

COSTLY FIRE RAGING IN SHANGHAI

December Comes In On Flood, Blizzard

Two Deaths Reported Much Suffering and Property Damage Shown.

(By United Press)

December rolled in on a wave of inclement weather, binding parts of the middle west in freezing temperatures, causing floods in the Wabash valley and western New York and sweeping the Atlantic coast with icy gales.

Two deaths resulted from blizzard and floods. The body of a railroad worker was found near Grand Junction, Colo., after a blizzard had been under way for several hours. At Olean, N. Y., Ephraim Head was burned to death when his flood-marooned cottage was destroyed by fire.

Twenty-three amateur fishermen were rescued off Coney Island, N. Y., by the coast guard when their boat was being blown out to sea by a 64-mile gale.

Record Snowfall
Snow fell in Nebraska, Missouri, Kansas, Indiana, Colorado, parts of the Texan panhandle and Illinois. Snowfall in Missouri was the heaviest since 1908. Strong northwest winds in the midwest sent thermom-

Pioneer Resident Of Klamath Falls Dies In Oakland

Klamath lost another of its older pioneers with the death of John Lewis, respected citizen of this community for many years, in Oakland late Wednesday night, according to word received here yesterday.

Death in an Oakland hospital, where he had been confined for four months, followed an illness of nearly a year's duration. Interment will be made at Oakland today, local friends of the deceased announced.

The pioneer is survived by his widow and two daughters, one of whom, Mrs. Nellie Prouty, resides in this city. Mrs. Lewis, who has been with her husband in Oakland, will return to this city following the funeral.

Bystander Shot In Pistol Duel

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Dec. 1. (UP)—A bystander was shot and killed tonight during a revolver duel between two bandits and the proprietor of a soft-drink parlor adjacent to the Lehigh valley railroad yards.

Thomas Rowan of Pittstown, Pa., fireman on the Lehigh railroad, was shot in the neck. He died instantly.

The bandits chose payday at the railroad yards as the time to hold up John Jannk's place.

Thousands Die As Cholera Plague Spreads Over India

KARACHI, India, Dec. 1. (UP)—More than 3,000 natives are known to have died in the worst Indian cholera epidemic in many decades.

In Bengal alone, according to latest advices today, 2,139 persons died over the last week-end out of 3,703 cases which were under treatment.

The epidemic was particularly acute in the Malda district where 600 deaths were reported. A shortage of water added to the distress of the sufferers.

Four hundred cases were reported in the Dinapur district in three days, resulting in 229 deaths.

SOVIET PEACE PROPOSAL HAS MARKED PATH

Security Commission At Geneva Scoffs, But Stops to Read

GENEVA, Dec. 1. (AP)—The newly appointed security committee of the preparatory disarmament committee, its head still buzzing with the soviet proposal of yesterday for the complete abolition of armaments, began its labors today.

The Russian proposals, the relations between France and Italy with regard to the Balkans and the Polish-Lithuanian controversy, although not specifically before the security committee, all

Flynn To Talk At Big Meeting Of Local Clubs

Edwin S. Flynn, prominent in railroad circles of the east, will be principal speaker at one of the largest service club meetings ever staged here, it was announced last night.

Flynn, hailed as an orator of exceptional ability, will speak on civic club work in the United States and abroad.

The convalescence is to be an inter-city meeting of the three local service clubs—Kiwanis, Rotary and Lions, and will be attended by all members and wives of the three groups.

The program will be in sections with each club contributing its share of the entertainment.

Arbitration Is Sought By Men To End Strike

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 1. (UP)—A new and unexpected move to end the Colorado coal strike today with the report that the United mine workers of America will send a committee here to cooperate with the operators in settling the dispute.

The announcement came thru Felix Pogliano of Pueblo, district secretary for the U. M. W. A. He said that John L. Lewis, president of the organization, will assume charge of the committee work, which will have as its objective the signing of contracts with Colorado operators for the production of coal.

The operators, Pogliano pointed out, are opposed to the I. W. W., which prompted the present strike, but will deal with the miners' own union.

State Dairymen Here To Inspect

J. D. Mickle, state food and dairy commissioner, accompanied by L. S. Leach, his deputy, arrived in Klamath Falls yesterday, and will do his usual inspection work and look after the duties of his department as they apply to this section.

Mickle says the work of his office has been heavy this year owing to the spraying of fruit, which is now superintended by him and his deputies. He is strong for Klamath county and its dairy possibilities, and he predicts that a few years hence everyone will see this part of the state producing heavily the choicest of dairy products.

Health Officers of Calcutta Have Issued a Warning to Citizens that the Plague is Likely to Continue.

Another 60 per cent increase of the death rate is regarded as inevitable. The outbreak came exceptionally early in the season.

A large crop of doctors has been sent to the affected areas to combat the spread of cholera by wholesale inoculation but it is considered doubtful if the immense quantity of vaccine necessary to combat the epidemic will be available.

Kill Man To Delay Trial Of Distiller

Gangsters Shoot Two Witnesses to Keep Moonshiner Out of Courts.

CHICAGO, Dec. 1.—(U. P.)—An alleged alcohol still proprietor, indicted with Al Capone and several other residents of the turbulent suburb of Cicero, was dismissed in federal court today because the two witnesses against him had been mysteriously murdered.

The circumstance supported the assertion of government officials that Chicago gangsters have defied efforts to enforce the prohibition law and have killed important witnesses in liquor cases.

An investigation is under way to determine the extent of the "snapper killings" and government intervention in gang affairs may result.

Cases Recorded
Four cases of murder definitely attributed to gunmen connected with prohibition law violators are definitely on record.

Santa Celebron and John Castenora were among 64 persons indicted in connection with raids on Cicero stills. The town is reputed to be "run" by Al Capone, gang chief of the Chicago area. Capone was indicted and

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Plumber Falls 17 Floors But Will Get Well

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. (UP)—J. J. Murphy, a plumber fell 17 floors down an elevator shaft today and physicians said he probably would recover from injuries sustained.

Murphy was found at the bottom of the shaft fully conscious. The only visible injury was a broken arm, but he was believed to be internally injured.

FLEET OF PLANES MAY VISIT KLAMATH FALLS DURING 1928 AIR TOUR

The National Air Tour which is being held in 1928 for the Edsel B. Ford reliability trophy, may visit this city, according to a letter received by the chamber of commerce from Ray Cooper, general manager of the tour.

Cooper stated that present indications are that the big fleet of airplanes will pass through or near this city, but they will be unable to make a stop without a landing field of sufficient size to accommodate 30 or 40 ships, and be asked to be supplied with detailed information in regard to a landing field in or near the city.

He also inquired for the flying conditions east of the mountains, stating that it had been suggested to him that instead of going directly from San Francisco to Portland to cut east from Reading and pass up the eastern line of the range to The Dalles and then down the Columbia river to Portland.

U. of O. Student Will Join Police Force At Eugene

EUGENE, Dec. 1. (UP)—Some student of the University of Oregon, preferably a senior over 21 years of age, is going to become a member of the Eugene police department, it was agreed tonight at a conference between student body officials and police to settle differences between the city and the university.

The authority of this new officer will not extend to acting in traffic offenses and other general crimes but will apply to such matters as regulation of unauthorized serenades and inspection of lights when students hold dances in public halls.

It is believed that the new arrangement will stop the resentment of the university young people in what they term "minor infractions of law" usually caused by over-enthusiasm.

VALUATION SHOWS GAIN
SALEM, Dec. 1. (UP)—The assessed valuation of all property in Oregon, including public utilities, for 1927 is \$1,122,925,000, an increase of approximately \$12,250,000 over the previous year. Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner, said today. The figure for 1926 was \$1,110,677,348.

Drug-Mad Negro Is Assailant Of Lady

HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 1. (UP)—After wounding Mrs. Margaret Pumphrey, 28, beautiful and socially prominent, a dope-crazed negro butler, employed in her home, committed suicide here late today by sending a bullet crashing through his brain.

Mrs. Pumphrey, wife of an executive of Baker Bros. department store, was removed to the hollywood hospital, where it was said her wound was not serious, but she was suffering from extreme shock.

Attempted Assault
According to Mrs. Pumphrey, the negro shot her after he failed in an attempt to assault her. The negro was under the influence of cocaine, police said.

Hysterical from fright and writhing from a flesh wound in her waist, Mrs. Pumphrey related a horrifying experience. She said she was in her dressing room preparing for a shopping trip when she heard the door open and turned to see the butler, Richard Ewell, with a revolver in his hand. Despite his threat "I'll shoot" (Continued on page eight)

Local Lions To Present Trophy To Den At Bend

Leaving early this morning for Bend, Fred Houston, Walter Waggoner, Harry Poole, O. H. Dean and Ivan Ferris will present the Huntington Beach Traveling cup to the Bend Lion's den for the Klamath Falls den.

This cup was started a year ago from Huntington Beach and Klamath Falls was the second city in Oregon to receive it. It is figured that by the time it has been to every Lions den in the United States it will have taken approximately two and one half years.

The Lions will meet for their usual weekly meeting on Tuesday at Linkhaven. Since the Pelican Cafe closed its doors the den has been holding their meetings in the chamber of commerce rooms.

WOULD GAG LINDSAY
HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 1. (UP)—Representatives of the W. C. T. U. league for the suppression of crime and the loyalty to law league have asked the city board of censors here to prevent the lecture of Judge Ben B. Lindsay, Denver jurist, here. Judge Lindsay is to speak on "he revolt of modern youth."

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November Is Best Collection Month In City History

The largest collection of funds ever made in one month in the history of the police judge's office was taken in during the month of November when a total of \$42,874.25 was collected by the city treasurer and the police judge.

All but \$6,690.47 was collected on paving and sewer assessments by the city treasurer, and the largest single collection for November was from the Oregon Central and Eastern railroad company amounting to \$14,821.04.

In 1926 during the month of September \$22,348.38 was collected which was the largest amount of funds brought into the office for one month up to that time.

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Oddities in the Day's News

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TOTAL ABSTAINER COPENHAGEN, Dec. 1.—(UP)—Froud guilty of attempting to murder his 16-year-old sweetheart, Christensen Eg. 29, a farm hand, has been sentenced by the district court of Kolding to abstain from liquor the rest of his life.

If Eg takes even the tiniest nip of liquor he will have violated his probation and be sentenced to a long term in prison. The judge said he was lenient because first, Eg was intoxicated when he tried to kill Martha Hansen; second, he tried to commit suicide after the crime.

KIWANIS CLUB OBSERVES 5TH ANNIVERSARY

Officers Elected to Direct Affairs of Organization in 1928

Members of the Klamath Falls Kiwanis club met at a banquet last night to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the organization in this city and for election of new officers.

From the election Paul T. Jackson emerged as president, succeeding Thomas W. Delzell who has officiated in this capacity during the past year. Jim Kerns was elected vice-president succeeding A. W. Schupp; Dr. George Massey, trustee, succeeded (Continued on Page Four)

Inquest Called To Probe Death Of Calvin Bates

An inquest will be conducted by the county coroner this afternoon at 5 o'clock, over the death at 2 p. m. yesterday of Calvin Bates, who has been hovering between life and death since December 29 when he was injured in an automobile crash near Link river bridge.

Bates was fatally injured when the heavy machine driven by J. F. Loper skidded after crossing Link river bridge, and struck a telephone pole. The other occupant of the car was G. W. Knight.

At the inquest cause of Bates' death will be investigated and blame for the tragedy determined.

Merchants Will Unveil Windows On December 7th

Klamath Falls will usher in the Christmas holiday season this year as never before through the cooperation of local merchants who have organized to dress up the business district by carefully decorating shop windows and arranging for a grand Christmas opening.

The opening will come at 7 o'clock p. m. December 7, when all windows in the business district will be unveiled to expose to the public a glittering array of holiday merchandise whose beauty will be enhanced by special lighting fixtures.

Christmas colors, flashed thru special lights and trees along Main street, will make the city an aurora of Yuletide brilliance. Added to this will be band music at each intersection along Main from Second to Eleventh streets.

Borah In Favor Of Disarmament

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1. (UP)—Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee said today he believes Russia acted in good faith when she proposed complete disarmament at the Geneva conference but that she did not expect her proposal to be accepted.

"I have no idea that either Russia or Germany expects complete disarmament and I have an idea that while radical proposals have been made, much less radical proposals will be acceptable," Borah said. "I shall myself treat with respect the proposal for disarmament from whatever source it comes."

Naughty Chorines Will Be Tried By 'Young Man' Jury

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1. (UP) A jury of 12 men, most of them young, will be called upon to decide whether 38 members of the burlesque, "Hot Mamas" presented an obscene production.

The jurors were sworn in late today and to the surprise of court observers who had predicted the defense attorneys would insist on exercising the 135 challenges that remained to them. The all-male jury was considered a victory for the defense.

Court was adjourned after the jurors were sworn in and first testimony concerning the alleged "worst show on earth" will be taken Friday morning.

Bad Blaze Result Of War With Laborers

Authorities Fear New Disturbances and Predict a General Strike.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 2.—(Friday)—(UP)—Fire was raging early today in the mill district of the international settlement. At 2 a. m. three mills had been destroyed, and damage was estimated at \$2,000,000.

Authorities were investigating reports that the fire was of incendiary origin. At the same time, strong labor agitation had resulted in complete suspension of trolley service. Clashes between armed intimidators and the police resulted in the death of two agitators, the wounding of two policemen, and a foreign woman, who was riding on a street car.

Fear Labor War
Authorities feared that other labor outbreaks and a possible general strike which would tie up all industry here.

Shanghai had witnessed labor disorders the past week, due to (Continued on page eight)

Chicago Gunman Riddles Body of Worker; Escapes

CHICAGO, Dec. 1. (UP)—Fred A. Drullard, 35, said to be the nephew of an executive in the electrical workers union was killed instantly today when three men in an automobile drove past him and riddled his body with bullets.

The machine was wrecked against a light pole a block away and the assassins abandoned it and escaped.

Police said the license number on the car showed it to be the property of a police character known as "Forky" Gilliom, who is also identified with the electrical workers union. The union was holding an election meeting tonight.

California Will Hit Phone Rates

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—(U. P.)—California cities, through the California League of Municipalities, soon will begin a nation-wide attack on telephone rates, according to announcement of W. J. Locke, executive secretary of the organization.

Locke stated that the interstate commerce commission would be asked to curtail the "enormous profits made by the Bell Telephone company, which practically exercises a monopoly on phone service."

