

**The Weather**  
Forecast: Sunday, unsettled with rain; no change in temperature.  
Temperature  
Highest yesterday 46  
Lowest this morning 33

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**News Behind The News**  
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The vicissitudes of politics never could be the inside story of what happened in the speakership contest.

The milk man in Omaha may not care a gill of it, but the speaker who is a big job in Washington. It has the historic background of such men as Uncle Joe Cannon, Longworth and Garner rather than that of the few frail characters who occasionally inherited it. Furthermore, the speaker's wife ranks third at the White House dinner table, which is always an important Washington consideration.

Essentially, however, the job is what the man makes it. He can be either boss of the four winds or their lackey.

Mr. Byrns, the Tennessee patrician, rated the job when Mr. Rainey, the Central Illinois patrician, died. Mr. Byrns had climbed to this right of succession through long and patient service upon the rank of floor leader. Furthermore, he was popular with the boys.

There never would have been any serious argument about it, had not a bright young man, Sam Rayburn, distinguished himself in handling new deal legislation during the past two years. Mr. Rayburn had himself mentioned by some of President Roosevelt's closest advisers as a man who should be the next new deal speaker. There was no question that he was a fair-haired lad around the White House. On the basis of circumstantial evidence that the White House wanted him, he got into the fight several months ago.

He withdrew suddenly, without any public explanation, last Wednesday, and immediately hopped a train for a secluded destination.

This is what happened: Mr. Byrns and Mr. Rayburn closely canvassed the Democratic side of the house. Mr. Byrns got upwards of one hundred votes pledged. Mr. Rayburn's friends soon found he could not win unless the big Purley-Guffey-Tammany controlled delegations from New York, Pennsylvania and elsewhere came through for him.

A high official who looked very much like Commerce Secretary Roper hopped a train for Texas about four weeks ago and secretly talked to Mr. Garner, the vice-president. Perhaps as a result of that conversation or otherwise, Mr. Garner returned to Cashington long before he needed to, and was given the job of keeping the speakership candidates away from the White House.

If Mr. Garner was also secretly assigned the task of getting his fellow Texan and White House favorite elected speaker, some one ought to tell Mr. Farley or Mr. Guffey about it.

A few days after Mr. Garner started to work, Mr. Guffey's Pennsylvania delegation came out unanimously for Byrns. That ruined whatever chance Mr. Rayburn had and assured election for Mr. Byrns.

Some of Mr. Rayburn's lieutenants were amazed at Mr. Guffey's action. They had been led to believe that the worst they could expect from Pennsylvania was an unpledged delegation. And where was the White House?

A friend of Mr. Guffey explained that he found his boys were strong for Byrns and he did not want to start off his career in Washington by having them vote him down.

The White House explanation was that it could not participate in a strictly house beauty contest like the speakership race, that it took no hand in the matter one way or another. The public record will bear that out.

Everyone, including Mr. Rayburn, could see he was licked. His withdrawal induced some of Mr. Byrns' friends to talk about letting by-gones be by-gones, and making Mr. Rayburn floor leader, the consolation prize.

There was not much of a swelling of sentiment for that solution, because everyone realized Mr. Byrns and Mr. Rayburn probably would get along like Carter Glass and Huey Long. The situation called for a floor leader with whom Byrns would work closely.

At any rate, that is the theory to date of how Mr. Byrns caught the No. 3 job and Mr. Rayburn caught a train. You can write your own moral for it.

Your old pal, General Johnson, was the life of the party at that private White House conference Wednesday on the war profits question when Mr. Roosevelt shot questions

## SPECIAL OFFICER GRILLED IN MISH ROBBERY-MURDER

Portland Police Say Stolen Articles Found in Suspect's Home—Osbourne's Cut Hand Also Clue—Prisoner Ordered Held

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Detective Captain Jack Keegan tonight announced that bits of glass found in the clothing of Joseph Osbourne, special patrolman, were similar to glass in the kitchen pane at the house where Simon Mish, 70, was beaten to death and robbed.

Shortly after the disclosure the constant grilling of Osbourne, which had been in progress more than 23 hours, was suddenly halted. He is held for the district attorney.

Keegan announced that Osbourne, weary from the grilling, showed signs of a breakdown when questioning turned to his family. Osbourne will be permitted to rest until 10 a. m., Keegan said.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Articles he reportedly admitted stealing were found today at the home of Joseph Osbourne, special patrolman grilling about the robbery slaying of Simon Mish, 70, retired merchant.

Osbourne, who was taken for the district attorney, was held for the scene of the tragedy today, but spoke only a few brusque words when confronted with bloodstains in the Mish home.

Shown the fish pond behind the house where Mish's body and the body of his pet dog, Mickey, were found, Osbourne said: "I've never been in the backyard before."

Detective Captain Jack Keegan said that Osbourne admitted last night he was acquainted with Mish and had a drink or two in his home Monday night. Tuesday night Mish was killed and the diamond ring he wore, the watch he carried and what cash he had in his house were stolen.

Detective John Galt said Osbourne admitted stealing a pair of shoes and other articles from the automobile of P. M. Ellis, who lives near the Mish home in the residential district for which Osbourne was night watchman.

A number of other articles, including four pistols, a set of expensive golf clubs and sweaters and coats were found in Osbourne's room and taken to headquarters for possible identification.

## RICHBERG CHALLENGES BUSINESS



Donald Richberg (left), NRA coordinator, was caught in a happy frame of mind during the annual dinner of the National Association of Manufacturers in New York as he leaped over to say a word for two to C. L. Bardo, president of the association. A few moments later Richberg challenged the ability of the private business to fight its way out of the depression alone. (Associated Press Photo)

## PARAGUAY WANTS DOKE FREED IN WAR TO GO ON IN SLAYING OF WIFE'S 114 DEG. OF HEAT POETICAL LOVER

WOODLAND, Calif., Dec. 15.—(AP)—With the "unwritten law" as their guide, eleven men and one woman acquitted Judson C. Doke today at his second trial for the murder of Lamar Hollingshead, university student-poet, lover of the wife of the 34-year-old defendant.

The jury reached a verdict after more than 20 hours of deliberation, during which the balloting switched from 7 to 5 for acquittal to 8 to 4, and then 10 to 2 and finally unanimous agreement to send the curly-haired, hinky husband free.

This was the record of the farming community kept unbroken, for never have its citizens convicted a man who took the life of another in avenging the honor of a woman.

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 15.—(AP)—An opinion that Bruno Richard Hauptmann, held at Flemington, N. J., on a charge of murder in connection with the Lindbergh case, will not be convicted of the murder charge was expressed here last night by Dr. John P. "Jafsie" Gordon, central figure and intermediary around whom the case revolved.

Dr. Gordon said he is investigating purported clues given him in 2500 letters bearing on the case. "No one saw Hauptmann kill the baby," Dr. Gordon said. He said he believed there are greater chances of conviction on charges of extortion and of possessing Lindbergh ransom money.

"Hostilities will not cease now that Paraguay at the cost of enormous sacrifices is expelling the last invaders from its territory. Perhaps fighting will end before Christmas, but it will be with the definite defeat of the invader."

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Huey Long today ordered more laws for his dictatorship and his political ally, Governor O. K. Allen, immediately called the legislature into extraordinary session for tomorrow night at 8 o'clock.

And, said the director of the third special session of 1934, "the legislators may need a little money for Christmas."

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—No money back, but perhaps some consolation, appears to be in store for A. W. Schultz, 66, learn, Ore., farmer who inherited \$600,000 in 1928. A gypsy palm reader was arrested here today and held as a fugitive of Klamath Falls, near Malin, as the Mrs. M. Davis who disappeared with \$500,000 had invested in her "buried treasure" scheme.

## PRESIDENT OF IS DRIVE FOR LATE 'NEW DEAL' LAWS

Prestige Gained in Election to Be Used in Influence Legislatures—Housing Program Aid Stressed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The administration was shown today to be using the prestige demonstrated at the November election in an unprecedented effort to influence the states to enact laws reinforcing several phases of the new deal.

With 42 legislatures meeting next month, President Roosevelt himself and prominent members of his official advisory family have been urging state legislation to facilitate NRA code enforcement, provide for unemployment insurance, maximum hours and minimum wages, and to make the PWA and housing programs more effective.

Mr. Roosevelt interested himself directly and emphatically only yesterday in connection with the housing program. He wrote letters to the governors of virtually all the states asking laws that would permit larger loans for home construction and repair to be insured by federal money.

His action was taken upon the suggestion of James A. Moffett, housing administrator, who explained that in numerous states loans on mortgages are limited to 50 per cent of value. His own belief was that with federal insurance behind such loans a maximum of 80 per cent would not be too much.

The NRA is to be re-enacted in a modified form, apparently retaining the principles of collective bargaining, maintenance of minimum wages and the ban on child labor. As soon as the details are settled the housing program will begin.

New state laws will begin. The code removes the question of constitutionality entirely in NRA—the validity of the law as it applies to the companies whose products do not pass beyond the boundaries of the state in which they are produced.

That question is involved in a case now headed for supreme court adjudication.

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—(AP)—William Hendrickson, 22, electrician, was in the King county hospital today, victim of the year's strangest traffic accident.

He was run over by an airplane at Boeing field.

Hendrickson, working in an unincorporated pit on which airplanes stand to receive gasoline, when a monoplane piloted by Tommy Rice tumbled across the field to take off. One wheel dipped into the pit and was smashed.

The electrician escaped with a bruised leg.

BRAZIL REPORTS BUBONIC PLAGUE

## SEEK HOTEL VICTIMS IN DEBRIS



After an early morning fire had destroyed the Kerns hotel in Lansing, Mich., causing the deaths of at least 23 persons including five Michigan legislators, firemen began the task of trying to find bodies of other missing persons in the debris. This picture shows one scene of the search. (Associated Press Photo)

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 15.—(AP)—The seventeenth body to be taken from the ruins of the fire-swept Hotel Kerns here was identified tonight as that of Charles R. Searle, 84, of Fort Wayne, Ind.

Firemen expressed the belief with the recovery of Searle's body that additional victims may be found in the charred ruins of the hotel. Previously police had fixed the probable death total at 30.

Earlier today identifications were made of two additional dead whose bodies had lain in the temporary morgue across the street from the wreckage. They were H. P. Millard, of South Norwalk, Conn., and Edward Booth, of Grand Rapids.

Under the proposal of the council, he said, the federal government would exercise a wider control over the administration of the insurance funds by the states than would have been had under the Wagner-Lewis bill.

This measure, which failed of enactment last session after sturdy opposition by employer interests, would have led a federal payroll tax but would have deducted from this tax any contributions to state unemployment insurance funds, thus seeking to spur the creation of state systems.

The greater measure of federal control projected under the new plan, the same source said, had given rise to the impression in some quarters that the federal government would grant a subsidy to those states which enacted unemployment insurance laws by the national law.

It was indicated that the cost of administering the plan probably would be borne by the federal government.

The plan approved by the council won over another method of insurance after a close vote. The details of the other plan were not disclosed.

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## CALIFORNIA SAYS MOONEY FREED OUTSIDE COURTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The state moved today in Tom Mooney's last-ditch fight for freedom when Attorney General U. S. Webb mailed a brief to the United States supreme court opposing the prisoner's application for permission to file a writ of habeas corpus.

Mooney's 17-year battle for unconditional freedom from San Quentin prison recently was carried before the nation's highest court on a plea that his imprisonment for the pre-pardon day parade bombing in San Francisco in 1916, when 10 persons were killed and 40 injured, was based on perjured testimony.

The petitioner contends that the introduction of allegedly false evidence invalidated the valid process by means of which the trial court obtained jurisdiction. Webb stated in his brief.

"Mooney's argument," said Webb, "that courts should have the power to reopen cases in which intrinsic fraud is alleged is a matter for legislative rather than judicial action." Courts are not now empowered by constitution or statute to exercise such jurisdiction, the attorney contended.

Dispatches from Fortaleza today said six cases had been reported in that city and its environs, the first in early November in the central region of the state of Ceara, the second in the Praia suburb of Fortaleza and four others, now under laboratory observation, in Fortaleza itself.

Earlier dispatches quoted Dr. Leorne Menescal, director of public health in Fortaleza, as saying cases had been reported in Palmeiras, Mulingui, Coite and Guarantinga. Medical aid was sent to those zones.

"Golden Bubble" Held.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Julian petroleum corporation—or what remains of the golden bubble blown by C. C. Julian, promoter extraordinary—will pass to control of the Sunbelt Oil company if the federal court approves a \$5,000,000 paper bid made at public auction.

## ORGANIZED DRIVE AGAINST CROOKS SELECTS SLOGAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP) The organized drive against crime was carried into the states today by an aroused group of men and women who pledged themselves to the task of ending the gangsters' reign.

Fresh from Attorney General Cummings' crime conference, the 600 leaders—lawyers, police officials, business men and women, teachers, editors—planned to seek the greatest co-ordination of local law enforcement agencies with renewed efforts to educate youth against crime and overhauling of legal machinery.

They will report to Attorney General Cummings from time to time and stand ready to return for another conference in the future.

Their rallying cry, adopted Thursday night, is:

"It is inconceivable that this nation can continue to permit murders, pillaging and racketeering with impunity."

RECKLESS DRIVER INDICTED

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—William B. Stout, 30, Vancouver, Wash., hospital attendant, was indicted by ultimate county grand jury today on two charges of involuntary manslaughter in connection with the death of Mrs. Betty Burkhardt, 26, and her 2-year-old daughter, victims of an automobile reputedly driven by the Vancouver man.

Ceylon Epidemic Grows

LONDON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A rapidly spreading epidemic of malaria in Ceylon was estimated today to have affected 500,000 people, according to dispatches from Colombo to the colonial office here.

HEAR Big Fun-Wow

FENLETON, Ore., Dec. 15.—(AP)—John Collier, federal Indian bureau commissioner, met here today with tribesmen of the Umatilla reservation to explain the Wheeler-Howard bill for readjustment of Indian lands and affairs.

Liquor Brings Sentence

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Harry J. Buntin of Salem was today sentenced to serve eight months in a federal road camp for possession of untaxed liquor.

## PAYROLL TAX ON EMPLOYERS URGED TO INSURE JOBS

Economic Security Council Approves Plan—A F. of L. and Secy. Perkins Approve—Follows General Lines of Defeated Bill

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—An unemployment insurance system resting upon contributions by employers through a payroll tax and three optional old-age pension plans, two of which would carry a federal subsidy, was approved today by President Roosevelt's economic security advisory council.

Persons thoroughly familiar with the work of the council, but who declined to be quoted, said the unemployment insurance proposals to be recommended to the cabinet included:

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**WILL ROGERS** says:  
HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 14.—Another disarmament conference wending its way home, labeled "No Fish." In London in 1930 we had 100 writers and 50 on the delegation from here. We are getting a little wiser. Roosevelt hired a fellow named Davis (Norman Davis) and he just pays him so much a conference and gives him the contract to attend all there is.

They all go home sore at each other now. That's one thing that conferences always succeed at, each nation finding out just how "honery" the others are.

I bet you history don't record any two nations ever having war with each other unless they had a conference first.

*Will Rogers*  
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