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Forecast: Fair tonight and Thursday, but with fog; no change in temperature.
Temperature:
Highest yesterday 38
Lowest this morning 26

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TWO KILLED BY RUNAWAY TRAIN



News Behind The News



By Paul Mallon
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Some high ranking Republican congressmen are hatching behind their hands at Chairman Fletcher's new national finance committee. They have not started booing it in public yet, but they will at the first opportunity.

The feeling is particularly strong among westerners. They did not expect Fletcher to be among the unemployed for his money-raising. But they did expect others than directors of corporations to be represented on the committee, for the sake of appearances if for no other reason.

Something will be said to Mr. Fletcher about this at the coming national committee meeting. Also, a statement from a Republican congressional leader is highly probable.

President Roosevelt's political machinists may be fooling themselves and him, but they continue to turn their noses up at the Literary Digest poll. They are clinging to their original explanation that the framing of the question encourages votes against the New Deal.

A cabinet officer, for instance, maintains that he would have voted "no" if a ballot had been sent to him. He says he thoroughly disapproved of the substance of the policy, which now has flopped, also many other relatively minor things which have been done.

This attitude might sound very much like an advance official alibi, except for one fact. Double Chairman Farley has returned from a scouting trip and radiated the sunniest confidence via telephone to the top circle here, and as far south as Warm Springs.

Certain of Senator Borah's playmates have been complaining (apparently also to him) because he lent a hand to help Congressman Hamilton.

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ELKS 'GAY NINETIES' NIGHT IS POSTPONED

The open-house dinner to have been given by wives of Medford Elks on December 10, followed by an elaborate entertainment, including the "Gay Nineties" orchestra from Klamath Falls, has been postponed until January 10, it was announced today.

The postponement was deemed advisable because of conflicting dates of other social activities in the city, and other reasons, it was announced.

Clipper Winging Toward Honolulu

MIDWAY ISLAND, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The China Clipper took off for Honolulu at 8:12 a. m. (10:12 a. m., P. S. T.) today on another leg of the trans-Pacific airmail service.

Distance of the hop is 1,325 miles. The Clipper is returning to Alameda, Cal., from Manila.

CARS SMASH INTO FREIGHT IN WILD RACE DOWN HILL

Few Bones and Trinkets Left in Burned Wreckage On S. P. & S. Only Evidence Trainmen's Death

MADRAS, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Sheriff Henry Dussault said two men evidently burned in the wreckage of the tail end of a work train which broke loose, plummeted down a long grade and smashed into an oncoming freight train in the darkness early this morning.

"We concluded that two men were killed when we found some bones, a conductor's insignia and punch in one pile, and some money, keys and belt buckle in another pile," Sheriff Dussault said.

P. J. Gallagher of Wishram, conductor of the work train, and Allan Hewes, a helper, were the only ones reported missing. Three others were reported injured slightly.

No one on the freight train was hurt.

The coupling of the train broke when it started forward after backing down at a siding to let a mail train pass on the Spokane, Portland & Seattle railroad from The Dalles to Bend, Sheriff Dussault said. The wreck occurred between Gateway and South Junction.

"The train whizzed down the grade about five miles," he continued. "The

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TROOPS GIRD FOR DECISIVE BATTLE

By Associated Press
Italian and Ethiopian troops girded themselves today for a long-heralded decisive battle on the east African war front.

From Asmara, port of entry in the fascist colony of Eritrea, came a report that skirmishes between the opposing armies on the northern front were becoming hotter, and the major engagement seemed nearer at hand.

Italian officers said periodic exchanges of fire showed the forces of Emperor Haile Selassie were pressing in considerable force against the fascist front lines beyond Makale, the Ethiopian village so easily occupied in the forward advance a few weeks ago.

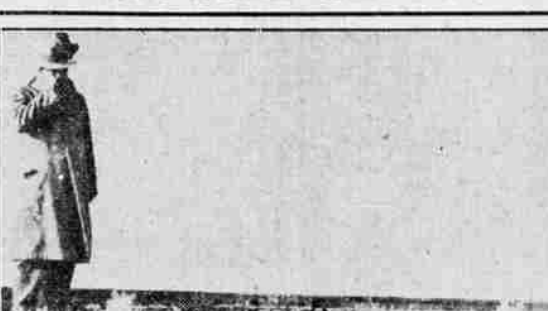
MOONEY INSISTS ON TELLING OWN STORY

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Thomas J. Mooney will spurn advice of counsel and ask to give his own version of the 1916 Preparedness day parade bombing, it was learned today as attorneys submitted final evidence in his behalf.

John Finerty of Washington, D. C., one of Mooney's attorneys, said Mooney insists on telling his own story, although Referee A. E. Shaw may rule it inadmissible.

Two women teachers from Jalisco, whose ears were cut off by rebels, led the parade to the palace.

Where Slain Girl Found



The body of Mildred Hook, 22, of Tacoma, Wash., kidnapped by her former husband, Douglas Van Vlack, as it was found in a culvert near Twin Falls, Idaho. Her head was crushed, and she had been shot.

Police said Van Vlack (left), also accused of killing a state parliamentarian in his wild flight, had admitted slaying his ex-wife. — (Associated Press Photo).

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DEMS WILL PICK CONVENTION CITY ABOUT JANUARY 7

Farley Says F. R. Will Carry As Many States As in 1932—Garner's Renomination Declared Assured

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Chairman James A. Farley said today the Democratic national committee probably would meet January 7 or 8 to select the 1936 convention city.

Responding to a cross-fire of questions at press conference, Farley asserted President Roosevelt would carry as many states next year as he did in 1932, and said there was no doubt about the renomination of Vice-President Garner.

"How can you think of nominating anyone but Garner?" Farley asked, when questioned about the vice-presidential situation.

Go to Highest Bidder.
The national chairman said the 1936 convention probably would go "to the highest bidder," provided the city offering the most money and ample facilities to take care of the crowd and the convention.

His understanding was that Chicago, Philadelphia, and probably Kansas City and St. Louis, would bid and that San Francisco would join in the competition if there was any chance for the selection.

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M'LEAN ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF NEW CAPITOL BUILDERS

Mrs. Voorhies Temporarily in Charge As Group Opens First Session — Floyd Cook Secretary Candidate

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 4.—(AP)—J. A. McLean of Eugene, an appointee of Speaker Howard La Tourette, was elected permanent chairman of the Oregon capitol construction commission during the executive session this morning.

H. H. Olinger of Salem, appointed to the commission by Senate President Harry L. Corbett, was elected vice-chairman.

Selection of a permanent secretary was delayed pending study of the various applications by a committee consisting of T. H. Banfield of Portland, Ernest Dalton of St. Helena and O. A. Marshall of Baker. In the interim J. H. Lake of Portland acted as temporary secretary.

The announcement of the elections was made by Robert Sawyer of Bend as the nine members recessed for the noon luncheon.

Moody Explains Act.
Other than the election of the permanent officers the members of the commission spent the entire morning listening to Deputy Attorney General Ralph Moody explain the act as passed by the legislature. Sawyer stated

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POSSEMEN STALK ESCAPED CONVICTS

McALESTER, Okla., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Armed possemen warily stalked five desperate fugitives in the rugged winding State mountains today.

Sheriff H. H. Sherrill of McAlester reported the men, including four members of the "Irish" O'Malley mob of bank robbers and kidnapers, "are bottled up in the mountains 25 miles south of Wilburton in Latimer county and 18 miles north of Clayton in Pushmataha county."

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Officers pursued today three convicted robbers seeking to retain the freedom they gained in a daring break from the Tennessee penitentiary.

Digest Poll Scouted.
In reply to other questions about the political situation, Farley said the Literary Digest poll was "inaccurate for the western states," that Roosevelt would carry Kansas against Governor Landon, that Senator Borah of Idaho won't be nominated by the Republicans, that former President Hoover is a candidate but "is not getting anywhere," that opposition from Governor Talmadge of Georgia was not worrying him, and that the next Democratic convention would "just be a nice time," without any serious fight.

As is customary, the meetings of both national committees will be held in Washington. The Republican committee members have been called to gather here about December 16.

At the regular monthly meeting of the county court yesterday, acting as the old age pension board, five new pensions were granted and one rejected. The number of old age pensions now being paid by the county is 241.

Two recipients of old age pensions have reimbursed Jackson county for funds advanced. One by the sale of old stock, paid back \$275, and the other through the sale of property returned between \$60 and \$70. They are now off the pension rolls, and independent of county aid.

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Mrs. Will Rogers Rewards Natives Of Bleak Barrow

ANCHORAGE, Alaska, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Herbert Price, special agent for the department of interior, division of investigation, arrived here today and announced he learned at Barrow that Mrs. Will Rogers distributed \$500 among the natives there in recognition of their services rescuing the bodies of her husband and Wiley Post after a fatal airplane crash last August.

Price made a 25,000 mile tour of Alaska, mostly by plane. He said he found the Barrow natives sorrowful over the Post-Rogers tragedy.

The city council last night adopted an ordinance calling for a special election January 31 to determine whether or not the paid, full-time employees of the fire department should be placed on a civil service status.

If it is voted to apply civil service requirements to the firemen, the ordinance authorizes the council to appoint a board of three members to supervise the system.

The regular session of the legislature last spring passed a law requiring all cities of 5,000 population or more to submit the civil service question to the voters at the next general state election. The special legislative session provided for a general election January 31 on a sales tax designed to raise funds for old age pensions.

The ordinance adopted last night provides that polling places and election officers be the same as though designated for the state election. The polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 8 p. m.

The council adopted an ordinance (Continued on Page Three)

FOG TO REFORM AGAIN TONIGHT

Fog cleared again this afternoon, but the weather bureau predicted it would reform tonight and prevail in the valley once more tomorrow.

There was not much change today in pressure areas and until a drastic change does occur the fog will not be dispelled, the bureau said.

Temperatures tonight were expected to be slightly higher than they were last night when the mercury dropped to 26 degrees.

United Air Lines ships landed at the Medford airport yesterday afternoon, but this morning the planes again had to land in California, this time at Redding. It was hoped that service at the local field could be resumed this afternoon. During prevalence of fog since November 26 planes have been landing at Montague, Cal.

Trans-Ocean Mail Fund To Be Asked
WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Postmaster-General Farley said today he will ask the coming congress for funds to start trans-Atlantic airmail service.

He said experimental flights will be started next summer, and the route probably will be in operation the following year.

Postal officials said Pan-American Airways, which operates the new trans-Pacific route, is the only American company interested in the route now.

ROUTE IS DECIDED FOR RIM HIGHWAY AT CRATER PARK

Deadlock Ended by Ickes in Routing Road Higher Up On Dutton Ridge — Work Starts This Spring

Decision on the controversial route of the final units of the Crater lake national park rim road by Harold L. Ickes, secretary of the interior, was announced today by David H. Canfield, park superintendent.

The last units of the rim road, started in 1931, extend from Kerr Notch to park headquarters, a distance of about nine miles. Clearing and grading on the first unit of this will begin as soon as weather conditions permit in the spring. Mr. Canfield said. There is now \$250,000 available for the work.

Under Mr. Ickes' decision the route of the new unit will be altered from the present road leading from the east entrance checking station, four miles east of Kerr Notch, to park headquarters. Mr. Canfield said.

Instead of following the present low line behind the rim elevation, the new road will be constructed higher up on Dutton ridge and down into Sun Notch, considered one of the most scenic portions of the

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PAROLED INMATE SLAYS WIFE, SELF ON SALEM FARM

SALEM, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The body of George W. Johnson, 45, was found hanging from a rope tied to the attic rafters of his home east of Salem last night, a short time after the dead body of his wife, Mary T. Johnson, was discovered lying in the barnyard, the head badly crushed.

District Attorney W. H. Trindle and investigating officers said Johnson, on parole from the state hospital, had unmistakably beaten his wife to death and then hanged himself. Evidence showed the woman had been beaten with a flashlight.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson had visited the offices of O. W. Emmons, Salem attorney, earlier in the evening to

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Pear Markets

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—(AP-USA)—Pear market slightly weaker; 7 cars arrived; 4 Oregon cars, 4 Washington, 1 California unloaded; 12 cars on track.

Oregon Bonas: 1,237 boxes extra fancy, 1.75-2.50, average 2.17; 534 fancy, 1.65-2.15, average 2.06; 1,440 fancy and better, 1.75-2.65, average 2.14.

Oregon Comice: 360 boxes extra fancy, 2.01-2.15, average 2.10; 360 fancy, 1.80-2.08, average 1.93.

KALISPELL, Mont., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Seymour Kanaka, an Indian, told the court of his experience with rubbing alcohol: "Me drink, go home. Great heap smoke pour out of mouth and get in eyes. No can see."

Mrs. Roosevelt Laughs At Satire "First Lady"

By MARY ELIZABETH PLUMMER
Associated Press Staff Writer
NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt was still chuckling today about the "first lady" she met last night over the footlights.

She "recognized many funny little things" in the Washington political satire "First Lady" which she saw at a Broadway theater, but thought it was "a take-off of situations—not people."

That was her answer to friends who asked if Alice Roosevelt Longworth, Dolly Gann or any other high figures from capital life had been characterized in the comedy.

Theatergoers sitting near her in the fourth row whispered audible "identifications," but the real first lady said:

Former Harvard Professor Dies

BOSTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—David Gordon Lyon, 52, founder of the Semitic museum at Harvard university and professor emeritus of Semitic languages, died today.

Dr. Lyon, 40 years a member of the Harvard faculty until his retirement in 1922, was widely noted for his researches and writings on Assyrian and other Semitic languages and cultures.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Two army fliers from Mitchell Field, Long Island, crashed to their death today in a plane which plowed into a hill near Bolling field, the army's capital air station.

The dead were named by the war department as First Lieutenant Harry H. Geoffrey, of St. Paul, Minn., and Major George E. Rice, of Thermopolis, Wyo.

Stoical Barber Ignores Blaze

HAMBERG, S. C., Dec. 4.—(AP)—Residents running past his barber shop told Mr. Bishop his house was on fire.

"Thanks," the barber replied and went on cutting a customer's hair. When the customer departed, the barber went to the fire.

Then he admitted he had "not one cent" of insurance on the burning dwelling.

Contract Awarded
SALEM, Dec. 4.—(AP)—The state highway commission today awarded the contract for construction of nine concrete pile trestle bridges on the Junction City-Eugene secondary highway in Lane county to the Mountain States Construction company of Eugene at its low bid of \$34,516.50.

Economic Security Seen As Only Bar to Fascism

DETROIT, Dec. 4.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes declared today that economic security must be assured the average citizen if democracy in the United States is not to be supplanted by fascism.

"Our rugged individualists have already undertaken an active and well-financed campaign looking toward a return to power that will make it possible for them to continue to grow ever richer while the great mass of the people becomes poorer and poorer," he said. "I warn them that they are putting a lighted match to a keg of powder."

"The issue is fascism or the America of the founding fathers," Secretary Ickes, who addressed an audience in the Detroit town hall, said.

Oh So!
says FRANK WATANABE
ED MOLDEN

Other day I am standing at a lunch counter where you get passed out quick lunch on tray — one of those busy business man lunch room. Alongside me are a College Professor mathematical expert and World wizard of Economics. He not know me but I know him. Waiter not knowing both of us. Those professor he ordering one ham sandwich—and piece pie. Waiter he asking, "Coffee?" Professor say, "Oh—ah—no." In few minute ham sandwich were presented and pie. Professor say, "Oh, my coffee please." Waiter looking at him. "Oh, so you wanting coffee?" "Oh yes," say the Prof. Then waiter wink at me—point to the Professor and say "No brains. Oh So!