

DEFENSE STRESSES THREATS OF PEARSON

Three Marines Shot Down in Nicaragua by Sandino Outlaws

PATROL OF DEVIL DOGS SCATTERED

Plan to Establish Martial Law in Northern Section of Nation.

MEAGRE DETAILS OF SKIRMISH RECEIVED

General Sandino Planning Large Offensive Against Americans and Regular Nicaraguan Troops According to Word Given Out By Surgeon for Rebel Forces.

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 23. (AP)—Latest advices from northern Nicaragua state that three marines of a patrol of seven which clashed with outlaws northwest of Yall in the Department of Jinotega on Monday, were killed.

Those killed were Privates Everett A. Rector of Des Moines, Iowa, whose death had previously been reported, Rastus Collins, of Lyons, Ga., and George T. Dwyer, of Miami, Fla.

First word of Rector's death was brought to marine headquarters by a messenger yesterday while additional advices received today told of the deaths of the other two. Only meagre details have been received of the clash.

Steps toward declaring martial law (Continued on Page Six)

NOUD, LAVENIK BUY BUSINESS

Through a deal closed today, Barney Noud and Mike Lavenik of this city have taken over the Pine Tree Billiard and Card Rooms, located beneath the Pine Tree.

The deal was closed through the Pioneer Tobacco company, Mr. Noud and Mr. Lavenik signing a lease. The new proprietors have taken possession of the business.

Mr. Noud has resigned his position with the Klamath Clothing Company to devote his entire time to the new business. Before taking a position with the Klamath Clothing Company, Mr. Noud was employed with The Mecca and is thoroughly experienced in the work he has again chosen to follow.

Mr. Lavenik is one of the well known men of this city. He will also take an active part in the management of the concern.



Poor Pa
"When Ma and me was a young couple, she said she hoped she'd die first, but she hadn't mentioned it in recent years."

Mrs. Houdini Gets 'Message'



Mrs. Beatrice Houdini, above, widow of the late Harry Houdini, stage magician, has accepted as genuine a "message" transmitted to her from her dead husband through Rev. Arthur Ford, pastor of the First Baptist church at New York. Her husband, she says, promised to send her a spirit message if possible.

FIND 5 BLIND DEER IN MODOC

ALTURAS, Cal., Jan. 23.—A. A. Jordan, Modoc game warden reports the finding of another blind deer in the Hog Lake country. The head of the deer was shipped to the Cooper Foundation of Medical research in San Francisco. This is the fifth blind deer found in that section and so far the officials have been unable to account for this epidemic of blindness. Mr. Jordan's opinion is that the disease is the "pink eye."

THIEF HEIR TO LARGE ESTATE

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23. (A. P.)—The Examiner says today that Elvin D. Gratzner, 26, one of two alleged "potting party bandits" held in jail here in default of \$20,000 bonds each, is heir to an estate valued at nearly \$1,000,000.

Gratzner and Glenn Abbott, 26, both of Belvedere, Cal., were held on 20 counts of robbery following their arrest New Year's day, and after they had been identified by several scores of claimed victims.

Progress, Development Shown By Copco Report

Quarterly dividend checks, accompanied by the regular quarterly report on the condition and progress of the company, have been mailed to local owners of shares in the California Oregon Power company. The report is an excellent one, showing a healthy increase of earnings for the twelve months period ending November 30, 1928 over the previous twelve months' period. This, of course, reflects the growth and general prosperity of the communities and territory served by the company.

Under the heading of "New Business," which includes new loads and general expansion, it is noted that on December 1st, the town of Butte Falls, Oregon was supplied with central station

ASA KEYES TELLS TALE TO JURORS

Former Prosecutor of Los Angeles County Takes Witness Stand.

CALM AND SURE OF SELF BEFORE CROWD

Former District Attorney, Charged With Accepting Many Bribes, Attempts to Upset State Testimony by Formal Statement From Witness Stand.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 23. (AP)—In a scene dramatic because of its casualness, former District Attorney Asa Keyes, on trial for bribery, was placed on the witness stand in superior court today as the defense opened its fight to clear Keyes and two co-defendants.

Keyes, who has been the outstanding figure since the trial started, today stood out in even bolder relief, with the dismissal of charges against three of the six defendants, Charles Reimer, Dave Getzoff and Jack Rosenberg, leaving Keyes, Ben Getzoff, the tailor and alleged "fixer" and Ed Rosenberg formerly a defendant in the Julian fraud case, the (Continued on Page Four)

BANDIT LEADER UNDER ARREST

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 23. (A. P.)—Ace Pendleton, notorious leader of a gang of southwest bank robbers, was arrested here today.

Pendleton, accused of taking part in a series of bank robberies in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Texas, in which several officers were killed, was taken into custody with two women on a down town street. Chief of Police L. G. Huber, who made the arrest, announced that he had established the identity of the gang leader by Bertillon measurements.

MATINEE HOOP GAME WILL BE GIVEN TRYOUT

CHICAGO, Jan. 23. (AP)—"Matinee Basketball" will be given a trial at Columbus Saturday when Chicago plays Ohio State. If afternoon games prove popular, other schools may follow the Ohio example, western conference officials said.

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FLU EPIDEMIC IS DECREASING
WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (AP)—A decrease in deaths due to influenza was shown by advices today to the census bureau from 69 cities which reported 995 deaths for the week ended Jan. 19 compared with 1,318 deaths the preceding week.

SPAN MEASURE IS INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23. (AP)—A bill to authorize J. C. Tenbrook to construct a toll bridge across the Columbia river near Astoria, Oregon, to connect the Roosevelt Military Highway with the Washington Ocean Beach highway, was introduced today by Representative Hawley.

QUACK GUILTY DECLARES JURY

PORTLAND, Jan. 23. (P)—F. J. Kolar, who posed as an X-ray specialist and "bleedless surgeon" was convicted of attempt to commit larceny today by District Judge Hendrickson. The case was heard without a jury.

The defense failed to put a witness on the stand, and closed its case a few minutes after the court denied a motion to dismiss the case.

Kolar was charged with using two X-ray plates for various patients, one plate showing an unhealthy condition and the other indicating complete cure after treatment he prescribed and gave.

Consolidation Plan Meets Approval Of Oregon Legislators

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23. (AP)—That it would be an easier matter to secure the approval of the people on a plan for the consolidation of boards and commissions of the state government than to secure the approval from the legislature, is the opinion expressed by members of the house and senate committees on administration and reorganization.

At the first joint meeting of the two committees, held Tuesday afternoon, every member stated that his constituents were in favor of some plan of consolidation or reorganization that would do away with duplications and needless boards and would promote more efficiency in state government.

Rector MacPherson, representative from Linn and chairman of the joint committee, favors the plan of submitting a constitutional amendment to the people, the skeleton to be filled in at the 1931 legislative session. The difficulty of passing a plan of consolidation through the legislature lies in the pressure which will be brought to bear, says MacPherson, on the individual legislators by the boards and commissions, each of which will fight absorption. "Every board will want to be the whale and none will consent to playing Jonah," MacPherson told his committee.

Members of the committee also expressed an unwillingness to "pass the buck" to the board of control by giving them a blanket law permission to accomplish consolidation wherever possible.

Senator Schulmerich of Washington, member of the senate committee on consolidation, stated that he favored the plan and that he would again make the statement that he was positive he could save the state a million dollars a year by reorganization and consolidation of the two state universities alone.

MacPherson asked members of his committee to read Buck's manual on consolidation of state government and work out individual plans, each of which will be presented at the next committee meeting.

The governor and members of the board of control will be asked to meet with the committee later.

Calendar Change Advantages Explained by F. L. Crittenden

Outstanding advantages to be gained, should the calendar be revised and made into 13 months of 28 days each, a question which is before the people of the United States, were explained in a competent manner by F. L. Crittenden, manager of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, who spoke before the chamber of commerce forum today.

How each month of the year, 13 in all, would start on Sunday, with a day set aside between December and January for New Years was explained by the speaker.

Should the new calendar be adopted, all holidays would fall on Monday, so that places of business would at no time be forced to close down during the week.

The thirteenth month, which is proposed, would be known as "Sol."

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SHIP SINKS, 30 LOST IN BIG STORM

Two Other Vessels In Distress on Raging Atlantic Today.

FREIGHTER FLORIDA SLOWLY FOUNDERING

Steamer American, Heads for Crippled Vessel With Speed; Freighter Teesbridge of Great Britain Slams With All Hands Aboard In Storm.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23. (AP)—The storm-lashed Atlantic today was believed to have claimed one ship while it reared mountainous seas against the rescuers of two others in distress.

Search for the British freighter Teesbridge with her crew of 39 was abandoned when rescue vessels could find no trace of her 300 miles east of Cape Race, Newfoundland.

On the bridge of one of the rescue ships, the America, was Captain George Fried, hero of the rescue of the crew of the British freighter Antiope three years ago. The other two headed for the disabled vessels were the President Harrison of the Dollar (Continued on Page Six)

1ST CASUALTY IN GAS FIGHT GOES BANKRUPT

PORTLAND, Jan. 23. (AP)—The first casualty in Portland's gasoline price war has been killed.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy has been filed in federal district court here by William E. Johnson, Inc., operator of two filling stations. Liabilities were placed at \$37,473.42 and assets at \$56,403.16.

LYNCH NAMED COMMISSIONER

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 23. (AP)—M. A. Lynch of Redmond was today reappointed by Governor Patterson as a member of the state game commission for a term of five years. His present term, to which he was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of James W. Maloney of Pendleton, will expire in February.

Herbert Hoover Rests Up For Fishing Trips

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., Jan. 23. (AP)—A day of rest in preparation for long hours with a rod and reel among the Florida keys had been arranged for President-Elect Hoover today.

Settled at the J. C. Penney estate on Belle Isle in Biscayne Bay, after their train ride from Washington and the strenuous reception by some 75,000 persons on their arrival in Miami, Mr. and Mrs. Hoover looked forward to a month's diversion before their return to the national capital.

The little, palm-thatched island seemed almost a part of the tropics. Mr. Hoover so recently had visited. Eastward is Miami Beach, fringed with palm trees stretches three miles across Biscayne Bay.

Deep sea fishing in the "Amille" or the "Patay" was a pleasing prospect for the president-elect, who was presented on his arrival yesterday with two angling outfits.

The arrival of the Hoover train in Miami was the signal for a celebration. Crowds thronged the thoroughfares and Mr. Hoover's automobile passed between almost a continuous line of bands.

Official welcomes were accorded by Norton Milford, representative Governor Doyle Carlton of Florida Mayor E. G. Sewell of Miami and Mayor Louis F. Sneed of Miami Beach.

In Indian Probe



Charles H. Burke, U. S. Indian commissioner, is center of a storm now raging before the Senate Indian Investigating Committee in connection with the Jackson Barnett case. Burke charges that accusations against him are the result of a "plot" to destroy him politically.

EARL SWISHER IS EXONERATED

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 23. (A. P.)—A not true bill was returned by the grand jury today for Earl Swisher, truck driver of Klamath Falls held on a manslaughter charge, as the result of an automobile accident since last July. He was released by order of the court, and left at once for Klamath Falls.

Swisher was detained for investigation, following the death of a youth, who was never identified.

The wandering boy, about 19 years of age, hailed Swisher for a ride near Keno. While coming down a steep grade, near Ashland, the truck plunged from the highway. The unidentified youth was hurled beneath the rear wheels. His chest was crushed, and death came within an hour.

MISS LYLE IS SELECTED FOR DEBATE TEAM

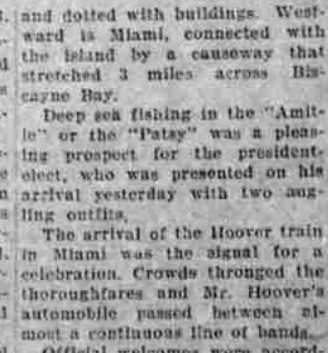
UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Ore., Jan. 23. (Special)—In the recent Freshman debate try-outs for women, Alexis Lyle, Klamath Falls, was one of those picked to represent the Freshman class of the University of Oregon in the coming debate season.

Miss Lyle is majoring in Business Administration. She is a member of Gamma Phi Beta, national social sorority.

GAS FATAL TO PORTLAND MAN

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 23. (P)—Carbon monoxide gas from a coal stove today took the life of L. M. Farrington, 68, and left his wife in a grave condition in a local hospital. The two were found unconscious in their home late Tuesday.

Aunt Het



"Half of the married women never would do this if except to show other women they could."

JURY TAKEN TO SCENE OF KILLING

State Rests Late Yesterday Shortly After Elva Tice Testifies.

LARGE CROWD JAMS INTO COURT ROOM

Horace Manning Announces To Court This Morning Definitely That Plea of Self Defense Will Be Set Up by Defense in Murder Trial.

Full force of the defense battery of testimony was fired yesterday afternoon and this morning immediately after the state rested its case against William Thompson, charged with the murder of Veloy Pearson on the night of November 27.

Witness after witness was called to the stand to testify to the fondness of Thompson for Elva Tice and Ralph Tice—it was because of attention paid to Elva, the defense indicates, that Thompson had asked Pearson to remain away from the ranch.

Defense strategy still puzzled onlookers. It was not definitely established just what the course of defense testimony will take—whether self defense, the "unwritten law," straight "not (Continued on Page Six)

KLAMATH WILL MEET ASHLAND

Ashland high school basketball team will arrive here Saturday morning for the game to be played with the Klamath Union high team at the high school gymnasium on Saturday night at 8:45, according to information received here today from the valley.

In order that business men will have an opportunity to attend the game, the hour has been set ahead until 8:45.

At 7:45 the Klamath Midgets will play a preliminary game. Friday night the second team of the Klamath High will play Chiloquin high, starting at 8 o'clock.

The game will be played at the high school gymnasium.

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