

The Weather

Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, probably with showers, little change in temperature.

TEMPERATURE Highest yesterday 34 Lowest this morning 32

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TWO MEDFORD CHILDREN HIT BY CARS

JOAN BURK AND STEPHEN MEYERS SUFFER INJURIES

Little Girl Unconscious Since Accident On Main—Boy's Left Leg Is Broken—Were Crossing Street

Joys of the Yuletide have been dimmed for two Medford families.

As a result of two automobile-pedestrian accidents yesterday afternoon, both occurring on Main street and just one hour apart, a 14-year-old Medford girl lies unconscious and critically injured in Sacred Heart hospital today, and a 7-year-old local boy is confined in his home with a fractured left leg.

The girl is Joan Burk, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Burk of 53 Rose avenue. Struck by an automobile driven by Ernest Meier, 25, of box 334 Route 2, on West Main street near Rose avenue at 5:20 p. m., she had not yet regained consciousness this afternoon, and is in a critical condition, according to her attending physician. She suffered a broken right leg, concussion of the brain, a possible fracture of the skull and possible internal injuries, her doctor stated. Exact extent of her head injuries was not yet known, pending development of x-ray pictures, the physician explained.

Boy Resting Easily The little boy is Stephen Meyers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Meyers of Glen Oak court. He was hit, city police reported, by a car operated by Dr. Frederick H. Johnson of 2322 East Main street, on East Main street near Glen Oak court at 4:15 p. m. Mr. Meyers, assistant cashier of the Medford branch of the First National bank of Portland, said today that his son was resting easily at home, with his left leg in a cast. Both bones were broken in the leg, but fortunately the youngster didn't receive other injuries, his father stated.

According to information city police received from witnesses, the

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OREGON NET DEBT NOW \$136,406,809

SALEM, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The net debt of the state of Oregon and all its subdivisions is \$136,406,809, about \$50,000,000 less than the all-time peak of 1930, State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman said today.

The figure is \$15,000,000 less than two years ago. The bonded indebtedness totals \$130,001,297, while warrant indebtedness amounts to \$18,735,844, the total debt being \$175,637,111. However, about \$39,000,000 in sinking fund assets reduces the net debt to about \$141,000,000.

The bonded indebtedness has been reduced \$81,000,000 in eight years, while warrant indebtedness has increased by \$6,690,000.

JACKSON HOTEL LOBBY PAINTED, REDECORATED

Lobby of the Hotel Jackson presented a new appearance today upon completion of a repainting and redecorating program. A smarter appearance is given the lobby by the addition of new furniture and a new, modernistic registration desk. Mrs. M. F. Clemenson, manager, invites inspection of the lobby.

New Cabinet

BELOGRADE, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Premier Milan Stojadinovich today chose a new cabinet to work out administrative reforms designed to unify Yugoslavia politically.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Oklahoma friends sending Roland Hubbard a lot of mistletoe for Christmas, they not knowing the stuff grows here in back yards.

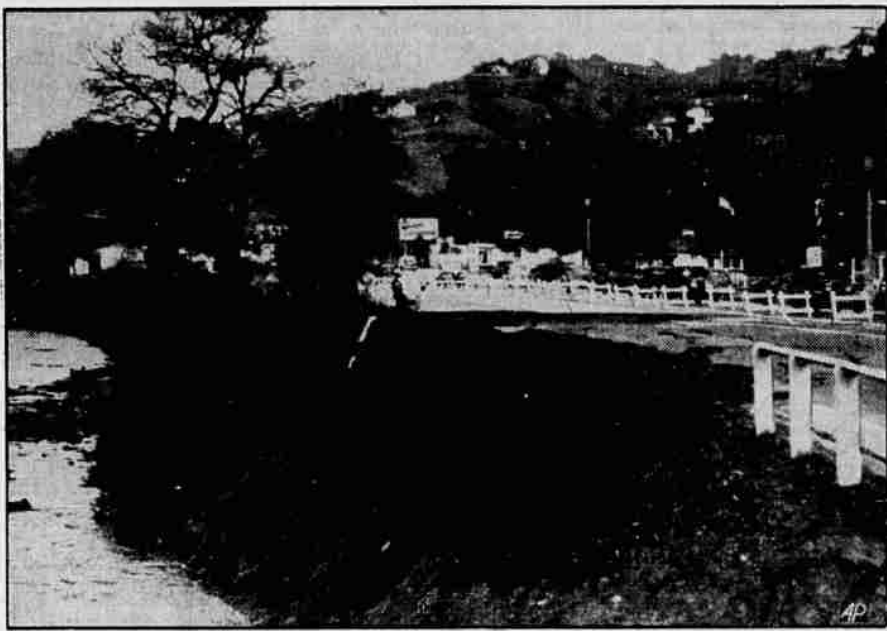
Dick Wray chasing after the parcel post truck to see if his new Christmas suit was inside.

Santa Claus Gosselt having even more fun than the kids, being even stumped, however, when a young lady asked him for a fur coat.

The city council meeting ending in jig time, the two councilmanic cut-ups, Larry Schade and Mel Hogan, not being present to delay proceedings.

Betty Westergren and Dorothy Barnes dressing up the MT office with their presence.

Torrent Washes Out California Road



Fed by a five-day rain, the swollen Los Angeles river gnawed at its banks and washed out part of Ventura boulevard in Los Angeles. Only minor damage was done by the storm. (A. P. photo.)

DUST REGION CHEERED BY HEAVY SNOWFALLS; L. A. FLOODS RECEDING

LAMAR, Colo., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Long overdue snowfalls which ranged up to seven inches brightened the winter crop outlook in the one-time dust country and adjoining areas today.

Winters' welcome onslaught erased visions of a return of the vast pall of wind-borne dust that snuffed out winter wheat hopes in the southwestern "dust bowl" in 1934-35. The storms covered much of Colorado, Kansas and Oklahoma and parts of Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

In Arizona, where three months of drought had depleted seriously the contents of water reservoirs, two days of rain and snow copiously fulfilled prayers for moisture offered in Mormon churches Sunday.

Southern California, meanwhile, was finding relief today from a five-day deluge that brought 10.70 inches of rain in the San Fernando suburb of Los Angeles. Waters of the Los Angeles river began to recede last night after preparations had been made to evacuate 500 persons from homes in the Canoga park section. Trees were uprooted by a 15-minute storm at Pasadena last night. Snow ranged up to 16 inches in the San Bernardino mountains.

Because of the snows in Colorado and stormy weather extending across Wyoming and Utah, United Air Lines cancelled all flights between Denver and the west coast yesterday. Service eastbound was maintained.

2 COUPLES BRAVE WEDDING RED TAPE

Two marriage licenses were issued Tuesday by the county clerk, the first in Jackson county since the new state marriage examination law became effective December 1. The medical certificate, required under the new law, was presented by the applicants, and the marriage license issued.

The marriage licenses were issued to Patsy Elinor Smith and Jack M. Barr, and Dorothy Culy and Leonard M. Kline, all residents of this city. For the entire month of December last year, 48 marriage licenses were issued by the county clerk, and there was something of a rush at Christmas time.

Monroe Doctrine Abolition Urged by Nazi Newspaper

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Abolition of the Monroe Doctrine was urged upon the South American republics today by Dr. Reichswart, a weekly paper edited by one of Chancellor Hitler's closest disciples, Count Ernst von Reventlow.

"We Germans have every interest in having the states of South America strong and independent," said an article by Von Reventlow himself. "In order that these qualities may be fully developed it is necessary that among other things, the Monroe doctrine and its various complements be abolished.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press. (Time is eastern standard.) Tonight: WJZ-NBC—10:30, new comment series on "Public Interest in Democracy." Mark Sullivan and Jay Franklin; 11:05, Pan-American congress.

What to expect Thursday: WFAF-NBC—8:45, Christmas carols from New York ferry boat; 1 p. m. carols from Schenectady; 6:15, Pan-American congress. WABC-CBS—2:30, Syracuse school children carols; 5, Christmas program from Mission Dolores, California. WJZ-NBC—12:30, Farm and Home hour; 1:45, French carols; 5, miniature fairy tale, "Cinderella."

SANTA TO GREET CHILDREN AT C-C

Annual Christmas party for all children of Medford will be held at the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

TWO-INCH SNOWFALL IN KLAMATH REGION

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The first day of winter brought the season's first real snowfall here, but a midday sun threatened to melt the two-inch blanket which covered the ground early this morning.

SIG ASH WILL BUILD G. PASS HIGH SCHOOL

SIG ASH, with a base bid of \$131,700, was awarded a contract for construction of the new high school, subject to approval by the public works administration, it was announced today.

Arrives With Crash

SEDRÖ WOOLLEY, Wash., Dec. 21.—(UP)—Rover, a big farm dog, arrived in town for the first time today with a loud crash. He followed his owner, Blackie Cleary, into a store by leaping through a plate glass window. Repairs cost Cleary \$20.

DANIELS WILL REPORT ON MEXICO OIL SALES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Another phase of German-American relations came to the forefront today with arrival of Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico, to report on whether Mexico is selling Germany oil seized from American-owned wells.

It said in conclusion: "Between the mixed population of the United States, with its Jewish-dominated government, and the South American populations there is not the least similarity, not to speak of affinity."

MOTHER BLUDGEONS DAUGHTER TO DEATH WITH IRON MALLETS

WATERBURY, Vt., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Sheriff Henry C. Clawson announced today Mildred Bowers, 38-year-old widow, had confessed bludgeoning to death her six-year-old daughter Carolyn with a 15-pound iron mallet.

The woman, in what State's Attorney Webster E. Miller described as an apparent fit of insanity, struck the child because "she felt two older children would be better taken care of if she did something to Carolyn."

The woman's husband died about a year ago. No charge was placed against Mrs. Bowers immediately but she was placed under the surveillance of nurses.

COMMITTEE ENDS HEARINGS ON TVA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Public hearings in the congressional investigation of the TVA came to an end today more than nine months after congress authorized the sweeping inquiry into the vast administration project.

Failure of Edward C. M. Richard, former TVA forerunner, to appear to testify, caused Senator Donahay (D., Ohio) to abandon a scheduled final hearing on the TVA committee.

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HUGH HERBERT HURT IN TRAFFIC SMASHUP

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Hugh Herbert, screen comedian, was injured slightly today when his automobile was struck by a truck sliding on a rain-slicked highway. He suffered lacerations.

LIMA CONFEREES AGREE ON UNITY IN FACING AGGRESSOR

Ten-Day Dispute Between United States and Argentina Ended—Waits Approval Home Governments

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 21.—(AP)—War-time aerial bombardments which destroy non-combatants and cultural treasures were condemned today in a declaration adopted by a Pan-American conference committee representing the 21 republics of the western hemisphere.

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The principal delegations to the Pan-American conference agreed today on a declaration of cooperative action against aggression, ending a ten-day dispute on wording between the United States and Argentina.

The declaration, highly reliable conference informants said, provides for consultation against aggression, the menace of force, and subversive political propaganda.

Argentina won her point, in that European or other non-American nations were not named specifically. The United States attained its purpose, however, delegates said, in obtaining a declaration to which all the 21 American republics could subscribe.

Many of the delegates held it was fear of propagandist incursion by European totalitarian, dictators which inspired the resolution in the first place; that even if it did not specifically contain the phrase "aggression from without" its warning was evident.

A most reliable source said the United States, Argentine, Brazilian and Peruvian delegation chiefs agreed to a final draft at conferences lasting until early morning.

The Argentine insistence the declaration be against all aggressors was based on the contention the United States might one day alter the good neighbor policy and be herself a potential aggressor.

The resolution now awaits the approval of home governments and with the principal dispute settled, likely will be adopted unanimously within a few days, delegation spokesmen said. It provides for resistance against any aggression or menace of aggression by force against any American republic. Any of the nations may start the procedure of consultation.

SNYDER PINS HOPE ON LADY JURORS

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Martin (The Gimp) Snyder, somber, limping, one-time Chicago newsboy, pinned his hope today of winning compensation in the shooting of Myrl Alderman on two women jurors.

"Little ladies who can speak quite a piece," the former husband and manager of Songstress Ruth Etting, who was labeled a "kept man" by the prosecution and a "hunchback of Notre Dame" by his attorney, faces prison terms up to 90 years if he is found guilty of the five felony charges against him.

The jury of six men and six women deliberated 4½ hours before retiring last night, without indicating the trend of their views on the occupations Snyder kidnapped Alderman from a radio station and, at the pianist's home, attempted to murder him, Miss Etting, and his own daughter, Edith Snyder, Alderman, was a bullet in the abdomen, was the only casualty.

BARRY MOVES IN REAMES' OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Alex G. Barry, Portland Republican, who carries the title of senator but who will never actually take a senatorial seat, established himself today in the office suite formerly occupied by Senator A. E. Reames, Medford Democrat.

Duke and 'White Hibiscus' Will Spend Yule Together

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Judge Duke and his "White Hibiscus" wife will spend Christmas on a western Washington farm, their first Yuletide holiday together since he killed a collegiate poet for love of her.

Unemployment and separation for economic reasons threatened to spoil their Christmas, but Duke got his job back and her mother said from Lodi, Calif., today they would spend the holiday together.

They were reunited only seven months ago when Duke was released from California's San Quentin prison on parole after serving three years and two months for embezzling \$16,932 as milk inspector at San Leandro, Calif.

Earlier Duke, pleading the "unwritten law" had been twice tried and acquitted of charges of murdering Lamar Hollingshead, student poet who wrote passionate verses calling Mrs. Duke his "White Hibiscus."

MURDERS LINKED WITH PROBE OF MUSICA MYSTERY

Detectives Investigate Possible Connection With Unsolved Slaying of Wealthy Brooklyn Brothers

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—The F. Donald Coster-Phillip Musica mystery, already involving millions and international duplicity took a new and more sinister turn today as Brooklyn detectives began investigating the swindler's possible connection with the unsolved murders of Joseph Cohen, wealthy poultry and fish dealer, and his brother, Barnett.

The Cohen brothers were shot down a month apart, in the spring of 1932. Police Inspector Michael S. McDermott ordered detectives to question members of the Cohen family as well as Coster-Musica's three brothers—George, Vernon-Musica, and George E. Dietrich-Musica, and Robert Dietrich-Musica—who are being held in \$100,000 bail each on charges of violating the securities act of 1934.

The investigation started as federal, state and city authorities delved deeper into the fantastically involved activities of the Musica brothers—Phillip who became the respected head of McKesson and Robbins, Inc., and the brothers who aided him, all working under the elaborate guise of fictitious names and fictitious backgrounds.

Coster-Musica killed himself last Friday after he had been exposed as the arch-swindler in a million dollar scandal a quarter of a century old. An investigation was already under way into the missing \$10,000,000 assets of the drug concern's crude drug department when he fired a bullet into his head in his Fairfield, Conn. home.

Brian McMahon, assistant U. S. attorney who came here from Washington to take charge of the multiple phases of the investigation, said yesterday the Musica brothers apparently frittered away millions of the corporation's dollars and probably used great sums to hush blackmailers.

Knew Musica Inspector McDermott's tentative theory, calling for a reopening of the slayings of the two Brooklyn men, followed the same line.

Both the Cohen brothers had known Coster-Musica in the lean days before he became a corporation president with a palatial Italian villa in Fairfield and a 123-foot yacht.

Joseph Cohen spent a year in the death house at Sing Sing as the slayer of Barnett Barr, poultry merchant in 1914, after Coster-Musica, then working as an investigator for the district attorney, had been instrumental in getting an affidavit from the two gangsters confined in Sing Sing implicating Cohen in the case.

There was some doubt, however, as to whether the truth had been told and Cohen's sentence was commuted to life imprisonment. Later he was released.

As a result of the affidavits Coster-Musica was indicted on a charge of subornation of perjury but was never brought to trial.

The indictment, McDermott said, was dismissed in 1929, three years after Coster-Musica had become McKesson and Robbins president and had hidden his criminal past.

Feared Exposure There was the possibility, the inspector said, that the Cohen brothers, remembering Coster-Musica's part in the case, had stumbled across the fact

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Town Will Move To Make Way for Big Gold Dredge

MARYSVILLE, Calif., Dec. 21.—(AP)—The town of Hammononton prepared to move building by building and resident by resident today from the place it has occupied for thirty years, to make way for an \$800,000 dredger seeking gold.

The dredger, launched yesterday by the Yuba consolidated gold field and capable of digging gold gravels 130 feet below the surface of the earth, will move in on Hammononton next May.

HOLDUP ESCAPES WITH \$30 FROM BUNGALOW STORE

An armed bandit last night held up M. R. Ivie, proprietor of the Bungalow grocery store at 409 North Riverside avenue, and escaped with about \$30 in currency which he scooped out of the cash register.

Mr. Ivie reported to city police that about 8:30 a man came into his store, threw a nickel down on the counter and asked for a sack of Bull Durham tobacco. When the proprietor turned to obtain the tobacco, he related to police, the unidentified robber pulled an automatic pistol from his pocket and covered Mr. Ivie, while he took the bills from the cash register.

The robber, according to the victim, was about five feet eight inches tall, weighed about 160 pounds, was light complexioned, and wore a cap and mackinaw. Mr. Ivie told police that he didn't know whether the bandit was driving a car or was afoot.

Police, investigating the case, took one man into custody last night, but released him after questioning and after Mr. Ivie stated that he wasn't the hold-up man.

Mr. Ivie was alone in the store at the time of the robbery.

AGED VICTIMIZED BY PENSION LURE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—(UP)—Charles H. Stone, acting chief of the state division of criminal identification, said today that complaints were being received that persons eligible for old age pensions were being victimized by magazine salesmen.

Stone said that information reaching his department was that aged persons were being asked to subscribe to magazines, the names of which were not given, with a promise that they would be given first consideration in obtaining a pension or in obtaining an increase.

The magazines have never been delivered so far as the department, the police bureau squad and the Better Business bureau can learn.

Refugee Girls In Matrimony Demand

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—A Jewish marriage broker says refugee girls from Germany are in bigger demand in the matrimony-market now than native beauties.

"American girls are always looking for something better," Rabbi Nathan Wolf told a convention of the Marriage Brokers' association of the United States yesterday.

"But for the refugee girls," he added, "anything is better."

STREET PROJECT IN EARLY STAGES; PLANT HERE SOON

Contractors to Bring Equipment for Job After First of Year—Council Acts to Compel Walk Repairs

Preliminary work on Medford's PWA paved street reconstruction project is now well under way and the contractors will move their asphalt plant here from Portland shortly after the first of the year. Superintendent Fred W. Scheffel informed the city council at its regular semi-monthly meeting last night.

Twelve men are now working on preliminary phases of the project, ten more will be employed by the end of the week and 12 more immediately after January 1, Mr. Scheffel reported.

To Impose Lien Another report submitted by Mr. Scheffel showed that 12 property owners had repaired defective or hazardous sidewalks since the previous council meeting of December 6. Since repair was made mandatory by action taken by the council last February, \$30 property owners have received formal notice, the report said. Of these, 350 have had the sidewalks repaired and 180 have not done so, the report stated. Many have made arrangements for repairs and are waiting for contractors to do the work, Mr. Scheffel said.

A few property owners, however, have shown an unwillingness to have their assertedly defective sidewalks repaired and the council voted last night to have the repairs made and a lien imposed upon the property. It was emphasized that property owners have had almost a year to comply with the city regulations and that action should now be taken to complete the task of repairing all sidewalks that are dangerous or hazardous. The city will do the work for the assertedly recalcitrant property owners, but will place a lien on the property to guarantee payment of the cost, under the terms of the motion adopted unanimously last night.

Licenses Renewed Many licenses of various sports were renewed for 1939 by the council last night. It was emphasized that all licenses expire at the end of the year and must be renewed or proper action will be taken against the business requiring license.

The council approved sale of a part of lots 7 and 8, block 2 of the Nob Hill addition to John P. Moffat of 104 Florence avenue. Remaining part of the lots is to be dedicated to street purposes.

Mayor C. C. Furnas presided. Councilmen Larry Schade and M. N. Hogan were absent.

EDEN REFRESHED BY VISIT TO U. S.

LONDON, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Anthony Eden returned today from the United States "refreshed and stimulated" by learning America's point of view on international affairs.

But just what the view was he declined to say—"I am not an interpreter of American opinion," said the former foreign secretary as he and his wife landed at Plymouth.

Eden said they were "touched by the welcome given us" in the United States, "where friendship is combined with virility and candor."

In the United States Eden addressed the National Association of Manufacturers, toured New York City and visited Washington for a meeting with President Roosevelt.

"Contrary to what some people believe in this country, American opinion is very much interested in world affairs in general and in European and far eastern affairs in particular," Eden declared.

NOTED LEXICOGRAPHER VICTIM OF PNEUMONIA

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—(AP)—Dr. Frank H. Vitzelly, 74, widely known lexicographer, died today of pneumonia.

Officials of Funk and Wagnalls said Dr. Vitzelly died about midnight in the Fifth Avenue hospital where he had been confined since December 2 suffering from pleurisy and pneumonia.

He had been associated with Funk and Wagnalls for 46 years as editor of the reference department.

In 1918 Dr. Vitzelly was named managing editor of the unabridged dictionary of the firm.

During his association with this book the number of vocabulary terms it contained was increased more than 30 per cent.