

The Weather
 Forecast: Cloudy with occasional rain late tonight or Wednesday. Slowly rising temperature tonight. Highest yesterday 49. Lowest this morning 28.

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DEATH TOLL HEAVY IN HOTEL FIRE



News Behind The News
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The secret of diplomacy is NOT to say what you mean but to let the other fellow know what you mean without saying it.

What our ambassador at large, Norman Davis, meant without saying it, in his speech at London last week, was that this government is prepared to enter a naval race in the Pacific whenever Japan tries to build up beyond the first-to-three relationship between our navy and hers. The speech was in effect an indirect ultimatum.

Spokesmen for the international branch of the New Deal made sure that everyone understood it that way. Before Davis finished speaking in London, the proper interpretation was passed around in official stage whispers here.

What they were secretly aiming at was the meeting of the privy council in Tokio. That council is a group of elder statesmen, sometimes accurately described as old muckrakers who advise the emperor. They were just getting ready to advise him about naval policy.

No one had any hope that these old boys would recommend a change in Japanese policy. But it was thought that strong words might have some moderating effect on them. That is the only reason Davis spoke.

Mr. Davis told the Japanese the same thing in private many times at London. They wouldn't believe him. Also, they seem to have an idea that our congress will revolt one of these days against big navy expenditures.

While Mr. Davis delivered the speech, he was not the only author of it. Secretary Hull really inspired it. The state department spent three days working on it. So many messages were sent back and forth that you might say accurately that the speech was drafted on the cable lines.

MANY LEAP INTO RIVER TO ESCAPE TORTURING FLAME

Lansing, Michigan, Hostelry Funeral Pyre for Over 20 Guests in Early Morning—Solons Among Victims

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 11.—Capt. Lawrence Lyon of the Michigan state police said this afternoon that "there must be between 20 and 50 bodies buried in the ruins" of the Kerns hotel, which burned this morning. He said 199 of the 196 persons registered had been accounted for, and that searchers probably cannot start digging in the ruins until tomorrow.

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Smouldering ruins of the Grand hotel and the icy waters of the Grand river today hid the fate of an undetermined number of guests, as police announced that only half of the approximately 200 persons lodged there when fire broke out this morning had been accounted for.

Chief of Police Alfred Seymour said that the appalling number of unaccounted for indicated a "heavy loss of life," although there were only 12 known dead and many of the missing guests were expected to be found safe.

The list of identified dead included the names of five legislators, who were here for a special session of the legislature.

Known dead:
 Rep. T. Henry Howitt, Gregory, Vern Voorhes, Albion, Charles D. Parker, Otisville, Rep. Donald E. Sims, Midland, Rep. John W. Goodwine, Mariette, David Monroe, assistant manager of the hotel.

Five unidentified persons, including one woman, about 65 years old, missing and feared dead; State Senator John Leiden, Saginaw. The injured in St. Lawrence hospital:
 Rep. Maurice E. Post, Kent county, Clarence Smith, Coldwater, A. Bowman, Grand Rapids, Fred Van Dyne, Orono, Thomas Eberhart, Cairo, Lloyd Kerk, Lansing, C. H. Thompson, Grand Rapids, William Jacoby, Rutherford, N. J. Frank Kocich, Lansing, Harris Silverberg, Detroit, M. S. Noian, Battle Creek.

Their escape cut off by the flames, many guests jumped from upper windows, some to the street, others into the Grand river at the rear of the hotel.

Five Drowned
 Five of the dead were drowned. Five others died of injuries suffered in leaping to the street. Fleeing watered souls of stumbling over the body of David Monroe, assistant hotel manager, who apparently died of suffocation or injuries.

An incomplete list of injured in hospitals stood at 27. Hotel records, including the register apparently were destroyed. Police and firemen, however, said they believed the hotel ruins, still blazing and too hot to permit investigation, contained probably 20 bodies and that possibly almost as many drowned in the river.

Flames Spread Fast
 The hotel was well filled, due to the special legislative session, when the fire broke out, about 5:30 a. m. and within a few minutes the flames were raging through much of the building.

Screening men and women, their escape cut off, jumped from windows to the street or into the Grand river, which flows at the rear of the building.

Girl Edits Paper In Row With Huey



Publication of The Reveille, Louisiana State university newspaper, was resumed after a temporary suspension with Miss Grace Williamson (above) as editor and manager to succeed Jesse H. Cutler and other members of the staff who resigned in protest to an asserted censorship placed over the publication by Senator Huey P. Long. (Associated Press Photo)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Last words gasped out on their death beds by victims of poison drinks formed the basis of formal charges of manslaughter faced today by two Portland druggists.

Solomon Miller and Irving Schwartz, druggists, were arraigned in municipal court late yesterday on charges of involuntary manslaughter and their bail set at \$10,000 each. Three other druggists were held as material witnesses on bail of \$2,500 each.

Dead men's tongues will tell no tales, but the bodies of 22 victims lie as mute evidence of the deadliness of the denatured alcohol which spread a wave of agony and death through Portland. Another victim was in dire condition and several more remained critical.

On their deathbeds some of the victims told of buying the "doghorn" as it is called, from Miller's drug store and from Schwartz, store clerk. Police charged.

Many of the drink victims were habitual partakers of regular denatured alcohol, but the large quantities of wood alcohol and formaldehyde reputedly used without warning as denaturants were blamed for the deaths. The stuff "pickled" the victims' stomachs, frequently causing blindness and paralyzed their entire bodies, autopsy physicians declared.

"We're not through with the investigation yet," said Captain Jack Keegan of the Portland police detective bureau. "That's the reason for the form of the charges at present," he added, indicating more serious charges might follow for some of those held.

CHRISTMAS MAIL BURNS IN RAILROAD MAIL CAR
 RICHMOND, Calif., Dec. 11.—(AP)—About 300 sacks of Christmas mail were destroyed by fire in a Union Pacific mail car here last night.

The mail was chiefly from San Francisco and Oakland and the car was consigned to Chicago for distribution there and at points east.

POLITICS BLAMED FOR CRIME'S GRIP ON UNITED STATES

Head of Federal Agents Tells Crime Conference Gangsters Are 'Vermin of Worst Type'—Needs Outlined

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Elimination of "political pressure" was described today by J. Edgar Hoover, head of the department of justice, as a bureau of investigation as a necessity if gangs are to be permanently exterminated.

Addressing the attorney general's crime conference, the man who directed the federal war against Dillinger, Pretty Boy Floyd, Baby Face Nelson and others termed gangsters, "vermin of the worst type."

"Until political pressure is done with," Hoover said, "and until there arrives a continual state of cooperation between all arms of law enforcement, we must regard the eradication of gangs like that of Dillinger, Floyd, Bailey and others as transitory phases of a condition which can change overnight."

He said they began as "petty thieves, bootleggers, hangers-on of crime, and none was a superman."

"They killed from ambush," he added.

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LOS ANGELES CAR STRIKE IN OFFING

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 11.—(AP)—Federal mediators strove today to avert a threatened strike of 1,000 trainmen of the Pacific Electric system, serving 150,000 commuters daily in the Los Angeles area.

Demands that the mediation board instruct company officials to meet the union's request for shorter hours and higher wages were reiterated last night by D. A. MacKenzie, international vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Otherwise, the union threatened to withdraw a strike postponement order.

MacKenzie said if a strike is ordered, the zero hour will not be announced in advance.

'FRISCO FERRYBOAT RAMMED BY LINER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The coastal liner Ruth Alexander, bound for Seattle, rammed the ferryboat Callista in the bay here today, but no one apparently was injured.

The ferry was towed back to its slip listing badly and officials reported it was "taking water fast." It was bound for Vallejo and was rammed as it pulled out from the ferry building.

Dollar Bill Sent President To Test Country's Honesty

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A one dollar bill pinned to a postcard has been received at the White House. The card read: "If you receive the dollar that has been pinned to the card then confidence in God has been restored and love of money is vanishing."

SHOWN AN FREED BY FLEEING CONVICT

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DR. J. C. SMITH OF GRANTS PASS DIES

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 11.—(Sp.)—Dr. J. C. Smith, 75, for 30 years a prominent Grants Pass physician and public office holder, died at the Joseph general hospital at 9 p. m. Saturday of illness that followed a major operation four weeks ago.

Funeral services have been arranged for 3 p. m. Tuesday at the Hall funeral home with Rev. H. H. Mitchell of St. Luke's Episcopal church officiating. Interment will be in the Oak Hill cemetery.

Surviving are three daughters: Mrs. P. P. Proctor and Mrs. S. C. Kellett of Grants Pass and Mrs. P. A. Schallhorn of Sacramento; five grandchildren—Peter and George Proctor and Harry and Josephine Truax of Grants Pass, and Pauline Schallhorn of Sacramento. There is also a sister-in-law, Mrs. T. B. Cornell of Grants Pass.

Coming to Grants Pass with his family 30 years ago, Dr. Smith was mayor of this city for two terms, 1907 and 1908. In 1909 he was elected representative to the legislature from this county. He served in that office for two terms, 1909 and 1911, then was elected state senator from his county in 1913. He served three terms in that office, ending in 1925, and retired from political life.

Since that, he has been county health officer, having held the office for several years and holding it at the time of death.

ELLENSBURG RESIDENT LOCATED ON RANCH NEAR SUNNYSIDE—BOY WITH CONVICT IS CREDITED WITH SPARING LIFE

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FORUM LUNCHEON FRIDAY TO HONOR DAVID H. CANFIELD

DAVID H. CANFIELD, newly appointed superintendent of Crater Lake National park, will be honored guest at a chamber of commerce forum luncheon Friday, December 14, it was announced by chamber of commerce officials today. The meeting will be held at the Hotel Medford at 12 noon, and Lee Bishop will act as toastmaster.

Mr. Canfield has just returned from a conference of superintendents and national park officials in Washington, D. C. and will be able to inform those present of any plans which the government may have for further development of Crater Lake National park.

It is expected that a large turnout of Jackson county citizens will attend the luncheon. Jackson county benefits to the tune of thousands of dollars annually as the result of Crater Lake National park, stated B. E. Harder, president of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce this morning, "and we want Mr. Canfield to know that we appreciate this business and that we are behind him and his staff 100 per cent," he continued.

Those who expect to attend the luncheon are asked to communicate with the Chamber of Commerce immediately, so that the hotel authorities may know how many to expect. Ladies are especially invited to attend.

WILL ROGERS SAYS

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 10.—Notre Dame popped in here and started heaving 55-yard passes and 60-yard kicks. Wait till the Irish Free State hears she has a guy named Shakespeare playing with those Irish.

MOVIE FOR BANKS' LIBERATION ENDED BY FIRM REFUSAL

GOVERNOR AUTHORIZES STATEMENT WILL TAKE NO ACTION DURING REMAINDER OF TERM ENDING JANUARY 14



SALEM, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The movie for the immediate pardon or commutation of L. A. Banks, Medford publisher serving a life term for murder, was a closed issue today.

Governor Julius L. Meier late yesterday indirectly authorized the statement he would take no action during his term as executive, which terminates January 14. He was reported as stating the situation would remain as it is as far as he was concerned.

Move Protested
 The decision of the governor came after several days marked by urgent requests for the pardon followed by vigorous protests from citizens and state officials against any clemency for the prisoner who was convicted of shooting Officer George Prescott as a climax to the Jackson county "civil war" in 1933.

Constable George Prescott who was killed March 16, 1933, was shot when he attempted to serve a warrant for arrest upon Banks, who was leader of the so-called "Good Government League" in Medford. The shooting followed the ballot thefts in the election of the county sheriff. Banks was one of the defendants indicted for the crime.

Brother-in-law Buy
 Late last week Charles F. Moran, brother-in-law of Banks, was found to be in Oregon working hard to obtain a pardon.

CCC CONTINUATION VIEWS ARE ASKED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—President Roosevelt has asked Robert Fechner, director of the Civilian Conservation Corps, to prepare an outline of his ideas regarding continuation of this recovery unit beyond next March.

At the White House Fechner reported an "intense interest" in the CCC throughout the country and suggested the present corps of 353,000 men could be doubled if sufficient funds were available.

BYWATER SUFFERS NERVE BREAKDOWN

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 11.—(Sp.)—Suffering from a nervous breakdown, Dr. Edward N. Bywater was placed under hospital care Monday, being taken north on the Monday morning train to Salem.

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DISABLED VETS MEET TONIGHT

Announcement today stated a meeting of the Disabled American Veterans of the World War will be held this evening at the armory, at 8 o'clock.

NAZIS RELEASE AMERICAN GIRL

BERLIN, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Four months of imprisonment ended today for Isabel Lillian Steele of Hollywood, Cal., who was released from police headquarters and taken to Hamburg by a police matron. She will sail for home tomorrow.

NORWAY TO CUT DUTIES ON FRUIT

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The department of commerce was notified today the Norwegian import duty on apples and pears will be reduced from .72 crown to .46 crown per net kilo on January 1. The crown at par is worth approximately 43.37 cents in United States money.

BIRTH DIONNE QUINTUPLETS IS LIKENED TO FAIRY TALE

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—The birth of the Dionne quintuplets, says the man who brought them into the world, was a "modern fairy tale with a medical flavor."

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Gen. Johnson Says NRA Now Dead as the Dodo

By HENRY CASSIDY
 NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A couple of the brackish General Hugh S. Johnson used to duck as administrator of the NRA want the NRA's way today—from General Johnson.

TENNESSEE RAMSEY DIES IN GOLD HILL

Mrs. Tennessee Ramsey, who lived in Medford for the last ten months, passed away at the age of 83 this morning at the home of a grandson in Gold Hill, where she had stayed three weeks prior to her death.

MARTIN AGAINST PLAN FOR INAUGURAL DANCE

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(AP)—If the Townsend old age pension plan reaches the floor of the United States house of representatives, Congressman William A. Martin of Portland will vote for it.

SCANTY WAGE LOSES SOA FIRM'S EAGLE

PORTLAND, Dec. 11.—(AP)—Because a worker was reportedly paid only 35¢ an hour, whereas the minimum scale is 40 cents, the blue eagle of the NRA has been ordered withdrawn from the Luzzel King & Co. Soap company of Portland.

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