

The Weather
 Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Thursday with light rains. Little change in temperature.
 Temperature
 Highest yesterday 41
 Lowest this morning 32
 To 2 p. m. yesterday 39
 To 3 a. m. today 31

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LOS ANGELES AREA ROCKED BY QUAKE

HEAVIEST SHAKE IN YEARS VISITS WIDE TERRITORY

Workers in Big Long Beach Buildings Seek Safety Under Beams, Or in Streets.

Los Angeles, Dec. 27.—(AP)—An earthquake was felt in Los Angeles at 11:29 a. m. today. It rocked the Associated Press office, located on the fourth floor of the Herald-Express building.

The California Institute of Technology's seismological laboratory reported the quake was "not very large" although it "might be strong enough to cause some damage."

It estimated the center at about 50 miles from the laboratory but said it could not determine the direction.

Hardest Since 1933
 The shaking was felt in Long Beach, center of the disastrous 1933 earthquake, for about 10 seconds. There were no reports of damage. Long Beach reports said today's quake was the hardest since the big one of 1933.

Glendale and Alhambra, lying northeast of Los Angeles proper, also reported "sharp shocks."

Anaheim, which is southwest of here and close to Long Beach, said it was the sharpest shock felt there in several years. No damage was reported.

Light in Riverside
 Riverside, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, reported it barely felt the disturbance.

In the 33-story Los Angeles city hall, chandeliers swayed for a few seconds and pictures on some walls went awry.

Residents of Hollywood, San Pedro and West Los Angeles reported feeling a mild tremor.

Employees in large buildings in Long Beach were scurrying for safety. Some took positions under beams and others ran into the streets.

Ankara, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Hundreds were reported killed and whole villages destroyed in an earthquake which shook northern Anatolia early today.

Four shocks were felt in Ankara between 2 a. m. and 5 a. m. today (between 4 p. m. and 7 p. m., P.S.T., Tuesday).

Accurate information of the damage caused was not immediately available because communications were disrupted.

University Fears Visit By Browder May Bring Damage

Madison, Wis., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The University of Wisconsin Memorial union today asked a \$2,000 indemnity bond as a condition of making its auditorium available for tonight's session of the American Student union national convention, which is to be addressed by Earl Browder, general secretary of the Communist party in America.

Reuben Hill, assistant house director, informed Donald Thayer, president of the University League for Liberal Action, host to the convention, the union had not contemplated any such gathering as Browder might attract.

MANY STORES TO CLOSE DOORS AT 6 SATURDAY NIGHTS

During the months of January, February and March, 1940, a number of Medford firms will close their doors at 6 p. m. on Saturdays. The Saturday closing time in the past has been 8:30 p. m.

It was emphasized today by Charles Adair, chairman of the retail trade division of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce, that the new Saturday closing hour will be effective only during the first quarter of the new year. Among Medford concerns observing the new Saturday hours will be:

Mann's Department Store, M. M. Department Store, J. G. Penney Company, Montgomery Ward & Company, Burelson's, Adrienne's, Sassy Shop, Mope O'Day Shop, Arista Fur Shop, Golden Rule, Band Box, Jacques Lenox, The Toggery, Reinhart & Barker, Glenn H. Utz, Lee's Men's Shop, Larsen's Clothes Shop, C. M. Kidd & Company, Evans' Shoe Store, J. J. Newberry Company, F. W. Woolworth Company.

A majority of the above concerns will also open for business a half-hour later in the morning, 9 o'clock, and close at 5:30 p. m., week-days.

CAPTURED NAZI SHIP STARTS FOR JAMAICA

Colon, Panama, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The case of the German protestant against the United States' clearance of the British-seized German freighter Dueseldorf apparently has been closed by departure of the vessel for a prize port in Jamaica.

Still undecided, however, was the future of a German clerk, Hans Von Appen, whose insistence on removal from the Dueseldorf for hospitalization resulted in disagreement as to whether he had appendicitis.

Snow Storm Quits Dust Bowl To Blanket Eastern Region

By the Associated Press
 Snowstorms and zero weather whirled eastward today (Wednesday), leaving a white blanket nine to 18 inches deep over the old "dust bowl."

The snow was passing over Missouri, Iowa and northern Arkansas and swept over much of Ohio.

New England's coldest weather of the season plunged the temperature to 23 degrees below zero on top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire. Northfield, Vermont, recorded 15 below and it was only five above in Boston.

FINNS ADVANCING ON VITAL RUSSIAN SUPPLY RAILWAY

Renewed Assaults By Reds Smashed on Half Dozen Fronts—Destroy 8 Tanks

Copenhagen, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Fresh Soviet Russian legions under the command of Joseph Stalin's personal friends were reported by the Finnish military command today to be marching into the central and Arctic fronts for new smashes against the stubborn Finns.

Coming on the heels of reported Finnish drives as much as 50 miles in some sectors, the Finnish northern army headquarters said 300,000 picked red army soldiers were being massed to counteract recent retreats.

Helsinki, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The smashing of renewed Russian assaults on half a dozen fronts by a stone-wall Finnish defense was reported by the high command tonight after a day of Russian air raids on numerous Finnish cities.

A Russian retreat in the strategic Lielska sector with the Finns following and capturing seven tanks was announced by the high command communique.

Enemy Retreating.
 It was in this sector that the Finns Monday reported crossing the border into Russian territory. Tonight's communique, however, said the enemy was "retreating toward the frontier."

(Reports reaching Copenhagen said a picked battalion of Finnish ski troops was advancing toward Russia's vital Murmansk railway in the Lielska region.)

Listing a series of actions on the Karelian isthmus and north of Lake Ladoga, the communique said all but one was repulsed.

Of a new Russian attempt to cross Lake Suvanto on the isthmus, where yesterday the Finns reported 700 of the enemy killed on the ice, the communique said merely "the battle continues."

Destroy Eight Tanks.
 Eight Soviet tanks were said to have been destroyed when another attack was repulsed north of Lake Hatjalhti.

The land fighting was still in progress while red warplanes bombed Tampere and other Finnish cities.

Holman's Guernsey Is State Champion

Portland, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Deer Creek Red Bird II, Senator Rufus Holman's Guernsey cow, is the state's milk producing champion in her class.

The cow produced 13,734.2 pounds of milk and 643.9 pounds of butterfat in one year.

British Workers Uncover Skeleton 4000 Years Old

London, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A coffin containing a man's skeleton which Archaeologist Ludovic Mann estimated to be at least 4,000 years old was unearthed today by workmen in a Dumbartonshire sand pit.

Mann said the discovery would contribute greatly to knowledge of the stone age. "The most significant discovery was a carved inscription on one of the huge stone slabs," he said. "The inscription represents standard units of linear measure of the stone age which, in those times, were connected closely with religious beliefs."

OREGON PHONE LINES MAKE \$90,060 MORE THAN PREVIOUS YEAR

Salem, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Oregon telephone companies had a net total operating income of \$1,409,428 during 1933, an increase of \$90,060 over the previous year, Public Utilities Commissioner Ormond R. Bean reported today to Governor Sprague.

There were 165,274 telephones in operation at the end of the year, a gain of 4,784 over the total in 1932.

The total operating revenues included \$6,891,775 from exchange service and \$2,739,685 from toll service. The companies paid \$1,427,560 in taxes, or 14 per cent of their total revenues. The average revenue per telephone was \$59.84.

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph companies had a total revenue of \$9,034,535 and an operating income of \$1,254,254.

Oregon operations of the Western Union Telegraph company resulted in a net loss during the year of \$77,712, the company's revenues being \$783,494.

The Postal Telegraph company lost \$47,078 on its Oregon operations, gross revenues being \$255,233.

KELVINATOR CREW STAGES SIT-DOWN

Detroit, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A brief dispute today at the Plymouth Road plant of Nash-Kelvinator corporation interrupted production and caused the management to ask police to eject 1,400 workers it claimed were engaged in a sit-down.

The Mechanics Educational society, an independent union, ordered the workers to leave and the plant was soon emptied without violence.

Shortly afterward the management announced regular operations would be resumed starting with the afternoon shift.

Five School Buses Destroyed By Fire

Beaverton, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Loss of five buses in a fire early today presented a grave transportation problem to Beaverton grade and high schools upon resumption of classes after the Christmas holidays.

SIX MILLION SET AS RESERVE FUND FOR JOBLESS PAY

State Unemployment Commission Sets Compromise Figure For Benefits.

Salem, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The state unemployment compensation commission today set \$6,000,000 as the reserve fund to be maintained to meet emergency demand for jobless benefits from Oregon's 250,000 workers.

Employers asked at a recent hearing that the reserve be kept above \$3,500,000, while labor union representatives agreed on \$12,000,000. The 1939 legislation gave the commission until next January 1 to establish the reserve fund.

Despite payment of benefits to 82,514 last year and 43,112 so far in 1939, the fund has grown from \$5,800,000 on January 2, 1938, to \$7,840,834 today.

Although heavy withdrawals are expected with the new year and about \$575,000 will be transferred soon to the railroad retirement board, quarterly contributions due before January 20 are expected to boost the fund to \$8,000,000.

Fund Grows Fast.
 Employer contributions in 1936, based on .9 per cent tax, raised \$1,543,660; but this amount rose to \$4,216,373 in 1937 when the tax was doubled. With the tax in 1938 reaching the maximum of 3 per cent, of which 2.7 per cent went into the reserve fund, contributions totaled \$6,014,466, an amount equalled this year.

Benefit payments in 1938, first full year of operation, totaled \$5,916,398, but for 1939 will be only about \$4,000,000. The reserve fund reached a high mark of \$8,104,428 two months ago, and may reach this mark again early in 1940.

By paying the entire state tax of 2.7 per cent on 1939 payrolls before January 20, 1940, employers are entitled to deduct from this the federal social security tax.

RECOVER BODY OF REDDING WOMAN

Redding, Cal., Dec. 27.—(AP)—A diver retrieved the body of Mrs. Nora McCartney, 23, of Redding, from a cave 25 feet beneath the surface of the Sacramento river yesterday.

Mrs. McCartney leaped from the free bridge early Saturday and Charles Lingquist, construction worker familiar with the river, recovered the body 300 feet downstream from the cave to which he had theorized the body would have floated.

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Death Closes Success Saga Of Doherty, Utility Magnate

Philadelphia, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Death has ended the success saga of Henry L. Doherty—the poor boy who realized an American dream of business empire.

The 69-year-old head of the far-flung Cities Service company died last night of bronchial pneumonia.

At his bedside in Temple University hospital were his widow, Mrs. Grace Doherty, and W. A. Jones, executive vice president of Cities Service.

Plagued for years by arthritis, Doherty had been undergoing one of periodic treatments for the condition. His physician, Dr. Charles Leonard Brown, said he was stricken with pneumonia two weeks ago.

With zeal characteristic of his climb to the pinnacle, the white-haired financier ignored the handicap of illness to forge still more accomplishments.

Doherty's fortunes had their inception in Columbus, O., where he was born May 15, 1870—a newsboy at 10, gas company manager at 20, and so up the scale to millions at 40.

It was at 40 that life for Doherty began in the larger sense, for in 1919 he launched Cities Service. Under his guidance, it flourished into an enterprise of international dimensions. By 1929 its assets in utilities and oil holdings totaled more than a billion dollars.

Aside from the arduous responsibilities of finance—three years ago he was listed as a director in 95 corporations and president of 87 of them—Doherty's engineering prowess won him fame in the realm of science.

TAFT WILL GIVE BUDGET REMEDY

Cleveland, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Senator Robert A. Taft has chosen the subject "Mr. President, Here's How to Balance the Budget" for a January 5 address in Chicago, the Taft-Ford President office announced today.

Taft adherents recalled President Roosevelt recently said he would give the senator a handsome prize for a bill of particulars on how Taft would balance the budget in two years, as the Ohio Republican has contended could be done.

The senator's address before Chicago's Bar association will be nationally broadcast at 6:30 p. m., P.S.T. (NBC-blue).

CHINESE AIRMEN DOWN THREE JAPS

Hongkong, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Chinese sources asserted today Chinese fighting planes made in Russia had shot down three and damaged 10 of 99 Japanese warplanes raiding Lanchow, capital of Kansu province in northwest China.

PENDERGAST RING ENGINEERS COUP; K. C. MAYOR QUILTS

Bryce Smith Resignation Latest Development In Machine-Controlled City.

Kansas City, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Mayor Bryce B. Smith resigned today, after a switch in city council voting returned the Tom Pendergast Democratic machine faction to power.

The resignation, effective Saturday, followed quickly the council's abrupt shaking off of Smith's suggestion that an out-of-town man be named city manager to clean up waste and payroll pad conditions disclosed by federal-county grand juries.

Smith, a Democrat, had attempted to seize control after Boss Pendergast went to prison for evading federal income taxes and numerous Pendergast office holders quit under fire.

Appoint Manager
 The council appointed 73-year-old William Drennon, a retired insurance executive, as city manager last night over Smith's opposition. Today the mayor's announcement that he had appointed Jerome Walsh, son of the late Frank B. Walsh, Kansas City and New York corporation attorney, as city counselor, was met by two councilmen's reply Drennon had taken office and Smith no longer had the authority to appoint.

Smith termed the action a "political double cross" and quit. The power coup was made possible by the strange alliance of Pendergast councilmen with the council representative of Congressman Joseph Shannon, once a bitter intra-party foe of Pendergast.

While the swift developments took place, anti-machine forces pushed ahead plans for a city recall election February 13 aimed at sweeping out the entire council.

DOZENBERG CITED ON RED CHARGES

New York, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Nicholas Dozenberg, described by federal investigators as "the second most important communist," was indicted today by the federal grand jury which found true bills against Earl Browder and four others, on a charge of using passports obtained through making false statements.

Dozenberg was arrested early this month in Oregon. Federal investigators said he was, until recently, an agent of the intelligence unit of the Red army, not of the OGPU, or Russian secret police, as stated when he was taken into custody.

The indictment contained two counts.

Portland Burglars Make Jewel Haul

Portland, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP) Jewels valued at \$1,555 were stolen from the home of John A. Wickman of Portland, police were informed here today. The loot included an unset diamond valued at \$1,000.

Pallette To Hide-out
 Pendleton, Ore., Dec. 27.—(AP) Eugene Pallette, motion picture actor, and Mrs. Pallette stayed here for lunch today en route to their "hiding out place," their beautiful ranch in the rugged wilds of Eastern Oregon on the Innaha river.

SIDE GLANCES
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Barbara Drury collecting an abundance of loot on December 25 as she celebrated Christmas, her birthday and her engagement.

Geraldine Latham exposing her left hand conspicuously to have friends catch a glimpse of a lovely sparkler indicating a future orange blossoms and rice event.

Janet Wray Smith Conner bobbing along with two fuzzy fur bobbles on a bright red turban.

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