

Pasadena Has Touch Of Rain

PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 28. (AP)—A bit of moisture by way of variety was provided today at Rose Bowl for the first of four strenuous workouts by the gridiron men of the University of Alabama, in keying up for the big east-west football game with the Huskies of the University of Washington here Friday. There were showers during the night and more predicted for today.

Sunday was a day of sightseers and beach frolic by the Alabama crimson tide, as a final day of outting before the big game. The wet field will prove a protective advantage for the Alabama players permitting Coach Wallace to put his men into action under wet conditions on the field after having had them feel out the field in dry and in warm weather.

Horses Barred on Capital Highways

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28. (AP)—The horse has been barred from four of the capital's proudest thoroughfares where not so long ago he reigned with pride and ease in fashion's parade.

The streets are still boulevards, but the word has taken on new, motorized meaning, which shuts out the stately horse in favor of the automobile and speed.

PARIS.—Mme. Louise Cognacq, who with her husband, 53 years ago started a little shop that became a great department store and brought them an immense fortune, is dead. For over fifty years neither took a vacation.

Overproduction of sugar has brought the wholesale price down to 3.71 cents a pound.

Frank Farmer Arrives And Is Greeted By Local Fans When He Appears For First Workout

Tacoma Heavyweight Promises Keeler Won't Get Another Decision Over Him When They Meet Here Friday Night — Good Card Lined Up

A hundred or more boxing fans were at Scandia hall yesterday afternoon to extend the glad hand to Frank Farmer, Puget Sound logger, who arrived on schedule yesterday for his 10-round bout here next Friday night with Willie Keeler, Idaho heavyweight.

Farmer doesn't look a day older than when he was last here about two years ago. At that time he handed



Frank Farmer

Carl Ritchie a neat lacing, and won himself a lot of warm friends who will be hoping he takes the measure of Keeler in what out to be a peach of a battle on New Year's night.

Farmer looks older than he really is. Long before he was old enough to vote his hair began falling out, and used to spend about half his ring earnings on all sorts

RUSSIAN TROOPS START WARFARE

LONDON, Dec. 29. (AP)—A report from Afghanistan that Russian troops have made an unprovoked attack upon and captured the Afghanistat post of Darkhad, has aroused concern here.

In official circles it is believed that if the report proves true, the action of the Russians will be regarded as a significant step toward realizing of a movement which Russia is alleged to be secretly making toward India.

Stories of attempts by Russia to gain possession of Afghanistan, with a view to advancing through that country to India once caused frequent excitement. Diplomatic arrangements, however, brought the scare to an end in 1907, after which until the Bolshevik revolution in 1917, the bogey of a Russian menace to Afghanistan and India had not reared its head.

Since the revolution, Russia's central Asiatic provinces which adjoin Afghanistan have become Soviet republics, within the Russian federation. Reports have been constantly received of Moscow's intention to carry through these territories communist propaganda to the masses in India, with a view to creating that revolution in the East which Russia public men declare is the ambition of the great Soviet republic.

The annual statement prepared for parliament by the director of public information of the government of India, just made public, says:

"The traditional designs of Russia, after being temporarily suspended, have now been resumed in a new and formidable shape, and a flood of anti-British propaganda is being directed against impressionable points on the perimeter of the British zone."

As the post of Darkhad and the surrounding territory which the Russians are reported to have seized, are at an important crossing of the Oxus river, suspicion has been aroused here that the incident is likely to cause trouble.

A dispatch telling of the capture of Darkhad, said the Afghan commander was killed by the Russians and that the surrounding territory, consisting of whole of part of an island, formed by two branches of the Oxus river northeast of Khanabad, had been occupied by the Russians.

Australia Seeking Booze Information

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 28. (AP)—A letter has reached Governor Pierce from 12 members of the state parliament of Australia at Sydney asking for information on the effectiveness of prohibition in the United States. The letter is being circulated throughout this country.

The Australian law makers say they recognize "the necessity of finding a remedy for the drink evil in our midst," and ask information on the following points: Effectiveness of enforcement of the prohibition law; social and economic results of prohibition to date, and general attitude of the people towards the 18th amendment.

INSTALLATION TONIGHT

New Officers of Business and Professional Women to Take Office

Installation of officers of the Business and Professional Woman's club will be held in the club room of the library this evening at eight o'clock. A musical program will be rendered. A table display of articles left from the bazaar which the club held sometime ago will be placed in the club room, for sale.

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People's Army Evacuates City

TIENSIN, Dec. 28. (AP)—Most of the national people's army, victorious last Thursday in the fighting around Tientsin, has evacuated this city. It is noteworthy that few of the troops have moved northeast toward Tangshang, most of them proceeding toward Machang to the south in pursuit of the defeated army of Li Ching-Ling, former civil governor of the province of Chihli, in its retreat from Tientsin.

The Kuomintang (national people's army) are most anxious regarding events in Manchuria but they believe Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, Manchurian dictator, who last week defeated his former satellite, General Kuo Sung-Ling, is unlikely to follow up the remnants of Kuo's army inside the walls.

Tientsin is quiet, precautions have been relaxed by the foreigners, the telegraphs to Peking are being restored and the situation is becoming normal.

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Pug Sensation

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go six rounds.

Kid Short will make his bow to the boxing public when he squares for his fistic argument with Buck Weaver, an old-time amateur. Short has a lot of ambitious notions about the box-fighting game and will do his best to mount the first rung of the ladder Friday night.

Carl Floyd and Kid Sullivan will furnish the opening thrills in their four-round curtain raiser.

Seats are on sale at the usual downtown cigar stores, and with the fight scheduled for New Year's night when business life is at a stand-still there ought to be a house jammed to the rafters. Getting Frank Farmer down here is a real coup and the fans are expected to show their appreciation by turning out in full force.

At the PINE TREE

A night in a Pullman car. A nearly wed couple looking for a minister. A French girl, fleeing from her husband, who gets the nearly wed male to pose as her husband and gets her baby to call him "papa." A traveling salesman joyously hollered. A porter who knows everybody's business and who takes care of everyone when they least want it.

With these as his leading characters, Rupert Hughes has written one of the most amusing screen farces of many years in "Excuse Me", the picture which comes to the Pine Tree theater tomorrow.

The cast is headed by Norma Shearer, Conrad Nagel, Renee Adoree, Walter Hiers, John Boles and Fern Roach.

HAMLET OF PLYMOUTH SPOT CONGENIAL TO OLD AGE

PLYMOUTH, Vt. (AP)—This hamlet, which is justly proud of having given a president to the country, has another claim to fame.

It probably is one of the most salubrious spots in this section of the country.

Herb Moore and several old timers were discussing with Angus MacAuley, guard at the home of the president's father, Col. John C. Coolidge, the longevity of the inhabitants of Plymouth township.

Someone raised the question of actual numbers and in little more than half an hour they had named 25 men and women whose ages ranged from

39 well over 90. They declared there must be at least a dozen others.

The population of the township is estimated at 400 and no man is considered old who is not at least 70.

PARIS. — Mme. Henri Berger, wife of the new French ambassador to Washington describes herself as a modern but not a rabid feminist. She wears her long hair piled in a knot on top and she is taking many books which will accompany her on walks through the Washington parks.

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MEXICO CITY. — The Yankee hobo who swings south to Mexico City when chill winds begin to sweep the States will be out of luck this winter.

A police order has been issued to round up all "foreign vagabonds" and deport those who cannot show they are engaged in an honest and industrious life in Mexico.

In the past Mexico City has at some seasons been a sort of paradise for tramps and panhandlers from north of the Rio Grande. On warm, sunny days many could be found sprawled upon park benches, sauntering along the palm-lined paths—and pouncing upon every passing American who appeared to be a good prospect for a "touch."

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