

OMAHA AND DUNSMUIR SLAYER'S BODY

Worst Storm in 33 Years in Pacific

Plate Glass Windows, Street Signs and Mail Boxes Wrecked by Gale in Seattle Streets.

Four Dead in Tug Wreck

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 25.—In a storm which wrecked the tug Tyee with the loss of four lives last night in north Pacific waters, and in which the wind reached the highest velocity that has been set down in the 33 years that the United States government has kept record here, two vessels were still in danger today.

Besides these marine accidents in the Pacific ocean and the strait of Juan de Fuca, the steamer Dawn sank at her dock in Seattle in Lake Washington.

One hundred telephone wires were broken throughout the city. By the time newspaper staffs were at their posts, news of 20 plate glass windows shattered by the gale was received. Street signs and mail boxes were uprooted everywhere, even surpassing a hallowell.

The highest preceding record for wind here was 64 miles, noted in December, 1912, and November, 1914.

A wireless message from the steamship Author, adrift with machinery trouble off the Washington coast, said that it was well away from shore and making three miles an hour.

The Nelson steamer Jacob, which found itself unable to handle the schooner Thistle, which she was towing through the Strait of Juan de Fuca last night, was today proceeding under her own power and conveying the Thistle. The Thistle, its sails spread, was making for Port Angeles on the strait, and the coast guard cutter Snohomish had joined the Jacob in the convoy.

Engineer Pike, owner of the British tug Tyee, which sank off Pender island, near Vancouver, B. C., and Mate Warden were saved, while the four others on the craft lost their lives. No one was killed or injured in the sinking of the Dawn.

Irrigation Needs to Be Looked Into

Federal Board Will Visit Western Nebraska in January, Simmons Says.

By P. C. POWELL, Washington Correspondent The Omaha Bee
Washington, Dec. 25.—Representative Bob Simmons is in conference with the fact finding commission appointed by the secretary of the Interior to investigate drainage and irrigation cases and decide upon a plan to relieve distress of water users who are struggling in making payments for federal irrigation work which it is claimed cost much more than was necessary.

This commission, according to Simmons, intends to visit the North Platte valley about the middle of January. Other water projects in western states will be investigated on the same trip after which the commission will return to Washington and outline a plan for relief of water users.

Those on the commission are: Thomas E. Campbell, Arizona; John Whitson, Utah; Joseph R. Garfield, Ohio; Oscar E. Bradford, Ohio; Julius H. Barnes, Washington; Elwood Mead, California; Clyde C. Dawson, Colorado.

Knights Templar Hold Christmas Services

Christmas services of Mount Calvary commandery, number 1, Knights Templar, Omaha, began yesterday morning at 11 at the Masonic temple.

The band played several Christmas hymns, Scripture lessons and prayers were led by the prelate.

Right Eminent Grand Commander Jesse D. Whitmore, Valley, Neb., sent a toast in which he said that "The entire world is suffering because of hatred, injury and wrong. Let us, as Knights Templar, by loyalty, service and charity help to heal a portion of the ill from which humanity is suffering."

Rev. Thomas Casady made the address. Rev. Donald C. MacLeod, who was scheduled for the address, was called to Boston.

Car Alleged Stolen by Girls Is Recovered

Kearney, Neb., Dec. 24.—Police today recovered a Buick roadster, the property of Elmer H. Frank, of Table Rock, Neb. The car had been stolen over a month ago. At the time it was reported that two girls had made off with the machine. One of these girls was located in Kearney, being employed at the state hospital. Recovery of the car followed. The owner, content to locate the machine, refused to prosecute for auto theft.

Girls Recovered

OTTENBLUFF—Due to an unfortunate Nebraska law, Cupid has transferred his usual holiday ruse from this portion of the state to Wyoming, the usual heira continuing to Torrington, the favorite Gretna Green.

Mexican Federal Troops on the Move



Veterans of de luxe travel on box cars in France will appreciate this scene from Mexico, where the Obregon forces are being marshaled to meet the revolutionists. This picture shows a detachment of the Obregon army on the move, with the soldiers traveling in the traditional Mexican way—on top of box cars.

Hope Wanes for Safety of Dirigible

Giant French Balloon, Dixmude, Is Believed Lost by Navy Department.

Location More Uncertain
Paris, Dec. 25.—Hope that the French dirigible balloon Dixmude, last reported floating out of control over the Tunisian coast, will be saved, is apparently waning, judging from a communique issued by the navy department at 7 tonight.

The communique begins: "News received this afternoon tends to increase the uncertainty of the Dixmude's position," and then says investigation has shown it to be doubtful if the lights reported to have been seen between 6 and 7 Sunday night could have been from the Dixmude. It is pointed out the reports did not say the body of the dirigible had been seen.

Investigation also has shown the reports from Bizerta and Sfax, on the Tunisian coast, Sunday afternoon to the effect the Dixmude was going out to sea, apparently in a damaged condition, were incorrect, the statement says.

Boats Ready to Aid
Toulon, France, Dec. 25.—Every torpedo boat destroyer in the harbor is being kept under steam in readiness for a dash to sea in case word is received of the definite location of the missing dirigible Dixmude.

Thinks Crew Will Be Saved.
Lakewood, N. J., Dec. 25.—The French dirigible Dixmude has slight chance of being saved, in the opinion of Anton Helman, consulting engineer on the Shenandoah and German commander of the Dixmude on its first flight in Germany, where it was built to bomb New York.

Captain Heinen today said he felt no anxiety for the 50 persons aboard, who he said could leave by ropes if the ship could be lowered near enough to the earth. In the event, however, he said, the ship probably would be lost unless it could be lowered where enough persons could be immediately gathered to hold it down by the ropes. The chief danger, he said, was that a storm might carry the ship off to sea.

Captain Heinen declared reported movements of the ship indicated the commanding officer believed he could repair the motors in the air and eventually return to the home station under his own power.

Foreigners Quit German Schools

Berlin, Dec. 25.—Foreign students are deserting German universities because of the high cost of living in this country. Outsiders must pay more than twice as much for tuition fees as Germans, but the unusual absence in living costs has been the chief factor in reducing the number of non-Germans in all the universities of the republic.

Every 30th and 23rd German between the ages of 19 and 23 is a student in some university, and the number of students in attendance at practically all universities is increasing in spite of the economic distress.

OSHKOSH—A hand of Archie Snell, 27, was practically torn off when it caught in the husking machinery of a corn picker. He is in a hospital at North Platte.

Venezelos to Return to Greece

Former Premier Yields to Demands of Political Leaders, Athens Papers Say.

Demonstrations Barred

By Associated Press.
Athens, Dec. 25.—News that former Premier Venezelos, yielding to importunities of political leaders, had decided to return to Greece and probably would arrive here next week, was made known to the Athenians through late editions of afternoon newspapers.

It gave rise to expressions of the highest satisfaction in revolutionary and liberal party circles, but caused some apprehensions in the republican camp for the reason that the former premier's plans are unknown. One prominent republican declared the information supplied to M. Venezelos by his partisans was misleading because it showed the liberals to be stronger than the republicans.

M. Venezelos' ban against popular demonstrations upon his arrival caused keen disappointment among his followers who had planned to do so in magnitude the welcome accorded the late King Constantine upon his return to Greece after his exile in Switzerland.

To Leave Paris at Once.
By Associated Press.

Paris, Dec. 25.—Former Premier Venezelos has decided to return to Athens, and is leaving Paris for Greece forthwith. His decision was taken after a delegation which arrived from Athens had delivered to him a document signed by 270 members of the legislative assembly elected last week, urging him to resume charge of the government and save the country.

M. Venezelos was told the elected representatives of 19 electoral districts who were away in the provinces when the document was drawn up, also favored the request, which thus was supported by more than 300 deputies out of the 536 constituting the assembly.

Before the overwhelming sentiment of the country as thus expressed, M. Venezelos informed General Danglis, head of the mission, he could not refuse to lend his help to the country, but declared his political action would only have a temporary character. The former premier added he had no intention of forming a cabinet under his leadership, but that his entire efforts would be bent toward bringing the country back to normalcy. He will reach Athens before the new assembly convenes early in January.

Sir Herbert Samuel Off to Meet King Hussein

Jerusalem, Dec. 25.—Sir Herbert Samuel will leave for Amman, the capital of Transjordan, to meet King Hussein, of the Hedjaz, who is expected there January 3 to confer with his two sons, the Amir Abdullah of Transjordan and King Feisal of Mesopotamia. It is understood that Sir Herbert will discuss with the Hedjaz ruler details of the Anglo-Arab treaty about to be concluded.

Gridster Dies of Injuries

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 24.—Timothy Cotter, end on the St. Stephen football team, Buffalo, died at a hospital here today as a result of a head injury received Sunday in a game with the Oxford of this city. The coroner issued a certificate of accidental death.

Relief for Small Taxpayer

But assuming that Coolidge's pressure for tax legislation prevails, the real complexity arises on the question of just what kind of tax reduction. For the understanding of this phase of the question, the reader should bear in mind a rough division between income taxes on small incomes and income taxes on large incomes. Secretary Mellon proposes to reduce the taxes on both.

That the tax on small incomes, let us say on incomes of less than \$10,000 a year, will be reduced, both parties and all factions agree on that, assuming that any kind of tax legislation at all is to be passed.

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Limitation of Wealth.
It is on this point that there is serious and far-reaching disagreement. It is certain that La Follette will lead a fight to not only keep the present taxes on big incomes, which now run as high as 50 per cent, but actually to increase them. Some of this school would also restore the excess profits tax, and in yet other ways increase the levies on the rich and on corporations.

This fight about taxes on big incomes really reaches beyond the field of taxation, and enters the field of sociology. There is a definite group which regards the graduated income tax, not as merely a device for raising revenue but additionally and even primarily as a means of bringing about a social and economic leveling process. For good or for ill, that theory exists. The number is considerable who either favor it because they think it is popular politically, or else believe in it as a theory of sociology.

If the advocates of keeping or enlarging the tax on big incomes turn out to be numerous enough to be effective, a compromise will presently appear which is as yet only quietly talked about. That compromise would reduce the yearly taxes on big incomes, but at the same time would make an attack on large fortunes in the shape of increasing the inheritance tax on these fortunes when they pass at death. There are many reasonably conservative republicans and democrats who agree with Secretary Mellon in reducing the annual taxes on large incomes because they agree that this would result in more active business throughout the country, in a larger volume of business, and in a lowered cost of living; but who if they are compelled to face the necessity of compromising would look less favorably on taking for the government an increased fraction of large fortunes at death.

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It is the writer's judgment that there are many more conservative republicans than radical republicans, and many more conservative democrats than radical democrats. If the conservatives in both parties unite, they can readily pass a tax bill not varying greatly from what Mellon proposes. Smoot says that eight democratic senators are needed to pass the Mellon tax reduction. There are not merely eight, but twice eight, and perhaps three times eight democratic senators who believe in, roughly, the kind of tax reduction Mellon proposes, and who, if necessary, will vote that way when and if the test comes. But the question is whether the democrats and their leaders can agree as a party policy on forcing through a tax reduction against the wishes of the more radical members of the party and against the judgment of those democrats who think it is not up to their party to hurry the tax legislation.

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Back to Normalcy



Plan to Cut Taxes Endangered by Legislative Jam in Congress

Conservative Democrats Ready to Support Mellon Proposals, Which Are Opposed by Progressives of Both Parties—Idea of Increasing Inheritance Levy Spreads.

By MARK SULLIVAN.
Washington, Dec. 25.—The situation affecting Secretary Mellon's tax reduction plan is just as complex as the interviews from various sources indicate. It grows more so every day. There is disagreement among the republicans as to whether any tax bill at all should be passed this session. This disagreement exists not only among the rank and file of the republicans, but among the regular orthodox republican leaders.

These republican leaders who oppose such tax reduction have not been saying much about it since the popular reception of the Mellon and Coolidge recommendations, but the opposition exists and goes on the theory that the best republican politics would be to defer all tax legislation until after the November election.

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Bones Are Found in Fired Home

Murderer of Five Is Taken From Grave to Scene of Crime and Funeral Pyre Kindled.

Refused Decent Burial

Jefferson, Mo., Dec. 25.—The body of John Snow was exhumed early today from the solitary grave, where it was buried yesterday, and placed in the cottage where he killed his wife and two other women on Saturday. The house was then set on fire. The charred body was found in the ruins later in the day. County Attorney Weston M. Hilton has begun an investigation in an effort to determine who was responsible.

The countryside was stirred, when it was learned that Snow, after killing the wife and son of Deputy Sheriff Frank C. Jewett at their home in White Field, had come to Jefferson, where his wife, her aunt and her grandmother lived, and had shot the three women, then ended his own life. Although the medical examiner characterized the murders as "the work of a mad man," threats that Snow's body would be burned were said to have been made the next day.

Funeral services were held yesterday for the three women killed, and burial was in a cemetery in Jefferson. Authorities refused permission for the burial of Snow's body in the cemetery, and it was interred without ceremony in a grave on the farm where his wife had lived.

County authorities were not notified of the exhumation and burning until several hours after the cottage had been destroyed.

Funerals for Mrs. Jewett and her son will be held some time this week. It is the theory of the authorities that Snow, who had been separated from his wife and placed under bonds to keep the peace because of complaints that he had beaten her, killed her and her relatives because she refused to return to him, and that he killed the deputy's wife and son because they refused to let him take the deputy's automobile to come here.

Three Narrowly Escape Death in Motor Crash

Automobile Plunges Over 20-Foot Embankment After Passengers Are Thrown to Ground.

A family of three, returning to their home in Millard after spending Christmas in Omaha, narrowly escaped being plunged to death, when their automobile went over a 20-foot embankment after colliding with another motor car at 2:30 yesterday afternoon at Seventy-second and Center streets.

As the result of a stump preventing the car from hurling into a deep ravine, Mr. and Mrs. Riley Huddleston and their son, Riley, escaped with minor injuries. They were thrown out by the impact with the stump.

The accident occurred, when an automobile bearing three men, who are said to have been intoxicated, crashed into the Huddleston car, which was going west on West Center street. The car came from the south on Seventy-second street. County officers expect to arrest the occupants today.

The Huddleston automobile swerved to the curb after the impact, then went over the embankment. The stump obstructed the car in its rapid descent to the deep ravine below.

Huddleston and his son received medical attention at St. Joseph hospital, after which they were taken to their home in Millard. Mrs. Huddleston required no treatment.

The Huddleston automobile was demolished.

Shelton Veteran of Civil War, Cripple, Found Dead

Shelton, Neb., Dec. 25.—Brad Bailey, civil war veteran who has been a resident of this community for more than 50 years, was found dead at his home. He had been a cripple for many years and got about only by the use of crutches.

Heart failure is thought to have been the cause of his death. Two sons and a daughter preceded him in death and his widow survives.

Air Mail Discontinued in Memory of Four Dead Pilots

Reno, Nev., Dec. 25.—Air mail service from Reno to west has been discontinued until January 1, according to advices received by the Reno air mail field and the Reno postoffice. The layoff is out of respect to the memory of the four air mail pilots who lost their lives this year, and to permit a rigid inspection of every airplane in the service.

ELMCREEK—Carter Poulson brought a golden eagle to town which he shot. It weighed 10 pounds and measured seven feet and two inches wing spread. He is having it mounted.

The Weather

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Omaha, Lincoln, and other regional cities, listing high and low temperatures.