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**BRITISH RUBBER MONOPOLY COMES IN CONGRESS**

**Hoover Enters Controversy**

**BRITISH ACCUSE U. S.**

**Investigation to Begin Shortly After Holiday Recess**

**THOMAS L. STOKES.**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Hoover has injected himself into an international controversy growing out of the British rubber monopoly, and with leaders intensely interested and the situation becoming more and more serious, automobile tires have become an important item, both in commerce and international relations.

A formal press statement today Hoover declared that the Morning Post was "misinformed" when it said that the United States government endeavored to restrict wheat production "in the face of a starving world."

The charge resulted, it is understood from the commerce secretary's statement, which are blamed on the restriction of production.

The statement follows a charge by Longworth, in a speech in which he said that the United States government was allowing rubber plantations in its foreign possessions to act in restraint of trade in a way as would cause them to starve in this country.

**Profits Cleared.**

While reports come of profits by rubber exchange dealers in the American government," he said, "has never passed any law restricting production, probably originates from the department of agriculture, after the armistice, and after the world famine, did warn the American farmers that there was an overproduction of wheat in the United States."

**Valley Cities Enjoy Sunny Weather**

The Klamath Falls yesterday benefited under a heavy fog. Pedestrians shivered as they hurried along its streets. The fog of the valley towns were enhanced, according to Sheriff Hawkins, who yesterday returned from Salem.

The sun was shining when I left the city, and it was shining on my way back through Ashland and Medford," Hawkins said. "The fog was no fog on the Green Mountain."

Hawkins was on his way back to a visit to the state penitentiary to which he accompanied W. Davidson, sentenced to one year for moonshining, and C. K. McArthur, two years for larceny.

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**COOLIDGE GIFTS IRK OLD SANTA**

**Fool Politicians Bring In Sorry Collection Says Old St. Nick**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—"I never give interviews," said Santa Claus as the United News caught him coming out of the White House Christmas eve, and asked him what he brought to the president.

"Anyway I only called to pay my respects," just as if he had been a senator who had been trying to get a job for a needy politician.

"There is not any news tonight," the reporter said, gloomily.

"I can't help that," the old fellow snapped rather testily.

A little ashamed of this un-Christmaslike remark, he added apologetically: "You'd be off of Christmas too if you had to deliver the presents of those fool politicians. I never saw such crazy stuff as they sent."

"Can you imagine that Shenandoah board sending a bucket of whitewash?" secondhand too.

**Borah Crazy**

"Borah—must be absolutely crazy. Sent a trick cigar that talks. You ask it if it favors a

**REBELS FIRE ON YANKEE QUARTER**

**Americans Do Not Reply But Italians Kill Two of Attacking Party**

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(United News)—Chinese soldiers fired on the American quarter in Tientsin Thursday night, according to a Central News dispatch from that city. The Americans did not reply. The Italian quarter also was fired upon, and one Italian was wounded.

Foreign excitement was intense as General Li Chiang Lin's defeated troops, which attacked the American quarter, straggled through the native quarter of the city.

After withdrawing to the outskirts, Li forcibly rallied such of his troops as he could, placed machine guns in their rear and threatened to fire if they retreated further.

The soldiers thus were induced to attack the advancing army of General Feng Yu Haiang. Their first attack was successful. Feng was driven back five miles.

Minor looting occurred as the stragglers penetrated the city, but Li vigorously sought to maintain discipline. Several looters were beheaded at his order.

Foreign soldiers and sailors behind sandbag and electrified barb wire barricades prevented Li's stragglers from entering the foreign quarter.

Two of Li's soldiers were killed when Italians replied to the volley directed into the Italian quarter.

**Earl Beck Taken on a Moonshine Charge**

Earl Beck residing on South Sixth street in a small house at the rear of the Redfield store was arrested last night and placed in jail on the charge of possession of liquor.

Officers McBride, McMill, Knowles, and Morgan took part in the raid which uncovered four gallons of alleged moonshine in a cleverly constructed cache in an outbuilding said to belong to Beck. The officers watched Beck's house for some time and were finally rewarded by seeing him make his way to the outbuilding where he procured a gallon jug. When the officers rushed him, Beck is said to have broken the jug with a hammer. Upon search, however, four other jugs were uncovered.

Officer McBride stated that approximately \$300 was found on Beck's person when he was subjected to a thorough search.

**BREAK GLASS, FINED.**

Charged with breaking glass on the streets of Klamath Falls, R. Nelson yesterday entered a plea of guilty in justice court.

He was sentenced to pay a fine of \$20 by Acting Justice of the Peace Emmitt, following his arrest by County Traffic Officer Knowles.

**CHRISTMAS**  
 By DAVID ELSWORTH

So long ago one scarce can tell  
 When first was heard the Christmas bell,  
 The shepherds watched their flocks by night,  
 And unto them appeared a light.  
 Then voices soft began to sing,  
 A herald to the heavenly king.

Good will to men,—the angel's voice  
 Then said,—let all the world rejoice;  
 Let peace remain upon the earth,  
 In memory of a Saviour's birth;  
 The message to the shepherds given,  
 The hosts then vanished back to heaven.

Then hastening to the manger bright,  
 The shepherds saw the heavenly sight;  
 The king of kings there safely lay,  
 In swaddling clothes upon the hay;  
 While angels bright looked from above,  
 Upon the babe, the God of love.

The wise men too, came from afar,  
 Led by the brightness of a star,  
 And bringing gifts of priceless worth,  
 They crowned him king of heaven and earth.  
 Departing then they went their way,  
 And worshipped: This first Christmas day.

Let us bring gifts to those who need,  
 To words divine we should take heed,  
 That these the least may happy be,  
 "So have you given unto me."  
 While Christmas chimes ring out again,  
 Sing peace on earth, good will to men.

**CHICAGO DAILY HAS BEEN SOLD**

**News Goes to Walter Strong Former Business Mgr. Of Publication**

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Chicago Daily News has been sold to Walter A. Strong, business manager of the paper and a group of business associates, it was announced Thursday afternoon.

It is reported in financial circles that the price paid for the property was more than \$14,000,000, but the amount has not been made public.

While it was announced that the price paid to the bank depends upon certain appraisals and adjustments not yet completed, it was simultaneously announced that the purchase of the newspaper will be financed by means of an \$18,000,000 issue of debenture and by the sale of \$6,000,000 in preferred and common stock.

Strong is the largest individual investor in the preferred and common stock, and holds absolute control in the Daily News company.

Among the men associated with him are: Ex-Gov. Frank O. Lowmyer of Illinois, Robert P. Lamont, Joseph E. Otis, James A. Patten, Julius Rosenwald, S. J. Strauss, Harold Swift and George Woodruff.

**NO ARRESTS IN MILL ROBBERY**

**Officers Unable to Pick Up Men Who Robbed Lamm Commissary**

Late last night officers had not taken into custody the men who, it was reported yesterday, had entered the Lamm Lumber company store at Modoc Point and had stolen goods valued at approximately \$300.

Entrance to the store, it was said, was gained by first jimmying open a door to the lumber company's office. The door of the store was then forced open.

Guns, a quantity of clothing and other articles, the nature of which Sheriff Burt Hawkins last night did not know, were taken by the men.

Automobile tire tracks were seen near the store which fronts on the Dalles-California highway.

Sheriff Hawkins said last night he was expecting an official of the company to furnish him with a detailed list of missing goods, that he may have a better opportunity to check up on them.

Deputy Sheriffs Joe Kimsey and Fornerook have been assigned to the case.

**NO ISSUE SATURDAY.**

In order that the employees of the Klamath News may enjoy Christmas to the fullest extent, there will be no paper issued Saturday morning. The next issue will be Sunday.

**M'BRIDE GIVES KIWANIS SORDID MOONSHINE DATA**

**Tells of Industry in Klamath INVOLVES LOW CLASS**

**All Other Classes of Crime Follow Where Bootlegging Is Flourishing**

Ugly "still" pictures were drawn yesterday before members of the Kiwanis club at their noonday gathering at the White Pelican hotel—pictures so hideous that were they driven home to the populace generally the price of moonshine in Klamath would drop out of sight from lack of demand.

It was L. L. McBride, state prohibition officer, speaker before the Kiwanians, who drew, out of his experiences the picture of the moonshine industry as it exists in Klamath.

"Moonshine whiskey is not what it was in the old Kentucky mountaineer days when the moonshiner made whiskey for his own use—figuring his field of corn as worth so many gallons at the rate of a bushel of corn to the gallon," said McBride.

"There are now more people from Kentucky and Tennessee making moonshine in Washington and Oregon than in Kentucky and Tennessee, but the game has been sadly commercialized," he continued. "When they tell you they are selling you corn whiskey nowadays it is something else you get. Cracked corn is used to ferment sugar."

**Moonshiners Low.**

"Only the lowest class of Americans make moonshine. The foreigners, who are without respect for the law, are fairly clean, but the Americans who moonshine degenerate very fast. When we are going through a country and find a place that is run down, and the owner of

**PLAN GIGANTIC COAST MERGER**

**Pacific Coast Oil Likely To Combine With the Standard Oil**

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(United News)—Announcement was made Thursday of the conclusion of negotiations between the Pacific Oil company and the Standard Oil company of California for the merger of these two companies.

According to Henry W. Deforest, chairman of the board of the Pacific Coast Oil company, terms have been agreed upon.

The consolidated company will issue one share of its stock for each share of stock of each of the two merging companies, the Pacific now having 3,500,000 shares and the Standard approximately 3,500,000 shares.

**Secret Service Men Nab Oakland Radical**

OAKLAND (Cal.), Dec. 24.—(United News)—Accused of distributing circulars urging the assassination of President Coolidge, William Elmer Wolff, alias David Watson, was arrested by secret service officers and postal inspectors here Wednesday.

Wolff was employed in Oakland as a dishwasher. During the last six years, according to arresting officers, he has sent out a flood of circulars and letters, inciting readers to kill public officials. He started the campaign against President Wilson and continued it through the administration of President Harding. It is claimed.

**DINNER IN JAIL.**

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—For the 14th consecutive time Thos. McGuire will eat Christmas dinner today in the Ingleside jail. Arrested Thursday for vagrancy, McGuire pleaded for a chance to continue an annual custom he had started 15 years ago.

**YANKEES VISIT IN BETHLEHEM**

**Autos Follow Road of the Wise Men on Camels 1925 Years Ago**

By JOHN O'BRIEN.  
 BETHLEHEM (Palestine), Dec. 24.—"While shepherds watched their flocks by night," as they did 1925 years ago, when the wise men were coming by camel-back from the eastern deserts to see the Christ child, hundreds of American automobiles dashed along the road from Jerusalem after dinner Christmas eve to attend midnight mass in Bethlehem.

The mass was celebrated in the Basilica of the Nativity, which is built around the grotto where the Saviour of the Christian world was born. The ancient and modern are mingled in Bethlehem in picturesque confusion on Christmas eve. The glamor of the Orient and occidental simplicity united Thursday night in a ceremony dedicated to the commemoration of a date which untold millions regard as the crowning event of history. Christmas is the only time in the year when peace on earth and goodwill to men reigns among the divergent sects of the church. The Greek-Armenian pre-

**SAYS MALIN RUN WOULD BE FOLLY**

**Chief Ambrose Explains He Would Be Helpless Without Water**

It would have been utterly futile and absurd for the Klamath Falls fire department to have made a "run" to the Malin grammar school fire Tuesday.

The "15,000 gallons of water" which were said to have been used on the blaze would have lasted the local fighters approximately 15 minutes.

There is no city ordinance which forbids local fire fighters to leave the city, and they are prepared to do so on any occasion when they and their equipment will render any nearby community any good.

Such were some of the comments made last night by Fire Chief Keith K. Ambrose following the reported complaint of a Malin resident that he had been told that Klamath Falls equipment must stay inside the city.

A. Kalina, merchant of the neighboring town, was quoted as saying, "when the Malin school was on fire we ran out of chemicals and when we phoned Klamath Falls we were informed that property of the city could not be used outside the city limits."

**Chief Called**

In regard to the reported statement, Chief Ambrose said:

"I was called by the Malin operator. She asked me if I thought it would do any good for us to come to Malin. I told her I knew it would do no good."

"In the first place, we have no straight chemical equipment. It would be useless to try to work with a 40-gallon chemical tank. And we could not get to their water, even if they had had plenty of it."

Chief Ambrose added that it was considered nothing more than "common courtesy" for one town to assist another which is in distress, and further said that the local department always has followed such a policy. Assistance to Pelican Bay, Chelsea, Swan Lake Moulding company, Shippington, or other nearby places, never would be refused, he said.

Ambrose explained that the trip to Malin, going and coming, would have taken up a considerable period of time.

**LITTLE PETE CELEBRATES**

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Dec. 24.—Little Peter Constantin Maris Salm von Hoegstraten, 16 months old, central figure in a figure between his mother and his titled father for his custody, will enjoy his first Christmas tree here Friday, and his multimillionaire grandfather, H. H. Rogers, was expected to arrive from New York in time to take the role of Santa Claus.

**BETTER FEELING COMMUNITY GAIN FROM CHRISTMAS**

**Local People Give Interviews JUDGES ALL AGREE**

**Emmitt Says Christmas In His Home Means a Big Family Reunion**

The holiday spirit! A spirit so deep and inspiring that a smile is submitted for a frown when a hurrying shopper bumps into a fellow mortal caught in the rush. There is a reaction in the atmosphere that is worth a million; an atmosphere that could not be purchased for money and only bought with love.

Here is how a number of Klamath folks respond to the query "what do you think about Christmas?"

Says Judge A. L. Leavitt: "It's the day of days, and worth all the other 364 put together." And in a most unjudge-like manner, bit off a corner of his cigar and repeated his opinion.

"What do I think of Christmas," said Judge Gaghagen, leaning back comfortably in his office swivel chair and closing his hands. "Why condemn it child, I've only got 40 cents to do what I think about Christmas but it's worth while spending. With electric waffle irons and cedar chests to buy for the office force—why condemn it child—aw gwan."

Dr. T. C. Campbell was particularly busy with a pet germ when approached with the question.

"I haven't much to say about my thoughts on Christmas," said the medico, "but if I get that baby on Christmas morning I'll think quite a bit."

**Better Feeling**

"What do I think of Christmas," mused J. A. Gordon of the First National bank. "My first idea of Christmas is that if it accomplishes nothing in any other way, it creates a better feeling of friendship and fellowship."

And another banker views the question with retrospect.

"Hmp," says George R. Laidley of the American National bank. "You had better give me time to think—yet I can tell you this. I

**Fails to Dim, Pays Judge Emmitt Five**

Failure to dim his headlights on a wet pavement yesterday cost Melvin Engle \$10. Engle, according to County Traffic Officer Knowles who arrested him, also was discovered to have no operator's license.

Frank Schmidt, charged with operating an automobile with headlights which were not properly adjusted, pleaded guilty and was fined \$10.

Schmidt was arrested by State Traffic Officer Foster, and both men were arraigned before Justice of the Peace Emmitt.

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