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WEATHER

Thursday's maximum 48
High 55, low 30
PRECIPITATION
24 hours to 8 a. m.Trace
Season to date7.18
Normal precipitation4.83
Last year to date4.40



STORMY

U. S. WARNS AGAINST SEIZURES

In The Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS
ECONOMY talk comes from Washington as the CAMPAIGN YEAR CONGRESS assembles and listens to the President's CAMPAIGN YEAR MESSAGES on the budget and the state of the nation.

Cross your fingers. What is coming from Washington is ALL TALK.

THERE will be no economy until the voters begin to DEFEAT THE SPENDERS AND ELECT TIGHTWADS. If and when that happens, the budget will be balanced without loss of time.

LOUIS XIV was the world's most magnificent spender UP TO HIS TIME. Although they grumbled under the burden of taxation, the people of France admired his magnificence.

But they BEHEADED Louis XVI. By that time the glamor of spending had worn off.

WHEN the great Turkish earthquake came, 15 prisoners serving long penal sentences in the Erisikan barracks scorned the opportunity to escape afforded by the crumbling of their prison walls and for days risked their lives helping to rescue more than 1,000 persons buried in the wreckage.

Recall at this point the jingle: "There's so much good in the worst of us And so much bad in the best of us That it becomes any of us To speak evil of the rest of us."

PERTINENT question: Did you EVER know anyone so bad that he didn't have ANY GOOD IN HIM?

IF you want to feel better about the business future, read this dispatch from New York: "Showing but little reaction from the holiday spirit, the past week's retail trade continued to run well ahead of the same period of last year, Dun & Bradstreet reported today (Friday) in its weekly survey."

When retail trade lags, business is bad and is GOING TO BE WORSE. When retail trade booms, business is good and is GOING TO BE BETTER.

WHEN retail trade is poor, goods pile up on the shelves and sooner or later the factories have to shut down for lack of a market. When retail trade is active, goods MOVE OFF THE SHELVES and the factories put on more help to supply the resulting demand.

Nickelodeon Star Dies of Infection
HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 5 (AP)—Flora Finch, a famous film comedienne of the nickelodeon days, is dead after years of obscurity.

An accidental arm-scratch led to a streptococcus infection which sent her last Saturday to a hospital. She died there late yesterday of blood poisoning and bronchial pneumonia.

Death claimed her a full quarter century after taking the role of John Bunny, her starring partner in many an uproarious comedy in the magic-lantern period of motion pictures.

With the Finch and Bunny popularity declined and there were years of slim earnings. But for the past decade or more she was back on a regular salary, playing bit and extra roles at Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer studios.

25 YEARS AGO TODAY

By The Associated Press

Jan. 5, 1915—preparations begin for the battle of Soissons.

RED AIR RAIDS CONTINUED AS FINNS ADVANCE

Russia May Be Forced to Drop Northern Drive, Attack on Isthmus

HELSINKI, Jan. 5 (AP)—The Finnish high command tonight reported continued successes on the eastern front, with the Finns killing 400 Russians and taking 40 prisoners in two encounters. The communists covered events of yesterday. Today soviet bombers resumed their raids on Finland but did not attack Helsinki.

Nine planes, according to an official report, visited Volka, a small town near Kuopio, and dropped 21 bombs, killing an 18-year-old girl and a man, injuring 15 women and a man and setting 10 houses on fire.

Vilpuri also was bombed but damages were not ascertained immediately.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 5 (AP)—Finnish forces today were reported to have won another smashing victory against Russian troops on the Salla front, 135 miles north of Lake Kianta where the Finns virtually destroyed the red army's 16th division last week.

The Russians were said to have been routed at Salla, just above the arctic circle, and to be fleeing in great confusion across the frontier in the direction of Mandalsk.

Inasmuch as the winter road is only 40 miles from the frontier, the new Russian advance, said, may not be as serious as it first appeared.

Russia can pour reinforcements and munitions into the Karelian front via Leningrad but would have difficulty provisioning troops in the north without the Murmansk railroad.

Frozen Body of Woman Found in Chicago Trunk
CHICAGO, Jan. 5 (AP)—The frozen and battered body of a gray-haired woman was found today crammed in a new trunk in a south side alley.

A negro junkman gleefully dragged the locked trunk to his house, then stared in horror when he pried the cover open and saw the twisted body.

A coroner's physician said both legs had been broken, apparently by forcing them into the trunk; the skull was fractured, the eyes blackened and the temples pocked with deep indentations obviously inflicted by blows. No bullet wounds were found.

Dr. Samuel Levinson estimated the woman had been dead eight hours.

Police were unprepared to say whether the woman, believed between 50 and 60 years old, had died of her injuries or had been placed alive in the trunk and frozen to death.

The coroner's office expressed the opinion she "may have been beaten to death with a hammer." Marks indicated she was struck four times, two blows on each temple leaving round indentations like the mark of a hammer head. The legs were broken between hip and knee and five ribs on the right side were fractured, as if from pressure rather than pummeling.

The woman was 4 feet 11 inches tall and weighed 125 pounds.

Shook for South Africa



KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (AP)—The past few weeks as they turned out box shook for the South African orange growers who ship citrus fruits to the Orient and Europe. Just about half of a 130-carload order was given to the Klamath box factories, and Betty Bratton, left, and Violet Zamsky, office employees of the Ewauna Box company, are shown holding sections of the shook stamped with the South African growers' insignias.

NEW BREAK BOOSTS SUMP FLOOD AREA

2380 Acres Under Water After Third Dike Failure in Three Weeks

MERRILL (Special)—The third dike break in three weeks was discovered Friday morning at 11 o'clock and all lease lands north of the old break which occurred two years ago on the Cox brothers' lease are now under water. It was learned here today. A total of 2380 acres is now under water.

The break occurred between the William Hooper lease lands and the 1000-acre holdings of R. W. and J. R. Steele.

Wind Blamed
Three hundred feet of the dike (Continued on Page Three)

American Sentry Wounds Japanese
SHANGHAI, Jan. 5 (AP)—A United States marine sentry shot and slightly wounded a Japanese private in the American embassy compound in Peking early this morning, according to a joint communiqué issued by Japanese and American military authorities at Peking.

The statement failed to explain the incident, but predicted "an amicable settlement after negotiations."

Two Injured in Bleber Car Crash
BIEBER, Calif., Jan. 5 (Special)—Two persons were injured last night when an automobile ran off a mountain road and rolled 50 feet down a rocky slope west of Nubieber.

Miss Dorothy Summy, 21, of Gridley, who had been staying with friends at Pit One, suffered a broken shoulder blade and bruises. Ray Edwards, 25, of Pit Three, sustained a cracked rib and chest injuries.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hartley of Pittville, driving nearby, saw the accident and extricated Miss Summy from under the wrecked car.

School Census Gains Here

POPULATION OF COUNTY AROUND 45,000, SHOWN

11,264 School-Age Children Listed in Report; City Gains Only 86

Klamath county school census figures, announced Friday, show a total of 11,264 children of census age in the county at this time, or an indicated Klamath county population of 45,056.

Statisticians generally calculate total population of a normally settled area as four times the school census figure. The latter includes all children from 4 to 19 years old, inclusive.

The 1939 census figures, which were given out Friday at the county school offices and cover both city and county, are listed as follows, with a comparison with last year:

	1939	1938
Boys	3716	3549
Girls	3419	3310
Total	7135	6907
City District		
	1939	1938
Boys	2023	2023
Girls	2100	2023
Total	4129	4046
County Gain		228
City Gain		86

Total 11,264
Since 1933, the total gain in census population for the entire county has been 2913, or an indicated total population gain of almost 12,000 in that period.

This table gives figures on the school census, city and county separate, since 1933:

Year	County	City	Total
1933	4524	3727	8251
1934	4693	4035	8728
1935	5135	4197	9332
1936	5707	4293	9910
1937	6413	4233	10,646
1938	6907	4043	10,950
1939	7135	4046	11,264

The figures show that the county district has taken most of the increase—a fact largely explained by the heavy development of the suburban district near Klamath Falls.

If the county's present population is 45,000, it has increased approximately 13,000 since the 1930 federal census.

Rail Rates Hit At Hearing in North California
SACRAMENTO, Jan. 5 (AP)—W. G. Stone, head of the traffic department of the chamber of commerce, today testified at a state railroad commission hearing that high rates and inadequate service now provided by the West-Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads to the northeastern section of the state have caused Sacramento wholesale firms to lose thousands of dollars worth of business to Oregon and Reno, Nev., shippers.

His testimony was given at the commission's hearing on the application of Ralph Spear to operate a truck service from Sacramento via Redding, Shasta county, to Pittville, Shasta county, Alturas, Modoc county, and the Goose lake area to the Oregon line.

The application is being opposed by both railroads, which contend the present railroad and contract carrier service to the area is satisfactory.

Youngster Saves Family From Fire
WARREN, Ont., Jan. 5 (AP)—Dashing through flames, 11-year-old Leo Bibeau guided his mother and two sisters safely out of their burning home early today, dropping two younger children from the second story into waiting arms below and then jumped safely into the snow with the baby in his arms.

Joseph Bibeau, father of the family, had left to work in the fields when the house caught fire, apparently from an overheated furnace.

Republicans to Investigate Administration Defense Plan To Plot Appropriation Needs

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Senate republicans, caucusing on the budget, suggested today congress investigate the administration's military policy, to determine national defense needs and appropriations.

Senator McNary of Oregon, the minority leader, said the 14 republicans who attended the conference agreed unanimously to support committee survey of budgetary needs, if the inquiry were extended to include defense requirements.

When the meeting broke up, Senator Vandenberg (R-Mich.) typed out the following statement, which McNary handed to reporters:

"It is agreed that the conference approves the Harrison proposal for a joint congressional committee to investigate and report upon budgetary matters including both appropriations and revenues and that it requests an extension of this procedure through the creation of an additional similar joint congressional committee to deal with national defense and appropriations therefor including an examination of past expenditures and adequacy of results therefrom and a survey of national military policy."

McNary said while the conference took no normal action on the question of additional special taxes proposed by President Roosevelt to finance a part of the new defense program, widespread opposition was apparent.

"There appeared to be almost unanimous opposition to any plan for further taxation at this session of congress," McNary told reporters. "We thought that it was unnecessary. We thought that retrenchment could be had by decreased government expenditures for the normal activities of regular government agencies."

"In my opinion," McNary told reporters before the meeting, "super-appropriations for national defense should await the result of experimentation in the wars now being waged throughout the world."

"I don't believe that the normal activities of government should be crippled to provide funds for an unnecessarily large national defense program, but I do believe that departmental expenditures should be substantially reduced."

Turk Convicts Freed for Aid In Quake Area
ANKARA, Jan. 5 (AP)—Pardons for 15 convicts who scorned escape and risked their lives to rescue more than 1000 women and children buried under wreckage by the Anatolian earthquake of Dec. 27 were recommended today by the government at a special parliamentary session.

The men, all serving long sentences in barracks at the Erisikan prison, displayed what the government called "magnificent courage."

They organized rescue squads and dug for days in the ruined buildings of the town, apparently the hardest hit by the quake that caused an estimated loss of 45,000 lives.

The convicts administered first aid to those they rescued, and housed the victims in what remained of their prison.

A campaign for adoption of disaster orphans by wealthy families was begun in Ankara as the first trainload of 210 children arrived.

Damage was reported today from new earth shocks that toppled buildings in the Smyrna region, and Samsun and Amis, but no new losses of life were recorded.

Thousands of soldiers were clearing railroad lines of snow and debris in the ravaged area of the first great tremor.

Relief efforts were hampered, however, by the refusal of many survivors to leave. Even though seriously injured, many preferred to be wrapped in blankets in the ruins of their homes until the bodies of all their relatives were retrieved and buried.

The weather remained bitterly cold after a blizzard which followed the earthquake and was blamed for much of the loss of life.

BRITAIN HELD TO BLAME IN ANY DAMAGES

Note Protests Forcing of American Ships Into Forbidden Zones

LONDON, Jan. 5 (AP)—Prime Minister Chamberlain reorganized the government tonight with War Minister Horne Bellah and Minister of Information Macmillan retiring in the biggest political sensation since war started.

Tall, prematurely-gray Oliver Stanley, president of the board of trade, becomes war minister and as such a member of the war cabinet succeeding the former journalist.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5 (AP)—The American government has warned Great Britain it would hold her responsible for damages resulting from "losses and injuries" if American ships were forced into British control ports.

The state department released today the text of a long note given to the British ambassador for forwarding to his government "at the same time it disclosed that an American ship, the Moormacrus, of the Moore and McCormick line, en route to Bergen, had been taken into Kirkwall, one of the British control ports within the area forbidden United States vessels by the neutrality act.

The department said that since it was a violation of the American neutrality law for an American vessel to enter the combat area, it called the American embassy in London last night to communicate immediately with the master of the Moormacrus and obtain a full statement of the circumstances as a preliminary to possible action.

The state department's note to Britain dated December 14, made the point also American steamship companies are voluntarily cooperating with the British authorities.

The message, signed by Secretary Hull, then said: "In view of these considerations it is difficult for my government to foresee, as a practical matter, any occasion necessitating the entry of American vessels into belligerent ports."

"If, despite these considerations, the British authorities should feel it necessary to compel any American vessel to enter the combat area or any of those belligerent ports which by the provisions of the neutrality act."

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12 Sentenced to Die for Riots
BOMBAY, Jan. 5 (AP)—Twelve persons were sentenced to death at Hubli today for participating in riots last April in which 12 men were killed.

Two defendants were sentenced to life imprisonment and 40 to prison terms running up to two years each. Twenty-eight were acquitted.

The 82 defendants were part of a mob of 1000 which battered the policemen to death.

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