

Two Women Meet Fate in Denver Fires

Teacher Killed in Jump From Burning Apartment House—Second Trapped in Another Blaze.

By Associated Press. Denver, Colo., Dec. 31.—Two persons are dead and five others are injured, some possibly fatally, as the result of two apartment house fires here early today.

Miss Beatrice Jones, 38, a teacher in the Denver public schools, plunged to death from a third story window after fighting her way through a veil of smoke and flames in an effort to escape. In the second blaze, Miss Eula Cramer of Loveland, Colo., was trapped in the burning building. Firemen found her charred body.

Miss Evelyn Louerman, a saleswoman of O'Fallon, Ill., is believed to be dying as the result of injuries she sustained when she leaped from her window to the icy sidewalk, where firemen found her. Earl Duskey and his sister, Beatrice, both of Loveland, Colo., also were fatally injured, it is believed, when they plunged to the ground. Miss Myrtle Wheelock and Miss Mary Olsen, a teacher, were the other two injured. Miss Louerman and Miss Olsen were forced to jump when their bodies were seized by the flames.

In the first blaze, H. G. White, owner of the apartment, Mrs. White and three other occupants of the building, escaped on receiving an early warning of the fire from a neighbor.

Firemen fought the flames in 10 below zero weather.

3 Americans Said Slain by Chinese

2 Women and Man, Missionaries, Reported Victims of Notorious Bandit.

By International News Service. Shanghai, China, Dec. 31.—Mrs. J. K. Kilien, captured American missionary, has been killed by the bandits who took them prisoners, according to a report here from Tsaoiang, in north-east Hupoh province, near the border town of Siangyang, according to reports received here today.

The American legation has taken active steps to bring about the capture of the brigands and the liberation of Mrs. Kilien. The Chinese government has offered a bounty for the capture, dead or alive, of the bandit leader.

The three missionaries are representatives of the Church of the United States and were conducting a mission at Tsaoiang when the town was raided. Warned of activities of the bandits in the vicinity, by the tuchun, or military governor of the province, they had vacated their station and embarked on river craft for the safety, before the raid. Later, however, on receiving assurances from the tuchun that the bandits had been suppressed, they returned to the mission.

Mrs. Kilien is 50 years old and her home is in Northfield, Minn. Professor Hoff, 32, and Mrs. Hoff, 25, were married here last August, and only recently had gone to Tsaoiang, accompanied by Mrs. Kilien, to open the mission there. They formerly resided in Grand Forks and Abercrombie, N. D.

By Associated Press. Pekin, Dec. 31.—The captor of Mrs. Kilien, known both as Lao Yan-jen and Lao Yang-lan, for works has been terrorizing the frontier country along the northeastern border of Hupoh province and the southwestern line of Honan province. It was his band which last November raided the town of Likwankia and killed or wounded approximately 2,000 persons, some of whom were put to death at horrible tortures.

At that time missionaries at Leohokow, a station about 40 miles from Likwankia and a little farther from Tsaoiang, the station most recently raided, abandoned their establishment and sought safety in a larger community.

An electrical generating plant to cost between 12,000,000 and 15,000,000 is to be erected in Cincinnati or at a point up the Ohio river.

BRANDEIS TODAY Mat. & Wed. Matinees Today (New) & Wed. **GUY EXATES POST** Direction Melville B. Raymond in Locke's Master-Play "The Climax" Wed. Mat. 50c to \$2 Nights, \$1 to \$3 New Years Matinee 50c to \$2.50 No Phone Orders or Seats Laid Aside

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EDDIE'S FRIENDS



Packer Industry Has Record Year

Meat and Grain Conditions Point to Prosperity in 1924.

By International News Service. Chicago, Dec. 31.—Two of the republic's most reliable indicators of prosperity or panic—meat and grain—pointed their hands toward "plenty" on the dial of 1924.

Surveys announced by two of America's foremost authorities on grain and meat—John J. Stream, president of the Chicago Board of Trade, and Thomas E. Wilson, president of Wilson & Co., packers—indicated the year ending tonight has been one of the most wholesome for these two industries and many other smaller industries allied with them.

While conceding that wheat farmers, who, he said, represent 6 per cent of American agrarian activity, had been hard hit, Stream said the loss was offset by excellent prices for corn, hogs and cattle.

"The wholesomeness of general conditions, throughout the country," Wilson said, "was never better."

He added that meat production in 1923 had been the greatest in the history of the nation.

"Meat production this year will exceed the year 1922 probably by one and one-half billion pounds, owing largely to the increase of pork production through the buying and handling of nearly 10,000,000 more hogs than last year," Wilson said.

"Foreign trade has been good. Europe has bought from 20 to 50 per cent more meats and fats than in 1923."

The grain trade has passed through its most distressing period, Stream said. Still, the trade enters the new year with high hope, he added, that the major problems of the grain grower and merchant are on the road to solution. "Agriculture as a whole, he prophesied, will continue to mend steadily."

Still Found in Bunk Car

Dewitt, Neb., Dec. 31.—Federal agents last night raided several railway bunk cars on a spur track of the Rock Island railroad here and in one of them found a complete whisky still and outfit, with coils, cables and a quantity of mash on hand. Two jugs filled with whisky were seized. Two men employed by the company were arrested.

Orpheum GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY STAGE PARTNERSHIP THE INIMITABLE **M'INTYRE & HEATH** In Their Masterpiece "The Georgia Minstrel" D. Apollon Ray Hughes John—MILLER & MACK—Jas. "The Bing Boys" Dotson The Flying Hartwells The Distinguished Protean Actor **OWEN M'GIVENEY** Presents "Bill Sikes"—A Quick Change Dramatic Episode From Dickens Season's First UNIT SHOW, Presenting "THE WAGER" An Extra Attraction, a Hit of 2 Seasons Fables Topics Pathe News

Stramb NOW A Riot of Laughter—An Explosion of Mirth "HER TEMPORARY HUSBAND" With Sylvia Breamer—Owen Moore, Sidney Chaplin

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Iowa Banker Held in West

Otto Ronna Is Indicted for Fraud by Avoca Grand Jury.

Ronna was out of the state for 10 months in 1921. Closed Last May. The bank of which he formerly was head was closed last May. It has since been reorganized and now is operated as the Walnut State bank. At the time the bank was closed, it had deposits of more than \$200,000. At the time of the reorganization, settlement was made with depositors on the basis of 45 cents on the dollar. In 1921, after the bank was made a state bank, it was sold, and Ronna was obliged to endorse all the collateral. He had the reputation of being one of the strongest bankers in the state.

Employment for Veterans Asked Washington, Dec. 31.—Assistance in the task of finding jobs for rehabilitated former service men has been asked by President Coolidge in letters to the American Federation of Labor, the United States Chamber of Commerce and the chambers of commerce of the larger cities.

The president, in letters addressed to these organizations and made public today by the veterans bureau, declared that "while much has been achieved, especially by the United States veterans bureau, in this very vital problem, there is still much to be accomplished for the approximately 70,000, who are still in training and who are to become ready for employment at the rate of about 3,000 per month."

Pour boiling water down the drain pipe frequently. This will keep your main clear and sanitary.



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33 Air Records Set in U. S. in 1923

Speed of 266.59 Miles an Hour Attained—Night Airway Established.

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 31.—Unparalleled achievements were recorded in American aviation in 1923, the 20th year of mechanical flight, says a summary prepared by the Aeronautical Chamber of Commerce of America.

Establishment of 33 new world flight records; construction of the world's largest rigid airship and the largest airplane; operation of the first night airway, enabling the air mail to cross the continent in 26 hours; and development of commercial aviation to new degrees of usefulness, were recorded as outstanding events of the year.

Other important developments were: Perfection of the aerial torpedo, non-stop transcontinental flights, progress in bombing battleships from the air; development of the aerial smoke screen, and devising of means to refuel planes in flight.

Advances in commercial aviation during the year, says the review, lay in improved transportation of passengers, mails and express; forest patrol and crop survey flights; destruction of boll weevil and gypsy moth by spraying from air machines, map making, aerial photography and advertising.

Of the 33 world records, 22 are credited to the naval bureau of aeronautics and eleven to the army air service. The three outstanding speed records, set by Lieutenant A. J. Williams, U. S. N. were:

1. Speed of 266.59 miles an hour for three kilometers at Mitchell field, New York, November 4.
2. Speed of 243.81 miles an hour for 100 kilometers at St. Louis, October 6.
3. Speed of 243.67 miles an hour for 200 kilometers at St. Louis, October 6.

Other notable performances were the establishment of a new duration record of 36 hours, four minutes and 31 seconds by Lieutenant Oakley Kelly and J. A. MacReady of the army air service at Dayton, Ohio, April 16-17, later eclipsed by Lieutenants Lowell H. Smith and J. P. Richter with a record of 37 hours, 15 minutes, 43.8 seconds, at San Diego, Cal., August 27-28.

Lieutenants Kelly and MacReady also made a nonstop flight from New York to San Diego, May 2-3, covering the 2,700 miles in 26 hours, 50 minutes.

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War Cross on Death Bed

Paris, Dec. 31.—Gen. E. A. Bual, chief of the general staff of the French army, died yesterday.

General Bual was to have been included in the New Year's honor list and given the grand cross of the legion of honor. Yesterday President Millerand and Marshal Pétain went to the hospital before he died and pinned on his breast the insignia awarded him.

General Bual was chief of the French military advisers at the Washington armament conference.

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Professional Men's Club Names Officers



H. Von W. Schulte president of the Professional Men's Club for the ensuing year at a meeting held Monday noon.

Other officers include E. N. Clemen, vice president, and E. A. Litchfield, treasurer.

Two Policemen See Aged Woman Shot

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Mrs. M. O. Hughes, an aged woman, was shot to death here late Sunday by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frank Hughes, in the presence of two policemen.

The shooting occurred in Mrs. Frank Hughes' home while the elder Mrs. Hughes and the two officers, armed with a warrant, were searching a trunk for articles which she claimed her daughter-in-law had taken from her.

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Wife Kicked Downstairs by Husband

Mrs. Helen Arthur Tells Court Husband Once Dragged Her From Bed While in Rage.

Mrs. Helen Arthur, 554 South Twenty-fifth avenue, testified before District Judge Day in divorce court Monday morning that her husband, Robert Arthur, merchandise broker in the Arthur building, dragged her from her bed and kicked her down stairs.

Attorneys for the Arthurs explained that a financial settlement has been made in the case. Arthur is to pay his wife \$1,000 in cash and to sign with his father, E. W. Arthur, a note for \$2,200 dated February 1, 1924, and payable to her in monthly payments of \$100.

Joseph Turney, 2130 South Twenty-fifth avenue, father of Mrs. Arthur, also testified to the alleged cruelty of Arthur, declaring that on two occasions his daughter sat in a chair in his room in an effort to avoid her husband.

Judge Day took the case under advisement. The original petition was filed June 1, 1923. Since then there has been much legal strife over the affair. Mrs. Arthur first asked for separate maintenance. Arthur then filed a petition asking that their marriage be annulled. He later withdrew this petition.

Lawyer Who Convicted "Doc" Cook Loses Case of Son in Police Court

Sylvester Rush, deputy United States attorney general, who prosecuted "Doc" Cook on the oil fraud charges on which he was sent to prison recently, appeared in municipal court Monday morning to defend his son, William, on a charge of reckless driving.

He lost the case.

William was fined \$7.50. He was arrested after the car he was driving Saturday night struck Alfred Lang, 813 12 South Twentieth street at Twenty-sixth and Harney streets. Lang was removed to a hospital, suffering from a laceration of the ear.

Council's Last Meeting

The city council held its last meeting of the year Monday morning.

The members passed the weekly payroll, approved the plat for Shaduck place, a new addition between Sixty-sixth and Sixty-seventh streets and Lake and Corby street, and appropriated \$1,500 for the printing of the new zoning maps and ordinance.

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