

The Weather
Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday; little change in temperature.
Temperature:
Highest yesterday 46
Lowest this morning 28

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CALIFORNIA, ARIZONA TREMBLE

Strong Earthquake Believed Centered In Imperial Valley

CALIFORNIA, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Southern California and Arizona were shaken today by a sharp earthquake, believed to have its center in the region of the Imperial Valley of Mexico, south of the California border.

The area between Phoenix and Los Angeles reported the shock was felt for more than a minute starting at 10:47 a. m.

The only damage reported immediately to American cities was in the Imperial valley, where in some places grocery stores were shaken from shelves, windows broken and cracks opened in plaster.

South of the border, in Mexican territory, no reports were immediately available.

Severe at San Diego
From first incomplete reports there were indications that the strongest force of the earthquake reported in American cities occurred at Calexico and San Diego. The shock was quite severe at San Diego.

The quake was pronounced in Orange county and Santa Ana, but there was no property damage. Inquiries disclosed the shock was not felt to any extent at Santa Barbara, Long Beach or Compton, and that it was light in San Bernardino.

The official record of the Carnegie Institution Seismological laboratory at Pasadena revealed that the shock was considerably stronger, perhaps twice the intensity of the disastrous Long Beach earthquake, nearly two years ago.

Lasted Two Minutes
The record started at 10:46:40, and the tremors were shaken from the rolls while other indications were that the shock lasted about two minutes and a half.

The epicenter appeared to be about 250 miles south of Pasadena, which would place it in the region of the head of the Gulf of Lower California, where there are few settlements and no direct communication.

Reports from El Centro and San Diego, where the shock was felt with intensity about equal to the California area, disclosed no reports of damage in those places.

PLANE SURVIVORS RETURNED FROM SCENE OF CRASH

MOREHOUSEVILLE, N. Y., Dec. 31.—(AP)—The four survivors of Friday's plane crash near here were brought safely back to civilization today and rushed to St. Elizabeth's hospital in Utica.

Ernest Dryer, pilot of the American Air Lines ship, was suffering severely from exposure, frozen feet and apparently congested lungs. His brother Dale, co-pilot, had a fractured jaw. J. W. Brown, aviator, and E. W. Hambrook of Washington, a passenger, also received emergency treatment here.

All were saved by ambulance from the department of conservation to Utica. Two had to be brought out by bobbed, while two walked.

EVANS CREEK DAM GIVEN SERA OKEH

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 31.—(AP)—An allotment of \$15,000 for work on the Eugene airport by which it will be made one of the most modern and efficient in the state, was made by the state emergency relief administration today. More than \$12,000 of this money will go into wages for labor employed on the project.

The work will be extensive and will include leveling the field, graveling runways, installing a bridge over Amazon slough, constructing field markers, installing lights, drainage, ditching, removing culverts and reconditioning rest and waiting rooms for passengers and pilots.

Other projects approved today included improvement to high school at Salem; additional money for sewing project in Josephine county; flood control work about eight miles north of Medford, and additional money for reconstruction of dam on Evans creek, a Jackson county irrigation project.

MANILA CELEBRATES NEW YEAR IN NOISE

MANILA, Jan. 1.—(Tuesday)—(AP) Thirteen hours before New Year and the thousands of the eastern part of the United States, Manila, the most distant American outpost, celebrated the arrival of the New Year tonight in characteristically noisy fashion.

Dr. Johnson in Los Angeles — Dr. Frederick Johnson of this city is in Los Angeles, and is expected to return within the next few days.

TODAY'S TEMBLOR FOLLOWS SERIES FELT ON SUNDAY

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Dec. 31.—(AP)—By one of the most severe earthquake shocks felt here in many years, San Diego and surrounding towns were rocked at 10:47 a. m. today. Apparently unaccompanied by any property damage, the quake awakened downtown buildings, causing occupants to rush out into the streets.

The quake was reported general in San Diego county.

In San Diego, clocks were stopped for the second time in two days, today's shock being the second experienced here since early yesterday morning, and windows and dishes rattled.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Earthquake shocks, one of which was described by geophysicists as intense as the destructive Long Beach temblor of March 10, 1933, were experienced yesterday in various sections of the Pacific coast, from Mexico to points north of San Francisco, but extensive checks completed today showed there was no consequential damage and no loss of life.

The most severe of the shocks originated at the head of the Gulf of California, scene of many earth disturbances in recent years, and was felt in cities of the Imperial valley shortly before 9 a. m. At about the same time a moderate shock aroused light sleepers in San Francisco and the peninsula area.

The needle of the seismograph at the University of Washington in Seattle recorded an earthquake of severe intensity.

Earth vibrations in the Imperial valley, 150 miles southeast of Los Angeles, were described as short, and the main quake was followed by miller shocks continuing for three hours.

A water tower was toppled from its supports at Coquihui, Mexico. About \$300 worth of glassware was broken in Calexico, and guests in hotels at Palm Springs, 115 miles southeast of here, were awakened by the slow, rolling motion of the earth.

Residents of Yuma and Phoenix, Ariz., felt a swaying motion, and the shock also was noted in Brawley, Niland, Indio and Colton.

FARM CENSUS TAKERS SHOULD ASK FINDLEY FOR CHANCE TO WORK

Applications for the position of census enumerator for the farm census in Jackson county, must be filed with George Findley, U. S. census supervisor for the southern Oregon district. Findley has the hiring powers.

An examiner to give examinations for the position of farm census enumerator is expected to be in the city this week. Fourteen enumerators for this county will be named, and the work will last about one month. There have been about 250 verbal and written applications to date. The census taking is expected to get underway by mid-January.

R. O. Stephenson, democratic county chairman, said today that he had no official connection whatsoever with the appointing of the census takers. It was reported last week that Stephenson had charge for Jackson county. Stephenson has been confined to his home with a severe cold, and was besieged by applications.

The farm census was ordered by the last congress and funds were appropriated for the purpose. The census is the first farm census since 1930, and will embody the number of farm acres under cultivation, number of farm families, number of livestock, farm equipment, and all general information on farms and farmers. The census also includes data on last year's crops.

FAIR WEATHER FOR ROSE BOWL GAME

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The weather-man took pride and pleasure in announcing today that the skies will be fair, and the wind moderate tomorrow for the Rose Bowl football and football game between Alabama and Stanford.

"This is one time I'm going to be popular," said Col. L. H. Dingerfeld, federal weather observer here.

Roosevelt Moves to Head Off Bonus

Ex-Governor Dies



Death removed a colorful west ern figure when George W. P. Hunt, seven times governor of Arizona, passed away at his home in Phoenix. He drove a burro across the plains in 1881 and arrived in the territory penniless. During President Wilson's administration, he served a brief term as minister to Siam. He was the state's first chief executive. (Associated Press Photo)

GOVERNOR'S WAGE SHOULD BE \$1,500 CLAIMS TEST SUIT

Constitutionality Of Act Increasing Salary To \$7,500 Per Year Is Questioned By Court Action

SALEM, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The suit to test the constitutionality of legislative acts increasing the salary of the governor from \$1,300, as provided in the state constitution, to \$7,500 a year, was filed in the Marion county circuit court in Judge L. G. Lewelling's department here this afternoon.

The complaint, naming Ed A. Joy of Salem as plaintiff, and filed by Rodney Alden, Woodburn publisher and attorney, listed Governor Julius L. Meier, Secretary of State P. J. Stadelman and State Treasurer Rutus C. Holman as defendants.

No restraining order was requested in the brief complaint. The only statements set out were that Meier had received \$24,735.91 as salary during his term of office, and the past 11 months was being paid the rate of \$487.50 per month.

The complaint did not set out the \$1,500 limitation set out by the constitution, Alden declaring the courts should be familiar with the constitution. Alden declared he had received about \$100 as voluntary contributions to test the salary statute. He did not direct the action against any other than the governor's salary.

MRS. SEEGMILLER TAKEN BY DEATH

Martha Estella Williams Seegmiller, born in Greenville, Cal., October 27, 1878, passed away at her home in the Antioch district late Sunday evening at the age of 58 years. In January, 1902, she was married to Rufus Henry Seegmiller at Salt Lake City, Utah, who, with four children, survive: Don Seegmiller of Beagle; Claudine Perrin and Edna Stallings of Ogden Utah, and Marie Seegmiller of Beagle.

Mrs. M. A. Parks, three brothers and three sisters: C. R. and W. I. Williams of Corona Del Mar, Cal.; Howard Williams of Antioch; Mrs. H. E. Hinds of Turp, Wash.; Mrs. H. A. Barnick of Portland, and Mrs. R. E. Boyles of Beagle.

Besides her relatives she is survived by a large circle of friends. She was a member of the Bains Valley Grange and a member of the Church of the Latter Day Saints.

The body is at the Conger Funeral parlors, where funeral services are being arranged and from where funeral services will be announced.

SIX SENTENCED IN DRIVE ON ILLEGAL DRINK DISPENSERS

County jail terms and suspended sentences were meted this morning to six persons, arrested Christmas Eve, in a series of raids by state police and the sheriff's office on local illegal liquor joints. All entered pleas of guilty to illegal sale of intoxicating liquor and "maintaining a common nuisance."

Carol L. White was sentenced to serve three months in the county jail, and sentence suspended. She informed the court she sold the liquor, to keep from "going on the county relief list."

Elsie Langslet, daughter of Mrs. White, and mother of a 18-month-old baby, was given a three month sentence, with suspension for six months pending good behavior.

Kenneth D. Garman, was sentenced to serve three months in the county jail.

LaVon Garman, student in a San Francisco barber college, and a guest of his brother, Kenneth Garman, during the holidays, was given a three month sentence, and granted suspension upon condition that he leave the county and state at once.

Mrs. William King, a recent arrival from Idaho, and Emma C. Burdell, were each given six months sentences.

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SOLINSKY VISITS MARSHAL OFFICE; IS FREE ON BOND

Former Crater Lake Park Superintendent Quickly Released After Quiet Surrender Last Evening

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Surrender of E. C. Solinsky, former superintendent of Crater Lake national park, charged with embezzling government funds, was announced today by United States Marshal George Vice.

With two other former park employees, Solinsky is charged with having made out false hiring cards for park work never done. The amount allegedly involved is \$2,097. All claims were approved through Comptroller General McCar's office in Washington, officials said.

Solinsky surrendered quietly last night and was quickly released on \$5,000 bond. Vice stated. He had been scheduled to give himself up today. The secret indictment was returned in Portland, Ore.

Charged jointly with Solinsky, who was park superintendent in 1932, were A. R. Edwin, chief clerk and special disbursing agent, and I. P. Davidson. Vice said he did not know where these latter two were. The park is in southern Oregon.

Solinsky's surrender last evening culminated several days of conflicting reports from federal officials and friends of the accused. Although the officials claimed they had been unable to locate the former park superintendent, following issuance of the secret indictments, Attorney Gus Newbury of Medford declared Solinsky was at home Christmas and was at a loss to understand why he was not served with the warrant if the U. S. marshal actually had such a document and desired to make the arrest.

Last reports here showed I. P. Davidson, former construction chief of the park, to be at liberty on bond in Portland, and A. R. Edwin, ex-disbursing agent of the park, at liberty in this vicinity, also on bond.

Final rush of autolists for temporary 1935 licenses was underway today in the sheriff's office. Three hundred temporary licenses were issued last Saturday, bringing the total close to 1200. Many Jackson county motorists applied direct to the secretary of state at Salem. The fee is \$5 per annum. It is estimated that 85 per cent of the county's motorists still have new license tags for the start of the new year.

Freed By Nazis



Miss Isobel Steele (above), Hollywood, Cal., girl, declared herself too nervous to talk when she arrived in New York on the President Harding after having been imprisoned and then freed by Nazi political police in Berlin. (Associated Press Photo)

VETS UNINFORMED PRESIDENT TELLS LEGION CHIEFTAN

Payment Would Be Very Costly And Result In But Little Stimulation of Business Is Assertion.

ISSUES Facing Congress
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A few of the more important issues facing the 74th congress when it convenes next Thursday are:
Belief—Public works.
Social security.
The soldiers' bonus.
St. Lawrence waterway treaty.
World Court adherence.
Taxes.
Banking and monetary proposals.
Readjustment in the NRA and AAA.

By WILLIAM L. BEALE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—In an obvious effort to head off a strong congressional movement for immediate payment of the bonus, President Roosevelt today made public a letter expressing opposition.

The president contended the obligation was not due until 1945, would prove very costly, and that past experience had shown full payment would not result in much stimulus to business.

"The bonus question," he said as congress prepared to convene Thursday, "is not well understood even among the veterans themselves." He added that many "have not given the question sufficient study to realize the vast sums required."

Huge Cost Cited
In money, he said it would cost \$1,620,000,000 above the present certificate value of \$2,100,000,000 and \$2,320,000,000 more than the original basic adjustment of \$1,400,500,000.

The president's views were expressed in a letter, dated December 27, to Commander Garland R. Farmer, of the American Legion post at Henderson, Texas, an area whose congress-

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RIOTING IN SAAR BRINGS CALL FOR MILITARY ACTION

By MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER
(Associated Press Foreign Staff.)
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SAARBRUECKEN, Saar Basin Territory, Dec. 31.—Serious rioting broke out in this area today and anti-Nazi forces were called in to suppress the "terrorist" gripping the Saar. About 15 persons were injured in the week-end disturbances.

More than 50 shots were fired when Nazis and anti-Nazis battled at Mallstadt, a suburb of Saarbruecken. A Hitler youth was wounded and a restaurant, where the fight took place, was wrecked.

Several persons were injured yesterday at Bielekastei when an alleged Nazi group broke up an anti-Nazi rally in a hall there.

The fight at Mallstadt took place early today. It was reported the group of Hitler youths was meeting in a restaurant. A handful of unidentified men, described by Nazis as "German emigrants," smashed into the restaurant through the door and windows.

The Nazis barricaded themselves behind tables and chairs and guns were blazing from both sides. Local residents, awakened by the shots, ran to the scene and the attackers disappeared.

The fight at Bielekastei raged inside the hall. Johann Hoofmann, Hitler leader of the German People's party—which opposes the Saar's return to Germany—was present at the meeting.

DYNAMITE THREAT AT PANAMA CANAL

COLON, Panama, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Rumors of threats to blow up Gatun locks swept the canal zone today when it became known that extra precautions were being taken to guard the canal. The rumors were officially denied.

The rumors were to the effect that H. M. Thomas, assistant superintendent of the Gatun locks, had received an anonymous letter "threatening to blow up the control house of Gatun Sunday."

Both the military intelligence service and Thomas himself denied the receipt of such a letter. However, effective Saturday, all persons except employees were forbidden to enter the lock area which was guarded with redoubled sentries.

WILL SEAT CUTTING SAYS DEMO LEADER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, said today it was "assumed that if and when" the certificate of election of Senator Cutting (R., N. M.) is received "he will be seated unless some issue unknown to me is pending the subject arises."

Democrat, a contesting Cutting's election.

PRINCIPAL ROADS FREE FROM SNOW

Old man winter has loosened a little the grip he held on southern Oregon last week, with all main trunk roads open out of Medford today.

There is still almost a foot of snow at the summit of the Sixtyfours, but the plows have cleaned it from the pavement, and the slippery places were being sanded today for greater safety. Chains are no longer necessary. Skiing conditions in that area are reported excellent, with enough crust to afford a fast slide.

Conditions on the Greensprings are the same as those prevailing in the Sixtyfours, with hard packed snow on the roadway in scattered places. There is still plenty of snow in the Union Creek sector, but the Sexton mountain area was reported cleared of snow by Saturday's rain. There is over a foot of snow on the far upper Applegate, it was learned today.

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Dec. 29.—The only trouble about this suggestion that somebody or something ought to be investigated is that they are liable to be investigated, and from the record of all our previous investigations, it just looks like nobody can emerge with their nose entirely clean. I don't care who you are. You just can't reach middle life without having done and said a whole lot of foolish things. If I saw an investigating committee headed my way, I would just plead guilty and throw myself on the mercy of the court.

Will Rogers
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By PAUL MALLON

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Industry whirled itself up to 66 per cent of normal activity last spring. That peak momentum was reached in April and May. Then it began to slow down. Today it is about 76.

The private composite of the best economic judges here is that it will reach 90 this coming spring. That does not mean merely a 20 per cent improvement over the present.

It means the improvement will be 20 per cent more than seasonal.

The business seems to not base this expectation on anything the new deal will do. They reckon it on the law of economic averages, brought up to date by investigations of the present condition of supply and demand—the two factors which still seem to be more important than any other.

It makes as good a new year greeting as you can get, and far more substantial than the frail hopes expressed at the end of 1933.

An accurate idea of the up-and-down course along which President Roosevelt has led us can be obtained by a reprint of the accompanying monthly business chart.

It shows that, generally, we are at about the same level as last year, with certain important exceptions. The main exception is that wages and employment have been notably improved. Industrial production is about the same as last December, but wages are about 10 per cent nearer normal, and employment about 3 per cent better. This may be nothing to get out an extra about, especially in view of the fact that demands for relief are not diminishing, yet it is encouraging.

An equally important improvement was in department store sales. They were 10 per cent nearer normal this December than last. Of course, that is generally attributed to the pump-priming money which Mr. Roosevelt has been putting out.

For your guidance in reading the following chart, the averages of 1923-'25 inclusive are considered 100 (normal) for everything except prices.

The figures are assembled mainly by the new deal economists for governmental use, although most of them are compiled by non-governmental agencies. Seasonal variations have been eliminated as far as possible, so that each figure represents the actual percentage of normal at the time stated.

In effect, it is a box score of new deal progress:

IDA E. FRENCH OF TALENT PASSES

Ida E. French, a resident of Talent for the past eight years, passed away at her home in Talent Sunday afternoon. She was born near Roseburg, Ore., June 23, 1870. The family later moved to Athens, Ore., where in March, 1892, she was united in marriage to B. N. French. In 1910 they moved to Phoenix, and have made their home in southern Oregon since that time. Mr. French a few years ago preceded her in death.

Five children survive, three daughters and two sons; Lawrence and Edward French, Mrs. Fred Rapp of Talent, Mrs. Lawrence Crawford of Tule Lake, Cal., and Mrs. Ray Colman of Jacksonville; ten grandchildren; also two brothers, W. P. Banks of Dayton, Wash., and Will Banks of Prester, Wash., and one sister, Naomi Dickinson of Milwaukee, Ore., besides many other relatives and a host of friends.

She was a member of the Baptist church of Talent, also a member of the Neighbors of Woodcraft of Phoenix.

Funeral services will be held from the Conger Funeral Home Wednesday at 2 p. m. Rev. Fige of Klamath Falls will have charge of services, and interment will be made in the Phoenix cemetery.

MEIER CELEBRATES SIXTIETH BIRTHDAY

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.—(AP)—It was the end of the old year for most people today, but to Governor Julius L. Meier it was the beginning of a new one.

Oregon's governor today celebrated his 60th birthday. He was born in