mr. Jenkins emphasized. "The only way to secure the comforts and good things in life, other than through inheriting money and property, is through hard work, saving, self-denial, a generous measure of worry, and willingness to take risks."

Closely associated to this delusion, is the popular subject of inflation, the speaker pointed out. The impossibility of acquiring prosperity through inflation, erasing debt burdens through money manipulation, was emphasized, and Germany, France, and other European countries that have recently indulged in inflationary experiments were cited as examples.

"It is essential that we realize that the ancient belief 'Profit is a crime' is nothing more than a delusion," Jenkins said. "If profit is destroyed, civilization is also destroyed," he added.

In line with this thought, Jenkins made plain that the days when industry needed tremendous profits because of tremendous risks have passed. "Industry is now established, and the time has passed when great profits are necessary," he pointed out. "An evener distribution of profits and wealth is an order at this time."

In speaking of redistribution of wealth, Mr. Jenkins cited cases in ancient history, when this idea was first suggested put in operation, and said that fruitless attempts through the ages have shown the impossibility of maintaining an even distribution of property and money. The fallacy of the delusion that "Machinery Will Destroy Civilization," was pointed out by Jenkins, when he said that civilization can absorb unlimited production if an even balance is maintained between manufactured products and labor remuneration.

The final delusion which particularly applies to conditions in this country today, is that "The state owes a living to those who will not work." In discussing this thought, which is retained in the minds of many people, Jenkins referred back in history to the days when the great Roman empire started its decline, due to a "dole" being provided for Roman people. This dole, which did not demand a return in labor from the Romans, weakened the moral fiber of the people and inevitably led to the fall of a once great nation.

Mr. Jenkins' talk was timely, and his remarks were enthusiastically received by a large turnout of Rotarians and guests.

E. E. Matusha, veteran airline pilot, has been flying on a Chicago-Kansas City run for more than eight years.

CHALLENGE BORAH DRAFT SUBSTITUTE FOR THE NEW DEAL

Senator Couzens Asks Idaho Solon to Take Republican Party Chairmanship and Suggest New Platform

By NATHAN ROBERTSON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP) Senator Borah, who demanded a reorganization of the Republican party, received a challenge today from Senator Couzens (R., Mich.) to take the chairmanship and suggest a new platform.

He said Borah, like Senator Reed of Pennsylvania, campaigned against aspects of the New Deal but "neither one was successful because they offered no substitutes for the programs they criticized."

Fletcher Refuses Resign

The Michigan senator's entry into the party controversy came shortly after Henry P. Fletcher, chairman of the Republican national committee, had flatly declined to resign at Borah's request.

To step out at this time, Fletcher said, "would plunge the party into confusion."

Representative Fish (R., N. Y.) also took issue with Borah, saying that while the party should "liberalize and humanize its policies, Fletcher should not be called upon to resign, "provided he is willing to go along in favor of liberal policies."

Couzens Surprises

Couzens' statement, coming from one who has frequently voted with the party's western independent wing where demands for reorganization are now arising, caused some surprise.

"I suggest," he said, "that those who are supporting Mr. Borah's proposal that Mr. Fletcher resign offer Mr. Borah the chairmanship of the Republican national committee.

"I am just as anxious as Mr. Roosevelt to have the country recover, but I do not intend to assume a destruct-

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MATTIE L. MERRIMAN, FORMER RESIDENT OF MEDFORD, DIES IN S. F.

Mattie L. Merriman of San Francisco, well known in Medford, where she resided for many years, died last night at the home of her sister, Mrs. May Telfer, in the bay city, it was learned here by relatives. Miss Merriman's fine disposition won her many friends in this section, who will be sorry to learn of her passing.

Miss Merriman was born in Medford on March 25, 1892, the daughter of George F. and Mary E. Merriman, now deceased. She was also a sister of Tom Merriman of this city, who died last year.

She was employed at Mann's Department store for a number of years, and had been ill for the past 15 years.

Surviving her are Mrs. Blanche Miles and Mrs. May Telfer, sisters, both of San Francisco, and Mrs. Vera Plymale of Medford, also a sister; Merle and Francis Merriman of Medford, nephews; Tharon C. Merriman of Red Lodge, Mont., a brother, and George W. Merriman of Orange, Cal., also a brother. She had two nieces, Mary Jo Plymale and Mary Elizabeth Merriman, and another nephew, Ben Telfer Plymale of Medford.

Funeral services are to be conducted in San Francisco Thursday, and the body to be cremated.

ROGUE RIVER, Dec. 4.—(Special.) Voters are going to the polls here today to elect four new councilmen and a new city treasurer.

Four candidates seek the office of councilman for two years, with two to be elected. They are Walter Combs, Andy Klith, Lee Hugg and Charley Totten.

Five seek two places for one year terms. They are Richard Scott, Burwell O'Kelley, Charles Hatch, Bob Hill and D. Chambers.

E. E. Miller and J. B. H. Leven oppose each other for the office of city treasurer.

Polls Stay Open Until 8 P. M. For Sewer Bond Vote

With the polls opened at 1:15 p. m. today for the special election on the sewage disposal bond issue, early reports were that many citizens were casting their ballots today. The polls will remain open until 8 o'clock tonight.

A report from the public market, where ballots in the first ward are being cast, showed that between 20 and 30 people were at the polls shortly after they opened, waiting to vote. At 2:00 o'clock, 41 votes had been cast in the third ward.

Only four polling places are open today, the first ward at the public market, the second at the court house, the third at Fichtner's garage and the fourth ward at the city hall.

CHRISTMAS TRADE WILL BE BEST OF PAST FOUR YEARS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4—(AP)—The public is in a better mood to spend, government experts say. And so they expect Christmas trade to be the best in four years.

To their predictions cash registers will jingle as they haven't done since 1930, John Dickinson, assistant secretary of commerce, added this note of cheer.

"The prospects for a big Christmas trade show very clearly the state of mind — a satisfied and optimistic state of mind.

"All the evidence indicates the people are in a greater spending mood. But not for reckless spending such as we saw some years ago. This mood to buy can be directly attributable to more employment and more money in the people's pockets."

The government statisticians said: Estimates indicate farm income this year will be nearly a billion dollars greater than last year.

Business generally is running ahead of last year, according to trade reports.

October department store sales increased 7 per cent over a year ago, rural general merchandise sales are up 12 per cent, variety store sales 5 per cent, and new motor car sales 9 per cent.

Labor reports indicate such heavy goods industries as locomotive equipment, machine tools and cement improved, and industrial production improving better than seasonally.

The experts also pointed to increases in government emergency expenditures.

BANDIT'S WIDOW IN AGENT'S GRIP

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Capture of Mrs. Lester M. Gillis, in Chicago on Thanksgiving day, was announced at the department of justice late this afternoon.

She is the widow of "Baby Face" Nelson, who was slain by federal officers.

Mrs. Gillis participated with her husband and another man in the gun battle with federal agents at Barrington, Ill., on last Tuesday.

The body of her husband was found at Niles Center, Ill., on Wednesday.

LEGION AND AUXILIARY TO MEET WEDNESDAY

Earl Foy, commander of Medford American Legion post, announced today that a special joint business meeting of the post and auxiliary will be held at the armory Wednesday night, Dec. 5, at 8 o'clock. Foy said it is essential that all members of the post and auxiliary attend.

Paul McDonald, of the Ashland post, will be principal speaker, and a committee including Oscar Silver, commander, will also attend from Ashland.

MINING MEN AGOG OVER GOLD AND SILVER STRIKE

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 4.—(AP)—The Times said today one of the richest gold and silver strikes since Goldfield and Tonopah, Nev., in the early 1900's, has been discovered in the vicinity of Mojave, Cal.

The original strike, the Times said, was made by George Holmes, 33-year-old former University of Southern California student.

"He's rich already," the newspaper commented.

"Today," the Times continued, "Mojave is the focal point of the gold mining world. The old Goldfield crowd is there—Senator Key Pittman of Nevada, George Wingfield and Walter Trent. So is former Senator Tasker L. Oddie of Nevada. So, too, is the old Cecil Rhodes South African crowd in the new generation.

"In all," the newspaper stated, "gold fields of South Africa has 15 men in Mojave, and it has taken an option on 36 acres of the Holmes claims for a reported $3,500,000."

Holmes and his father are said by the newspaper to own 60 per cent of the claim, known as the New Silver Queen.

NUNS TESTIFY TO KIDNAP MONEY IN SCOTT'S POCKETS

Nurses From Roseburg Hospital Called by Government at Hearing for Urschel Kidnap Suspects

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Two Catholic nuns and a federal agent were called upon by the government today to close the first links in the chain of evidence against four persons held here for conspiracy in the notorious kidnaping of Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma millionaire.

Alvin H. Scott, Margaret Hurtienne, Clara Feldman and her son, Edward Feldman, under arrest for alleged conspiracy, face hearings on removal orders to Oklahoma.

Early testimony linked $1360 of Urschel ransom money with Scott.

Two Given Hearing

Scott and Mrs. Hurtienne appeared before the United States commissioner today. Scott recently was released from a Roseburg hospital to which he was taken Nov. 2 after having suffered a skull fracture in an automobile accident.

The two nuns, Sister Mary Michael and Sister Superior Theresa Agnes of the Mercy hospital at Roseburg provided a strange contrast to the colorful, jostling crowd in the courtroom.

Sister Mary testified Scott was unconscious when admitted to the hospital. In his pocket, she said, was a wallet containing about $700. Sister Theresa testified she removed a second wallet containing $800.

Ransom Identified

Special Agent F. A. Grimsdell of the famed division of investigation of the department of justice, related that he checked the serial numbers of the $20 notes found in Scott's possession against known numbers of the $200,000 paid for Urschel's release, and found that $1360 taken from Scott was part of the ransom.

The first three witnesses were unable to connect Mrs. Hurtienne, house keeper for Scott, with the ransom plot.

Grimsdell, a slight, blond youth who looks like a college undergraduate, told United States Commissioner Frazier that Scott, when irrational, had mistaken him for Edward Feldman, one of the accused, and had, in a dazed manner, warned him not to pass any of the bills.

Grimsdell said Mrs. Hurtienne disclaimed all knowledge of the money found on Scott and that she had none in her possession.

$200 Purse Lost In Ashland, Found by Honest Couple

A purse containing $200 in travelers' cheques and cash, belonging to Mrs. L. M. Morphy and her son, Robert Christie, of New Westminister, B. C., was found on the Ashland boulevard yesterday morning by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lewis of 52 Roco street, that city.

Mr. Murphy and Mr. Christie had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kelly and other relatives in Medford, and were en route to Los Angeles. They discovered the loss when they reached the checking station in northern California, and telephoned C. P. Talent, Ashland chief of police.

The purse is being returned to Mr. Kelly in this city.

WILL ROGERS Says:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 3.—With football about ending we have no major sport going till January 3, when congress holds its opening game. Be a lot of interest in congress this season for they are giving away more free tickets than ever before.

Coach Roosevelt has been South for three weeks training with some of his star players. His problem is to make his team realize they haven't got it too easy, then to keep from getting dissension on the team. They all feel they are "all American" and each one will want to pack the ball every time. Coaching prima donnas is no cinch.

Will Rogers

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