

WEATHER FORECAST

Nebraska—Partly cloudy Tuesday; not much change in temperature.

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Swindler Is Arrested in Los Angeles

Clever Forger Tells Police of Obtaining \$100,000 in Number of Cities. Identified by Bankers

Los Angeles, Dec. 24.—The story of how he victimized more than a score of banks in a number of cities for more than \$100,000, was told police here today by Fred Mayher, alias E. B. Hatfield, alias William F. Walker, arrested following identification by a former Kansas City bank employe.

Mayher, according to the police, lived here with his wife and baby. As the need for money developed he would travel eastward, open accounts with several banks and reap his harvest by aid of forged certificates of deposit, then return to California.

According to Mayher's story to the police, his richest haul was during the present year, when he obtained \$9,000 from Buffalo banks and \$27,000 from Kansas City strongholds. Chronologically, his operations were as follows:

In 1918 an \$19,191, St. Paul, \$2,000; Chicago, \$8,000; 1920 and 1921, New Orleans, \$5,000; Brooklyn, \$6,000; Boston, \$14,000; 1923, Buffalo, \$9,000, and Kansas City, \$27,000.

Other amounts, of which he had kept no account, were mentioned, police say.

Obtained \$25,000 in Kansas City

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 24.—Fred Mayher, who is alleged to have obtained approximately \$25,000 from nine Kansas City banks, is one of the cleverest check swindlers on record here. A warrant for Mayher's arrest on a charge of forgery was issued late today on the request of C. W. Allen, chief of police, vice president of the First National bank.

Married in Council Bluffs

The following persons obtained marriage licenses in Council Bluffs yesterday: Ralph Bevier, Tekamah, Neb.; Ruth Pearce, Tekamah, Neb.; Earl Collins, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Fern McCall, Seward, Neb.; Dora Mair, Ufa, Neb.; Antie Goodrich, Council Bluffs, Ia.; J. S. Allwell, Omaha, Neb.; Genevieve Rhine, Omaha, Neb.; Frank Straight, Fremont, Neb.; Ross Coleman, Omaha, Neb.; Ryan Williams, McClelland, Ia.; Vivian Rosser, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Claude Beaman, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Lily Marabello, Omaha, Neb.; Harry Ambison, Lorette, Neb.; Agnes Street, Lorette, Neb.; Harold Wiley, Fremont, Neb.; Mae Van Arpa, Fremont, Neb.; Ray Ochsenschel, Omaha, Neb.; Annabelle Hager, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Jose Pimiento, Lincoln, Neb.; Rosario Garcia, Lincoln, Neb.; William Miller, Albion, Neb.; Viola Church, Clarkson, Neb.; Emory Blackburn, Kansas City, Mo.; Pansy Selsbury, Omaha, Neb.; Edward Melvin, Omaha, Neb.; William Herrod, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Bess Fox, Omaha, Neb.; Raymond McGill, Herman, Neb.; Rosalee Hovendick, Omaha, Neb.; Henry Ondick, Ravenna, Neb.; Nellie Roberts, Sweetwater, Neb.; Edward Hester, Omaha, Neb.; Ruth Webb, Omaha, Neb.; Paul Kazhah, Omaha, Neb.; Alford Shaver, Omaha, Neb.; Daniel Thompson, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Mackervel Barker, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Richmond McDaniell, Zooka Spur, Ia.; Francis Harvey, Zooka Spur, Ia.; George Jackson, Omaha, Neb.; Grace Smith, Omaha, Neb.; Clarence Anderson, Junction City, Neb.; Ross Thompson, Omaha, Neb.; H. W. Wally, Elmwood, Neb.; Catherine Harmsberger, Elmwood, Neb.; Guy Westcott, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Fritz Cox, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Charles Miller, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Emma Walton, Council Bluffs, Ia.; William Speck, Grand Island, Neb.; Edna Christensen, Grand Island, Neb.; Clarence Barber, Lyndon, Neb.; Wilson Beckwith, Lyndon, Neb.; Albert Ledette, Belgrade, Neb.; Mary Callahan, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Charlie Callaway, Cedar Rapids, Neb.; Lena Gore, Innah, Neb.; Roy Basano, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Harold Knudson, Omaha, Neb.; E. E. Beaton, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Elmer Harrison, Council Bluffs, Ia.; Duane Pabst, Cedar Rapids, Neb.; Martha Cahill, Woburn, Neb.; Aquan Weaver, Decatur, Neb.; Peter Collins, Decatur, Neb.; Winthrop Hall, Omaha, Neb.; Elmer Taylor, Omaha, Neb.; Huse Hays, Omaha, Neb.; Eunice Hamilton, Omaha, Neb.

The Day in Washington

President Coolidge granted Christmas pardons and commutation to 11 men. Washington's bootleg scandal developed to the point where a sweeping inquiry into charges of liquor drinking in high places is threatened.

President Lights Christmas Tree at White House

Coolidge Takes Active Part in Observance of Holiday at National Capital. Washington, Dec. 24.—Christmas in Washington finds governmental activities almost entirely suspended, and President and Mrs. Coolidge participating actively in the capital's observance of the holiday.

Activities Cease

Activities in the government departments ceased at noon. Cabinet members will not return to their offices until Wednesday morning.

Less Wheat in Nebraska

Washington, Dec. 24.—Nebraska farmers have cut their planted wheat acreage 12 per cent, according to a survey by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Transient Peddlers in Columbus to Pay \$10 Tax

Columbus, Neb., Dec. 24.—Transient peddlers, peddlers and merchant tax payers will be required to pay an occupation tax of \$10 a day instead of \$2.50 as at present to do business in Columbus.

White Christmas in Sight

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.—Cold rain began falling in this section of the state this evening, indications are that tomorrow will be a white Christmas. The moisture is badly needed for winter wheat.

THE GIFTS TO THE KING



By Eleanor H. Hinman

There are three kings go riding, Riding—riding— On tall black camels striding, Out of the orient night, With jeweled turbans gleaming, With small bells soft as dreaming, Led by a star's downstream Long path of flaky light.

4 Dry Agents Shot in Raid at Marion, Ill.

Roundup of Moonshiners Is Made in County Where Coal Miners Were Massacred.

13 Arrests Are Made. Marion, Ill., Dec. 24.—Four men were shot, one seriously, in a roundup of alleged moonshiners and bootleggers in Williamson county Saturday night and yesterday.

The volunteer raiders were led by G. J. Simons of Washington, D. C. who was sent here by Prohibition Director Haynes. Klansmen, it is said, assisted in the raids, which were conducted without the knowledge of the county authorities.

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The story of the raid of the federal prohibition forces in Williamson county Saturday night and Sunday was told in official reports today in local enforcement headquarters.

Simons' reports, corroborated by J. F. Loeffler and V. L. Armitage, local agents, made no mention of the cooperation of members of the Ku Klux Klan in the roundup.

While the reports make no mention of the active cooperation of Williamson county officials in the roundup, Simons stated that Sheriff Mont Owens of Franklin county, adjoining, gave every possible help to the federal officers.

The affair at Herrin was quiet," said Simons. "We took Herrin without bloodshed, as Grant took Richmond, despite the fact that one man fired 11 shots at me. He used up the charges in his pocketed automatic and then he was no good."

Big Conspiracy Uncovered

New York, Dec. 24.—Prohibition of fields declared today they had uncovered one of the greatest run-running conspiracies since prohibition went into effect, when they arrested Robert Graham Poterghill, an Englishman, and five others, on a motor boat off Five Islands.

11 Held on Liquor Law Charges at Hastings

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 24.—The visit of a squad of federal and state officers to Hastings last Saturday night has resulted in 10 men and one woman being bound over to federal court charged with violations of the prohibition laws.

Iowa Divorce Law Blocks Marriage of Nebraskans

Shenandoah, Ia., Dec. 24.—Nebraskans coming to Iowa for marriage licenses are finding one stone in the road to matrimony.

There are three kings go riding, Riding—riding— On tall black camels striding, Out of the orient night, With jeweled turbans gleaming, With small bells soft as dreaming, Led by a star's downstream Long path of flaky light.

Proud Caspar, robed in azure (In cloth of gold and azure); Pale Melchior, black Balthazar, With fretted diadem, Red gold in ivory coffer, Incense and myrrh, they proffer; Such are the gifts they offer The King of Bethlehem.

O gracious kings, we pray you, Stay in your steps and say you, How did that King repay you, The Babe of Bethlehem? What is your new-found treasure? King Casper, what your pleasure; King Melchior, King Balthazar, What strange and priceless gem?

"I who have fought for power Learned pity in that hour, Took peace to be my dower, Such was His gift to me." "I who have nightly striven For truth, I, wrenched and riven By strong despair, was given The faith by which men see."

"And I, the hurt and hated, Dethroned, despised and baited, Found that for me there waited The perfect gift of love."

So these three kings go riding, Riding—riding— In hope and joy abiding, And the dawn flutes high above.

Ten Children in Five Births

Wahoo, Neb., Dec. 24.—On the arrival of a pair of twins, a boy and girl, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Holtorf of Wahoo, December 18, it looks like a world record has been established for this family.

Record Couple — Triplets Among Arrivals

Following is the record of the births: November 10, 1916, triplets, a boy and two girls were born.

No Merry Christmas Tree for Omaha Kiddies: Mayor Is Lonesome

Omaha will have no municipal Christmas tree this year. For the first year since James C. Dalmann has been mayor of Omaha, hundreds of kiddies will miss gathering under the huge tree decked in sparkling ornaments and glistening tinsel.

Bryan Urged to Send Judging Team Abroad

A letter from C. L. Westcott, superintendent of schools at Blue Hill, Neb., in which he urges that Nebraska finance the trip of the Nebraska livestock judging team to a judging contest at London, has been received by Governor Bryan.

Omaha Risk Company Merges With Standard

Lincoln, Dec. 24.—The state trade and commerce secretary, K. C. Knudson Monday approved the merger of the Commonwealth Life Insurance company, Omaha, and the Standard Life Insurance company of Decatur, Ill., contemplating removal to St. Louis.

Christmastime Is Time for All to Rejoice

Christmas spirit and what it means to the world today was emphasized by Rev. G. A. Miller, pastor of the First Christian church, at the Chamber of Commerce Christmas party yesterday.

Souder Accepts Verdict of Jury

North Platte, Neb., Dec. 24.—Declaring he had "made his fight" and that he did not see how he could go any further, Samuel M. Souder, former Lincoln county treasurer, convicted Saturday night of arson in connection with the burning last April 23 of the old county courthouse, indicated today his fight for freedom was over.

Essay Contest for High School Students

Nebraska high school students are to compete in the prize essay contest of the American Chemical Society. Prizes are to be cash and scholarship to universities in the United States.

Congressmen Again to Enter Race in Second and Third Districts

Washington, Dec. 24.—Congressman Willis G. Sears, Omaha, republican, and Congressman Edward Howard, Columbus, democrat, today forwarded proper papers to their county clerks to have their names put on ballots as candidates for their party nomination in the primaries for the same positions they now hold in the second and third congressional districts, respectively.

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Sunny Side Up

Upon this Christmas morning, aroused by the crashing noise of a gleeful happy household of carefree girls and boys. Din of the drums and trumpets, rattles and bang of toys, and springing from bed I join them, sharing their Christmas joys.

Up before Christmas dawning to light the Christmas tree; dancing round with the kiddies, happy as man can be. Watching the candles gleaming, joining in childish glee, thanking the Lord for blessings so freely bestowed on me.

Hunting the tree for presents old Santa has scattered there; laughter and songs loud ringing on the Christmas air. Catching anew the spirit of youth and his playtime fair, I join with my happy kiddies in claiming a Christmas share.

Off from my weary shoulders I cast the weight of the year; there in the joys of Yuletide I banish my doubts and fears. Seen through the Christmas dawn a sweetheart's face appears—the face of a smiling youth whose smile is the smile that cheers.

Loudly the voices lifting the carols to Christ the King; leaning the childish faces as loudly they voices sing. O the joys that their laughter to Dad and the Mother bring, as clustered there in the dawning they joyfully dance and sing.

Weary the days of waiting while dwelling long miles apart; lonesome the hours of falling with many a ache of heart. Banished all care and sorrow when Christmas gives me a part in laughter and song and music, when dawn marks the Christmas start.

Home with the wife and children; gathered the broken ties, glad for the loveliest shining in each of my kiddie eyes. Brighter the sun is shining above in the Christmas skies—and home with my loved ones 'round me 's the wisest of life's best prizes.