

The Weather
Forecast: Occasional rain and snow
flurries tonight and Saturday;
continued cold.
Highest yesterday 42
Lowest this morning 31

Twenty-ninth Year

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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HAUPTMANN ACCUSED BY CURTIS



By PAUL MALLON.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—Political
mechanicians who gauge public opinion
for the alert new deal have not
been very well satisfied with the
way the last few moves have gone
over.

You will never hear it from
them directly, but it is true that
the reaction to the proposal for
limiting war profits was just
about what they expected. It was a
one-day sensation which failed
to keep public interest sustained.

The thrust toward building a public
power plant in New York was
good, but not exactly electrifying.

The handling of the White Sulphur
Springs business conference program
was badly botched by everyone who
touched it. That really is the reason
why the stock market has been
shrinking. Marketeers are frankly
wondering if the new dealers have
been soft-soaping them again with all
the autumn talk about helping business.

For these reasons, the mechanicians
are laying great hopes on the President's
forthcoming message to congress.
They say President Roosevelt
will pack a lot of meat in it. Some
of it may be sharp to the business
taste (budget, expenditures, social
legislation), and it will be fed in such
a way as to make it nutritious—which
is important.

The most daring rescue of the holiday
season was effected when Chairman
Eccles of Federal Reserve was
saved from engaging in a controversy
with Senator Glass.

Mr. Eccles was writing a reply to
Senator Glass on Christmas eve. News-
men were waiting eagerly. Word
came that Mr. Eccles had it half
written. Expectancy increased. The
body of Mr. Eccles could be seen
vaguely drifting closer and closer
to the Virginia busway. Then came
an announcement that Mr. Eccles
would make no formal reply.

What happened was that certain
influential insiders called Mr. Eccles
on the telephone in the nick of time.
They told him that people who have
lived in Washington longer than Mr.
Eccles unanimously agree that the
easiest way to spoil a budding reserve
board career is to get in an argument
with cactus-tongued Carter.

Glass usually knows whom he is
spanking before he puts out his pad-
dle, but this time he hit the wrong
fellow.

The root of the trouble was that
the Federal Reserve board handed its
press release inefficiently when it an-
nounced a cut from 3 to 2 1/2 per cent
in bank interest rates on deposits.
It linked its legitimate action with a
doubtful one by the Federal Deposit
Insurance corporation. The FRB had
ample authority to order the cut by
its own members, but the FDIC probably
overstepped itself when it tried to
extend the order to banks outside
the deposit insurance corporation.

The question is purely technical.
The FDIC obtained an opinion from
legal counsel that its order was legal,
although laymen may not understand
how it could be.

Glass knew all that. He merely
used the unimportant opportunity for
an indirect shot at the way the ad-
ministration has centralized banking
under the FRB and FDIC. He will
be shooting at that off and on from
now on.

Mr. Roosevelt had an experience at
Warm Springs some years ago which
may furnish an explanation why he
is so eager to reduce interest rates.
At least the memory of the experience
is vivid in his mind. He related
it recently to a friend.

A negro farmer near the President's
Georgia farm approached him and
asked for a loan of \$200. The negro
said he needed the money to buy a
mule team, seeds and farm imple-
ments. He contended that the bank
lacked such charges on him that the
interest would amount to 12 per cent.

After investigating, Mr. Roosevelt
advanced the loan at 4 per cent. It
was all repaid.

Governor Eccles takes his job so
seriously that he has made a habit
of studying each night for two hours
on credit, finance, banking, taxation,
no matter what time he gets home.

Treasury Secretary and Mrs. Mar-
genthauser never fly in the same plane.

LINDBERGH BILLS EXHIBITED BEFORE FINDING OF BODY

Shipbuilder's Story Would Blast Claims of Accused —State Ready for Trial With Startling Evidence

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 28.—(AP)—
John Hughes Curtis, of Norfolk, has
notified the New Jersey police he is
prepared to testify Bruno Haupt-
mann showed him some of the Lind-
bergh ransom money on one of his
meetings with Hauptmann and others
between the time the money had
been paid by John E. (Jesse) Con-
don and the finding of the Lind-
bergh baby's body, counsel for Curtis
announced today.

Curtis is prepared to swear he had
direct personal contact with Haupt-
mann, his counsel said.

Curtis, Norfolk, Va., shipbuilder,
was convicted at Flemington of ob-
structing justice in the Lindbergh
investigation two years ago.

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—(AP)—
Mrs. Anne Morrow Lindbergh, it
was learned from an authoritative source
today will be called as a witness for
the prosecution in the trial of Bruno
Richard Hauptmann which starts at
Flemington next week. Hauptmann is
charged with the murder of Mrs.
Lindbergh's infant son.

The authority from which it was
learned Mrs. Lindbergh will testify
said she will be "an important state
witness."

By JAMES Y. LAWRENCE
(Associated Press Staff Writer)
FLEMINGTON, N. J., Dec. 28.—
(AP)—The state will declare at
Bruno Richard Hauptmann's trial, a
prosecuting official disclosed today,
that the Lindbergh kidnap-slaying
suspect has had in his possession in
the last two years \$49,600 more than
all his avowed sources of income
provided.

The money will be identified by
the state this official said, as the
bulk of the \$50,000 ransom which
Dr. J. H. F. Condon, Lindbergh in-
termediary, paid in a Bronx court-
room April 2, 1932.

Efforts to trace the ransom notes
were redoubled after Hauptmann's
capture.

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PORTLAND COP QUILTS WHEN QUIZ ORDERED

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Rather
than face a board of commanding
officers on a charge of conduct un-
becomingly a policeman, Patrolman Joe
Hammerly, for ten years a member
of the traffic squad here, resigned late
yesterday. He insisted he was not
guilty of the offense charged to him
by a woman with whom he was said
to have been on a "wild party."

Being at the head of nearly every
parade here in the past decade, Ham-
merly was well known to thousands
of Portlanders.

Resides her husband she leaves her
father, L. J. Harvey of Goble, Ore.,
and two children, Evelyn Marj and
Howard E. Schmitt of Medford; also
the following brothers and sisters:
Mrs. H. C. Bruce, Goble, Ore.; Mrs.
Earl Pickering and George Harvey of
Warrington, Ore.; Will Harvey, Port-
land, Ore.; W. Harvey of Astoria and
Roy Harvey of Aurora.

Funeral services will be conducted
at the Conger chapel at 2:30 Monday,
Rev. W. R. Baird officiating. Interment
will be in the Slakyou Mc-
morial park.

Editor Roosevelt Scored Beat With Portable Press

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)— Thirty seven editors of college dailies heard from the president today how Franklin D. Roosevelt, as a one-time Harvard editor, scored a nine-minute "beat" against his opposition Yale paper.

The story went back to the
1900's when Roosevelt, as editor
of the Harvard Crimson, carried
a one man press into the Yale
bowling and printed an account of
the game on the ground.

It was off the press nine min-
utes ahead of Yale's own publica-
tion, the president said.

The editors, holding a conven-
tion here, told the president of their
purpose to organize and
campaign for an uncensored col-
lege press.

HOLIDAY SHOPPERS STRIP SHELVES OF NATION'S STORES

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(AP)—In-
ventories of holiday goods were
reduced to the smallest proportion in
years, said the Dun & Bradstreet
weekly trade review by the excep-
tional volume of Christmas buying
which reached peak levels last Mon-
day.

"Preliminary estimates for the
country as a whole," asserted the
summary, "place the Christmas sales
at an increase ranging from 25 to 40
per cent by comparison with those
of last year, with the possibility that
final totals will show the best trade
figures since 1929."

"With the surprisingly large ex-
pansion of the December volume,
the compilation of the final returns for
1934 doubtless will reveal an increase
in sales of 15 to 20 per cent over the
1933 figures."

"While the possible trend of the
industrial operations in 1935 may be
variously interpreted, there is no un-
certainty regarding the boldness with
which recovery has proceeded since
the mid-summer lull."

"For ten consecutive weeks the
Dun & Bradstreet business activity
barometer has climbed upward
steadily, and for the current period
scored the sharpest upturn in many
years. From 69.4 for the week pre-
ceding it jumped to 74.5, or a gain of 7
per cent, which carried it beyond the
mid-summer peak to the highest level
in three and a half years."

Stella Schmitt, wife of C. H. Schmitt
of Medford, passed away at a local
hospital at 7:53 this morning at the
age of 50.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt have been
residents of Medford for nearly ten
years and have many friends here
and elsewhere. Mrs. Schmitt's death
followed an illness of three months
during which time she was a con-
stant sufferer.

Remains of her husband she leaves her
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Unauthorized Collectors.
It has been reported to the Mail
Tribune that unauthorized persons
have made collections from sub-
scribers. Only those having the
regular receipt blanks issued by
the paper should be entrusted with
subscription funds.

Persons under the influence of
intoxicants.
The report also rapped the activi-
ties of coaches who pick football
winners in the newspapers.
"We lose sight of the fact too often
that the game belongs to the boys,
not the coaches," the report added.
Publication of "Wolf and Bear
stories" was termed unethical.

BRITAIN TO OFFER SECURITY TREATY COVERING EUROPE

France and Italy to Co-oper- ate in Proposal, Is An- nouncement From Source High in Diplomatic Circles

LONDON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—An au-
thoritative diplomatic source state
today that Great Britain, with the
cooperation of France and Italy, will
propose a general security pact em-
bracing almost all the countries of
Europe, immediately after the Saar
plebiscite.

The suggested convention, it was
said, will be submitted at Geneva,
the seat of the League of Nations.
The plebiscite itself is to be held
January 13, and the council of the
League of Nations is to meet just
two days before the balloting by
which the Saarlanders will express
their desire as to the future sov-
ereignty of the Saar basin territory.

The suggested pact would be a
joint pledge and guarantee of the
independence of Austria. It also
would pledge the signatory nations
not to make any moves against one
another involving Austria or any
other question in which two or more
countries had an interest.

Germany, it was stated, has given
assurances that she will participate
in the conventions.

Prime Minister J. Ramsay Mac-
Donald and Sir John Simon, foreign
secretary, were said to have been the
men who conceived the proposal.

Sir John's present trip to France,
diplomatic quarters were given to
understand, is for the purpose of ar-
ranging preliminary steps toward the
pact. It was said that he had been
given the full cooperation of France
and Italy in the British proposals.

SOLINSKY UNFOUNDED BY U. S. OFFICERS

PORTLAND, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Federal
officials here said today no
trace had been found of E. C. So-
linsky, former superintendent of Cra-
ter Lake National park, whose in-
dictment on charges of embezzlement
and payroll manipulations was an-
nounced yesterday.

Carl C. Donough, United States at-
torney, said efforts to trace Solinsky
through his last address at Berkeley,
Cal., have failed.

Solinsky was jointly indicted with
two subordinates, A. R. Edwin, chief
clerk and disbursing officer at the
park, and I. F. (Ike) Davidson, su-
perintendent of park construction.

The three were indicted last May
by Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the
interior after anonymous complaints
had resulted in a quiet investigation
which revealed alleged irregularities
in park management.

According to Attorney Gus New-
bury, who arrived from San Francisco
this morning, he was with Solinsky
yesterday when an airmail letter was
sent to U. S. Attorney Donough in
Portland, informing the latter that
Solinsky had just learned that an
indictment had been issued and giv-
ing Solinsky's address. Newbury de-
clared today that the Solinsky family
has lived at the same address in
Berkeley for 15 years, and he is at
a loss to explain the statement that
the federal officials had been un-
able to locate the former park su-
perintendent.

Federal judgeships
remain speculation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Specu-
lation arose here today as to who
might be nominated to fill two va-
cancies on the bench of the ninth
circuit court of appeals at San Fran-
cisco.

The senate failed to confirm ap-
pointment of Judge Frank H. Nor-
cross. At the office of Senator Pitt-
man (D., Nev.) it was said today no
further recommendation had been
made in the matter of appointing a
judge to the ninth circuit bench.

Accused Lawyer



An affidavit outlining the manner
in which Ben Laska (above), veter-
an Denver attorney, allegedly re-
ceived part of the Charles F. Ur-
schel ransom money was disclo-
sed by government prosecutors in Den-
ver as complicity charges against
the attorney were filed. (Associated
Press Photo)

TAIL SENTENCES GIVEN TWO AFTER LIQUOR CLEANUP

County jail terms were imposed
late yesterday by Circuit Judge H. D.
Norton, upon two of the nine de-
fendants, arrested Christmas eve, in
a series raids by state police and the
sheriff's office, upon local illegal
liquor resorts.

William S. King, who pleaded guilty
to sale of liquor, was sentenced to
serve three months in the county
jail. King operated with others the
"Midnight Club" in the Kings high-
way district.

Virgie Miller, who pleaded guilty to
sale of liquor, was sentenced to six
months in the county jail, and fined
\$50. She operated a place on West
Second street, near the Junior high
school.

William Hahn, Mabel King, and
Emma Burdell are scheduled to be
arraigned next Monday morning, to
enter pleas to illegal liquor charges.
Lavon Garman, his brother, Ken-
neth Garman, Carol L. White, and
her daughter Elsie Langlot Thursday
afternoon entered pleas of guilty to
"maintaining and aiding in the
maintenance of a common nuisance,"
and the court deferred sentence until
next Monday, they "operated" a place
on South Central avenue.

The district attorney indicated that
the clause of the Knox Liquor Con-
trol law, providing that costs of ac-
tions could be assessed to owners of
buildings "knowingly" rented for il-
legal liquor sales.

Lavon Garman told the court that
he was a student in a San Francisco
barber college, and was spending
Christmas with his brother Kenneth.
He said he was a "guest, and had
nothing to do with any sales." The
court remarked, "at any rate you
were in bad company."

Kenneth Garman testified that he
was employed at Gold Hill, "but had
been at the place off and on, for the
past three months."

Carol L. White, testified "she sold
drinks, and made just enough to get
by. I did it because I did not want
to go on county relief. I wanted to
blow this trail."

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SOUTH ASHLAND PAVING CONTRACT IS AWARDED

SALEM, Dec. 28.—(AP)—The state
highway commission today announced
the awarding of two contracts
held over from the last meeting of
the commission. They were:
Pittsburg-Yernonia section of the
Nehalem secondary highway in Col-
umbia county, 131 miles crushed
rock or gravel resurfacing and bitu-
minous wearing surface, to A. T.
Dolan of Tillamook for \$20,345.

South Ashland section of the Pa-
cific highway in Jackson county,
1,188 lineal feet of pavement widen-
ing, let to the Mountain States Con-
struction company of Eugene for
\$2,845.

CHRISTMAS MAIL SET NEW RECORD FOR MEDFORD P. O.

10,692 Packages Handled —128,890 Cards and Letters Sent Out—Early Mailing Aided Clerks

An all-time record for Christmas
parcels coming in to the Medford
postoffice was set this year, it
was revealed today with the comple-
tion of a summary of the Christmas
business since 1932, the year fol-
lowing the mailing peak. This year's
climb may be attributed generally to
better business conditions.

According to the canceling ma-
chine's records, a total of 128,890 let-
ters and postcards were sent out this
year, or 19,220 more than in 1933.
This mark, however, does not equal
the number of postcards and letters
mailed out in 1931.

Incoming packages last year num-
bered 3,929 less than this year, but
showed a gradual uptrend in Christ-
mas business since 1932, the year fol-
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It was revealed by a check on
stamp sales, the only way of figuring
the outgoing business, that a total
of nearly \$1000 more of stamps were
sold this year than in 1933. Stamp
sales are a basis upon which an
estimate of the amount of out-
going parcel post and letter mail is
made.

An exceptional feature of the
Christmas business this year, Post-
master DeSouza said, was the early
mailing, which enabled the postoffice
to distribute incoming mail more
rapidly and dispatch outgoing mail
more rapidly.

The public has become educated as
to the importance of early mailing
and careful addressing, DeSouza said.
Despite this factor, there will be a
great many Christmas cards which
will not reach the addressee due to
improper addresses.

Another interesting feature is the
fact that there were many more in-
sured packages mailed this year, due,
DeSouza said, to the stress that the
postoffice has placed on the value of
insurance.

During the Christmas period this
year 12 substitutes were employed
at the postoffice in addition to the
regular force.

SNOW RUINS CLUE TO MISSING MAN

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Dec. 28.—(AP)—
Pushed back and forth again today
by the wind, the snow today in
Medford, Ore., has ruined the
clue to the missing man, Harry
L. Tournour, who disappeared in
December 21.

The discovery yesterday near the
head of Clear creek of footprints be-
lieved to have been made by the mis-
sing man, gave searchers their first
clue. Last night, however, as weary
woodsmen rested, a snow storm came
to cover up the trail. A gale was
blowing this morning. The recom-
mendations of county courts will go
a long way with the commission
when the time comes to issue lic-
enses.

As far as roadhouses and beer
places outside city limits are con-
cerned, the commission has said each
will be investigated separately before
a license is issued. The mere fact
that a beer parlor is set up outside
city limits does not mean it can
operate without restriction, members
of the commission stated.

The minimum pension allowed has
been \$2 a month, and the maximum
was \$20. The average is \$11.90 a
month. The very small grants were
supplementary allowances to appli-
cants who had some other income or
relatives on whom they could largely
depend.

Portland, Dec. 28.—(AP)—Approxi-
mately 3,000 applications for old
age pensions were made in Mult-
nomah county this year, and of this
number 1,900 were acted upon favor-
ably, and 350 are pending for in-
vestigation and action.

False Teeth May Lead To Tracing Suicide Identity

SALEM, Dec. 28.—(AP)—A set
of false teeth might be the only
possible means of identifying the
decomposed body of a man found
hanging from a rope in a tree
yesterday, two miles south of
Sunnydale, County Coroner L. E.
Barrick stated.

The gruesome discovery was
made on the Prohmadar Brothers
farm, nine miles south of Salem,
by one of the owners of the farm.
Barrick said this morning that
no identification had been estab-
lished, and that there was only a
remote possibility it would be.

That the man took his own life
was "beyond question," District
Attorney Trindle declared.

LIQUOR CONTROL PONDERS PROTEST DRAFT BEER RULE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—(AP)—
Without having intimated in any way
that it might change its position, the
Oregon Liquor Control Commission
today had taken under advisement
a strong protest from druggists and
grocers who have been ordered to dis-
continue the sale of draft beer.

Members of the commission were
to meet in executive session here this
afternoon to give the new regulations
further consideration.

The liquor commission last week
ruled that after Jan. 1 drug stores
and grocers may sell bottled beer
for consumption on the premises, but
that none of these places could draw
beer from the barrel.

At a meeting with the commission
here Thursday representatives of
druggists and grocers associations
filed a formal protest. They contended
that of all the places selling beer,
their groups had conducted their
business with the least disorder.

All 1934 licenses must be on dis-
play in selling places by January 1,
the commission stated.

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RAIN, SNOW COVER WESTERN TERRITORY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—(AP)—
Rain and snow pelted every state
west of the Rockies today with a new
storm thundering into the northwest
off the Alaskan gulf.

Snow fell in practically all the
plateau region in parts of Oregon
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ifornia above the 3,000-foot level.
Elsewhere, it either rained steadily
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GOTTLIEB, GAULT NAMED DEPUTIES BY NEW SHERIFF

Sheriff-Elect Syd Brown An- nounces First of Appoint- ments—Others Later— To Take Office January 7

Appointment of Chris Gottlieb as
chief deputy of the tax department,
and Howard Gault as chief office
deputy, was announced late yesterday
by Syd I. Brown, sheriff-elect, who
will assume office Monday, Jan. 7.

Gottlieb, widely known in southern
Oregon, is highly experienced in clerical
handling of tax collection work.
For 18 years he was tax collector of
the city of Kansas City, Mo. Mr.
Gottlieb is owner of an orchard tract
and has resided here for 25 years.

Gault, chief deputy, has held that
position for the past three months.
He is a law student and acquainted
with all legal angles of the berth,
being particularly well fitted on account
of his legal training and study. He
is a native son and graduate of the
Medford high school.

For several years he was clerk of the Medford
justice of the peace court.

Appointment of a jailer and two
deputy sheriffs will not be made by
Sheriff-elect Brown until next week.
The sheriff-elect has been virtually
swamped by oral and written applica-
tions for deputyship appointments.
Close to 200 applications have been
filed for the berth.

Brown expects to make other ap-
pointments in the tax collection de-
partment, in the minor positions, but
they will not be effective for several
weeks.

Otto Caster, county commissioner-
elect, will take office January 7, and
his first county court session will be
Wednesday, January 9. Caster is a
Phoenix district farmer.

The present county court will hold
sessions today and Monday, to close
up the business of the year. Commis-
sioner R. E. Nealon will end his
tenure of office with the regular session
of the court next Wednesday.

HEDRICK RETURNS MUCH IMPROVED

The many friends of E. H. Hedrick,
city school superintendent, will be
glad to hear that he returned
from the south today on the morn-
ing train. Mr. Hedrick reported that
he was feeling much better, and
hoped to be back in harness at the
school office before long.

Mr. Hedrick was forced to give up
active school work last March when
his health failed, and since that
time he has been taking health treat-
ment in California. A gradual im-
provement has now allowed him to
return to his home here, although
he does not expect to take up his
duties right away.

WILDERMAN IS CGAST'S POPULAR PRESS AGENT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—(AP)—
Sam Wilderman of University of Ore-
gon was announced today as the
winner of a poll taken among Pacific
coast sports writers to determine the
most popular of the college press
agents on the coast. Billy Stepp,
sports editor of the News-Telegram
here, conducted the poll. Don Lieb-
erford of Stanwood was second, and
Art Taaffe of Oregon state was third.
Wilderman had 178 points, Lieber-
dorfer, 144, and Taaffe, 130.



SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec.
27.—Well, Christmas is all over
and they say there was more
buying and more money spent
than any time in four years.
Now comes New Year's and
along with it comes New Year's
predictions of our leading men.
This year they will read as
follows, all of 'em: "I am an
optimist and always have been,
but we must be assured of no
inflation and a fair return on
our investment. If the govern-
ment will just lay off its every-
thing will be fine."
Now watch New Year's and
see how far we miss it.
Yours,
Will Rogers.