

**The Weather**  
Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Friday with occasional rain; not much change in temperature.  
Highest yesterday 43  
Lowest this morning 37

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**News Behind The News**  
By PAUL MALLON  
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—You could see a wholly different business attitude toward the administration on the inside of the White Sulphur Springs meeting of industrial master minds.

Six months ago, these same business leaders were tearing and snorting at the new deal. But at this meeting they actually held up their program until they could get word from the White House that it would be acceptable.

There was no whispered criticism of President Roosevelt or his policies, but only a genuine and somewhat meek desire to work things out amicably.

What the effort will amount to remains to be seen. The real reason that the meeting was called was to create unity among the white shirts. The U. S. chamber of commerce was always saying business wanted one thing, while the National Association of Manufacturers frequently asserted it wanted something else.

The administration has often told business representatives privately that it could not do very much for business until business agreed on what it wanted.

The new cooperative organization is supposed to keep the new deal advised on what business needs from the government. In that respect, it will probably work out very well.

There was a lot of inside sparring at the start of this meeting between the chamber of commerce and the manufacturers' association. Both wanted to get control of the key positions.

## PWA MAN SEES EARLY START ON DISPOSAL PLANT

**C. C. Hookley, Engineer for Administration, Says Construction Can Start Soon After Plan Contract Signed**

After a conference yesterday with Fred Scheffel, city superintendent, and Charles P. Farrell, city attorney, concerning construction of the Medford sewage disposal plant, C. C. Hookley of Portland, state engineer for the Public Works administration, announced that work will be started on the plant within ten weeks after the contract for plans and specifications has been closed with Greeley & Hansen of Chicago. Construction will be started, Hookley said, immediately upon receipt of the plans, and is estimated to require four or five months.

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He said that Greeley & Hansen, the Chicago engineering firm which assisted in preparing the application for the \$500,000 government loan, is considered one of the best for sewage disposal projects, and that the Medford plant, when completed, will be comparable to any sewage disposal facilities in the country.

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## World Markets Will Be Closed Over Christmas

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Christmas day will be marked by suspension of business on all important security and commodity exchanges throughout the United States and abroad. It will also be observed as a holiday by banks and other financial institutions. All the New York exchanges will operate on Monday preceding Christmas. Members of the New York stock exchange are circulating a petition for a special holiday on Monday preceding New Year's day, but not the Monday preceding Christmas.

## FLIEGEL RESIGNS PLAN COMMISSION FOR COUNCIL SEAT

Joseph F. Fliegel today announced that he has submitted his resignation as a member of the city planning commission to Mayor George Porter and members of the commission, in order to fully assume the duties of councilman from the first ward, a position he received in the last city election. The resignation will be considered by the city council at its next regular meeting.

Mr. Fliegel stated that, although he resigns with deep regret, he feels his resignation is necessary for the fulfillment of the duties invested in him by his election as councilman.

He was appointed a member of the planning commission on February 15, 1927, by former Mayor C. O. Alexander, and has served on the board continuously. Although the planning commission had existed several years prior to that time, it is that day the commission was still pioneering, compared to its present functions. Through experience with the restriction of property use, the commission gradually gained recognition and influence until today it is considered one of the most valuable boards of the city administration.

Mr. Fliegel, in summing up his work with the commission, stated that its principal objective is to plan for the future, as it has no power to remove properties or interfere with their present use. By compelling restricted use of property in the future, Mr. Fliegel said the commission can attain its objective.

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## RACIAL OUTBREAK QUIETS AS GUARD APPEARS IN TOWN

Tennessee Governor Orders Troops When Lynch Determined Mob Runs Wild and Burns Court House

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Six hundred national guardsmen marched into town today after disorders of the last 24 hours in which the courthouse was burned and two men were killed in a racial outbreak.

The troops were ordered here by Governor Hill McAllister after a mob ran wild yesterday on the scene of a lynching, fighting to carry off a negro whose trial on a charge of attacking a young white girl was interrupted by the sullen, raging group stormed the courthouse.

Dawn brought a dismal sight to Shelbyville, its once proud courthouse a hulk of scorching bricks, and a litter of debris covering the courthouse square where two were killed and a score wounded in yesterday's attempt to seize E. K. Harris, negro superintendent, was pronounced dead at the hospital after the shooting, but was removed before identification could be made.

There was quiet throughout the early morning hours. Throughout the night the embers smoldered during only an occasional automobile load of curious.

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## Accused of Death



Portland, Ore., police charged Joseph J. Osbourne (above), 29-year-old special policeman, with the slaying of Joseph Mish. At his first court appearance Osbourne was his own spokesman. (Associated Press Photo)

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No protest, in the shape of petitions, were filed against a parole for Jones. Petitions favoring it were received from Rogue River and Crescent City, Calif. residents. Jones was a leader in the so-called "Good Government Congress" activities that led to the vote-stealing. He was also one of the "alibi witnesses" for Banks at his trial for murder.

## PRESIDENT TAX SYSTEM TO HALT OVERLAPS

Federal, State and Municipal Systems Will Be Investigated by Treasury — Gas Tax An Example

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—In a move intended to prevent the overlapping of taxes, President Roosevelt today directed the treasury to investigate the federal, state and municipal tax systems.

A national conference on taxation next summer may result from the inquiry.

Secretary Morgenthau disclosed the plan and shortly will name a staff to make the inquiry.

The study will look forward to zones of taxation and eliminating overlapping," Morgenthau said. "It will be a long range study with the possibility the president may call a conference next summer of the various agencies involved in taxation.

Collection Economy Claim  
"It will include the question of who collects taxes the most economically. It might involve the question of the federal collection of all income taxes."

Morgenthau said the gasoline tax was an excellent example of a levy employed by both federal and state and sometimes local governments.

Investigators will look into the question of whether in such a case the federal government should make all the collection and then distribute revenue back to the states and local governments.

## Rogers Has Pears To Prove Someone Reads His Humor

At last Will Rogers has "found somebody that reads his articles," and he has a box of Medford pears to prove it.

The famous humorist, whose remarks on world events are a daily feature of the Mail Tribune, visited here about two years ago and later stated in one of his widely appreciated commentaries that, although he had spent the better part of a day listening to the folks in Medford tell what a great year producing section this is, no one offered him any tangible evidence to back up the claim.

The typically Rogeriean remark was contained in a telegram received yesterday by G. R. Green, Medford manager of the American Fruit Growers, who had sent the humorist a gift box of the company's "Blue Goose" brand Concord pears and a personal letter recalling his "fruitless" visit here.

Rogers replied by Western Union as follows: "At last I found somebody that does read my articles. Thanks for pears. I won't doubt you all any more."

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Senate Committee Investigator Reveals Huge Sum Left After Deduction of Taxes During War Years

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—Alger C. Hiss, senate munitions committee investigator, testified today the Du Pont Powder company had a net profit of \$228,731,000 after taxes had been deducted during the World war.

Hiss told the committee the company's annual statements showed it did a gross business during the years 1915 to 1918 inclusive of \$1,157,000,000.

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"We will have a hell of a time in case of war, whatever the system," Du Pont testified, standing with his pipe in his hand.

## BRITISH-AMERICAN NAVAL ACCORD IF NEW TREATY FAILS

LONDON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—A spokesman for the United States naval delegation said tonight that Great Britain and the United States are likely to sign a naval accord between themselves after 1936 if there is no general international naval treaty by that time.

The statement was made following the close of the naval conversations which have been carried on for the last two months among delegations from the United States, Great Britain and Japan. These conversations, designed to pave the way for a new naval treaty, did not result in an agreement.

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## F. W. STREETS IS VICTIM OF CRASH

Word has recently been received in Medford of the sudden death of F. W. Streets, former well known resident of this city, in an automobile accident on the Ventura highway near Santa Paula, California, on November 21.

Mr. Streets was motoring from Ventura to his service station on Harvard Boulevard and Eschel road when another car driven by a Mrs. Lola Morton of Pasadena ran into his. Mrs. Morton was also instantly killed and a woman companion of hers seriously injured.

Mr. and Mrs. Streets lived in Medford about 15 years ago when Mr. Streets was for a time secretary of the local chamber of commerce. Later they moved to Grants Pass where Mr. Streets for a time managed the Oxford Hotel in that city. A few years ago they moved to California to be near their daughter, Mrs. Herbert Kentner of Ventura. To keep himself occupied Mr. Streets who was well along in years purchased and operated service station in that popular tourist section of southern California.

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## TAX COLLECTIONS SHOW INCREASE

Collection of current taxes in Jackson county for 1934, will show an increase of 16 per cent over 1933, according to Gertrude Martin, chief deputy of the tax department of the sheriff's office. Total amount of 1934 taxes collected is \$797,858.84. This year 59 per cent of the total tax levy was paid. In 1933, it was 42 per cent.

Delinquent tax collections the past year will, according to the chief deputy, "aggregate close to \$400,000," or nearly double the 1933 delinquency payments.

Returning confidence, federal loans, and Oregon tax laws, permitting quarterly payment of the taxes, are given as the reason for the improvement.

## ROOSEVELT DANCE CHAIRMAN NAMED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today accepted with thanks the services of a commission to administer funds to be collected at the president's birthday ball celebrations January 30.

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## LEGISLATORS END WORK FOR HUEY

BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 20.—(AP)—Huey Long's special session of the legislature adjourned at noon today after enacting 31 new laws.

Long, through his new bills, took a "big leap into local government in the state, put taxes on the "big money interests" and launched a few "poor people" and altruistic projects.

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## SOLDIERS SEARCH CARMEL AREA FOR SOCIETY MATRON

CARMEL, Cal., Dec. 20.—(AP)—A foot-by-foot search for the missing Mrs. Eliot Boke Schaffner, 36, society matron, was begun this morning by 335 officers and men, some of them on horseback, from the United States army presidio of Monterey.

An army plane from Crissy field, San Francisco, scheduled for tactical maneuvers at the Presidio, was to be diverted to the search upon its arrival.

The men were from the 11th cavalry and the 76th field artillery. They were afoot with the exception of a platoon of cavalrymen, who were scouring the Carmel woods.

Mrs. Schaffner, wife of Joseph Schaffner, clothing manufacturer, disappeared from her home here early Tuesday.

While Sheriff Carl H. Abbott of Monterey county believed Mrs. Schaffner had fulfilled a threat to commit suicide by walking deliberately into the bay, the intensive search was launched to remove any possible doubt that she might be dying of exhaustion or illness in the rugged country near her home.

## FREE MATINEE FOR ALL CHILDREN ON CHRISTMAS MORN

The annual Mail Tribune Christmas matinee for young Oregon boys and girls, presented through the generous co-operation of George Hunter theaters, will be held Christmas morning, beginning at 10, at both the Craterian and Rialto theaters.

Two fine Mickey Mouse comedies, "Mickey's Orphans" and "The Grocery Boy," have been secured for this fine program to be shown with an especially fine children's picture, "Black Beauty."

All children are cordially invited to enjoy this fine program, which will be shown at both theaters, and as an added treat apples will be given to all kiddies attending.

The pictures, especially appropriate for this free matinee, were secured by Mr. Hunter with the idea of general, all-around entertainment for boys and girls of all ages. Esther Ralston and Alexander Kirkland are the feature players in "Black Beauty," and plenty of action and thrills are promised. The staff of both the Rialto and Craterian theaters have generously offered their services in the staging of this free matinee.

Dr. Warren G. Hunter identified the spot as human blood. It was on the handle of the weapon. The stain was so small it was impossible to classify it more definitely.

**WILL ROGERS says:**  
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 19.—Read all the papers thru today and I can't find a new plan to save the country. Kind of slack season before Christmas, I guess. Boys ain't thinking as per as they usually are. That Yugoslavia, they just seem to want to fight anyhow. Be a good joke on them if nobody prevented 'em.  
We had heard of all kinds of likely wars between nations, but this one that Mussolini dug up is a new one—Italy versus Ethiopia. That's going a long way for an enemy.  
Will Rogers.  
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