

Rain tonight, probably clearing Thursday morning, warmer in east and central portions tonight, colder Thursday.

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FIRE HOSE IGNITES WHILE THE WATER BEING PUMPED THROUGH

Much Interest has Been Aroused by Phenomenon Developed in Tests in Boston. It is Something New to Those who Consider the Fire-Fighting Business as a Science. Series of Tests and Experiments to be Made by the Fire Chief Commissioner of the Hub City.

Boston, Dec. 22.—So much interest has been aroused by the phenomenon developed in tests of fire hose here when flames broke through cotton coating of the hose through which water was being forced at high pressure, that the Fire Commissioner, John R. Murphy, has been receiving requests for information from all over the country.

Ignition of a fire hose while water was being pumped through it though no fire was near, is something new to those who consider the fire-fighting business as a science. To determine the cause of this peculiar incident and ascertain how to avoid it, the Boston Fire Department will undertake a series of tests and experiments.

Professor Augustus H. Gill, of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology at the request of Commissioner Murphy examined the hose burned and, without making a chemical analysis, reported his belief that the hose was ignited from excessive friction caused by vibration between two cotton jackets. The hose was of the new standard two-and-one-half inch rubber lined double cotton jacket type made according to the specifications of the Boston Fire Department, which conform with those of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

A 750-gallon pumping engine was being tested under the direction of engineers of the National Board of Fire Underwriters and officials of the Boston Fire Department. For four hours the engine had drawn water from the Charles river basin when the order for high pressure test was given.

Two lines of hose were used, one from each side of the engines and, each about 300 feet long, Morse gates were placed between the first and second lengths of each line and the gates were checked down to about one-third capacity, the gates on the engine outlets being similarly reduced.

About fifteen minutes after the engine was started with a pump pressure of 250 pounds, smoke came from the hose about a foot from the coupling at the engine connection. Investigation showed that the hose was very hot and in a moment flames burst through the outer covering. Within a minute the same thing happened to the hose on the other side of the engine. It was decided by the chiefs and experts that the choking down of the gates had resulted in a tremendous amount of water being forced through a small opening. The water in passing through the engine gate instead of filling the hose at the coupling was forced in at with a fine sharp point, with sufficient angle, striking one side of the nose force to generate heat.

This point of water, together with the friction caused by the two cotton jackets rubbing against each other apparently caused the flame.

The fire did not injure the rubber lining, which was not even charred, the flames working entirely in the cotton mixture. This was scorched for several inches around the burned hole.

The conditions under which the engine was working when the hose ignited were said to be such as would never occur while a fire was being fought and for that reason the fire fighters have only a keen academic interest rather than serious thoughts of their hose burning during a fire unless it comes in contact with flames or sparks.

GIVES STATISTICS.

Amsterdam, Dec. 22.—The Handelsblad's correspondent at Cologne, Germany, gives surprising statistics as to the amount of smuggling at the Dutch-German frontier. During a recent week, he said, 1,525 smugglers were arrested in the Cologne customs district alone, and among the goods confiscated in that period were 793,000 cigarettes.

WHICH MAN IS BIGGER

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CHICAGO CHILDREN STUDY SCULPTURE IN ART JUVENILE CLASS



Mithila Sherman

Chicago school children having an opportunity to study sculpturing in the juvenile class started recently at the Chicago Art Institute. The children model in clay. The photograph shows Mithila Sherman, one of the little art pupils modelling clay.

PRICES DOWNWARD PARIS SINCE MARCH

Coffee is Now One of the Latest Commodities to Decrease in Wholesale Price

Paris, Dec. 22.—There has been a well-defined movement downward in the prices of a number of commodities in France since last March. Whether, like the last decline in prices, it will prove merely transitory and be followed by a reaction sending prices soaring again, remains to be seen.

Coffee is one of the latest commodities to decrease in the wholesale price. The decline, however, cannot be noticed at all in retail sales. Ordinary red wine now sells for 1.30 francs a litre, or about a quart. This is the "vin rouge ordinaire" which American soldiers used to buy at two francs per litre.

Sugar which sold as high as 5.50 francs a kilo now can be obtained at 3.75. The Vice-President of the French Grocers' Union explains that the fall is due to the decrease in the price of sugar in America and the report that Cuban wholesalers are prepared to export 300,000 tons to Europe.

Shoes also went down following a marked decrease in the price of raw hides. Raw cotton, wool, and silks are among the articles, price of which has dropped.

There are, however, many commodities which have not materially decreased in price, such as eggs, milk, bread and meat.

WOMAN-WITNESS AGAINST JUDGE.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 22.—Miss May B. Neely, chief witness for the prosecution in the trial of Judge Wm. H. McGannon, took the witness stand late this afternoon and testified that she followed McGannon on the night of the slaying and saw him take something from his pocket, fire a shot and then saw Harold C. Kagy fall. The judge is on trial for murder in connection with Kagy's death.

WARNING PROVES EFFECTIVE

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—Following receipt of an anonymous letter warning him that he would be killed tonight unless he left the city, Benj. Lefler, who was kidnapped, taken to the outskirts of the city, handcuffed to a tree and beaten with iron studded straps on the night of Dec. 11, announced today that he was closing his store at 2 o'clock this afternoon and would leave Jacksonville this evening.

STONEMASONS DISBAND.

New York, Dec. 22.—Because of relations before the joint legislative committee investigating the "building trust" Thomas Kennedy, president of the stonemason contractors' association, announced on the witness stand this afternoon that the association would disband and dissolve its corporation at once.

SMUGGLING AGAIN BEING CONDUCTED OVER DUTCH LINE

Practice is Flourishing on a Colonial Scale with Knowledge of the Government

SMUGGLERS SAID TO BE WELL ORGANIZED

They are Carrying on Their Business by Land by Wholesale and also Openly

Berlin, Dec. 22.—Smuggling over the Dutch and Danish frontiers, which the German government had gone to great effort to suppress, again is flourishing "on a colossal scale" and at some points with the full knowledge and connivance of many government officials, according to reports reaching here. Smugglers are declared to be outbidding the government for the aid of dishonest officials and the "veritable army of customs officers on the borders have permitted millions of marks worth of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, coffee, and sugar to cross the border duty-free within the last few months."

Flying squadrons of customs officers have been organized by the government to catch the smugglers who are said to have so thoroughly systematized their operations that "customs receipts are rapidly falling back to nothing, for custom control is again only on paper."

Fifty thousand pounds of coffee are being smuggled over the border daily at one point, a report says, and smugglers everywhere are working with the sympathy and assistance of all dwellers along the frontiers.

Men, women, and even children are said to be engaged in this trade. High prices, low wages of customs officials, and the depreciated value of the mark is credited as one of the principal causes for the wide-spread violation of import and export regulations.

The smugglers are described as being so well organized and so confident they carry on their business "by land and wholesale scale and quite openly."

HARDING GOING TO FLORIDA

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 22.—President-elect Harding and his wife will spend several weeks in Florida as the guests of Senator J. S. Frelinghuysen on latter's houseboat, according to telegraphic advices received here today.

WHITE CHRISTMAS TOMORROW NIGHT

Will be Celebrated by the Immanuel Baptist Church Sunday School at 7 O'clock

At the Immanuel Baptist church tomorrow night at seven o'clock the young people of the congregation and Sunday school will celebrate White Christmas. There will be features portraying Christmas, but the main thing to the young folks will be the old Santa. He will be there with his reindeers and jingles. Of course his big bags will be full of things to eat. The committee is at work preparing the white cross and manger. Gifts for the starving children of Europe will be laid at the foot of the cross. Place your money in a white envelope. The church hopes to send to the fund a handsome collection.

AIR PILOT FAILS TO ESTABLISH NEW RECORD

New York, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant C. C. Kirkpatrick, an army pilot, who started from the ground at Mitchell Field, Mineola, at 7:35 yesterday morning in an effort to establish a world's endurance record in the air, was forced to land at 1:36 o'clock this morning. He had been in the air 18 hours and one minute. The record is 24 hours, 19 minutes and seven seconds. A leak in the gasoline tank forced him to give up the attempt.

GIVE TARIFF BILL RIGHT OF WAY.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Advocates of emergency tariff legislation won a preliminary fight in the house today by adopting, 206 to 76, a motion to suspend calendar business tomorrow so as to give the Fordney tariff bill right of way.

PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING DECIDES ON NEW ALLIANCE

Will be Ready to Open Dealings With the Powers After his Inauguration in March

OPEN NEGOTIATIONS TO PREVENT WAR

Is so Near Completion that a Definite Outline of the Plans Can be Given Out

Marion, Dec. 22.—Immediately after his inauguration President-elect Harding will be prepared to open negotiations with foreign nations for an association to prevent war.

The plan for such an association of nations, on which Senator Harding has consulted some of the country's ablest minds, is now so near completion that it can be definitely outlined as follows:

1—Establishment of an international judicial tribunal to adjudicate controversies arising between nations over violations of treaties and of international laws.

2—Settlement of the problem of reduction of armament through discussion in a world forum similar to that established at the Hague.

3—Recodification of international law to include adjustment of new problems brought about by the world war, such as submarine warfare, etc.

On these principles will be based the new administration's plan for an association of nations, which foreign countries will be invited to join. Senator Harding has made it plain to some of his conferees that he expects no long delays in putting this concrete plan into actual operation. Within three or four months after the submission of the association proposal the President-elect expects to have the cooperation of the principal nations of the world in carrying out the details.

The plan is specifically outlined as opposed to the political alliances formed in the League of Nations.

President-elect Harding and practically all of his advisers believe that the League has demonstrated its failure as the agency to prevent wars and they are of the opinion that majority of the League membership will embrace the idea for an association of nations as outlined above.

If these opinions are correct—and there seems to be unlimited scope of them—Washington will be the scene of a new peace conference which may succeed where the League has failed.

SUES AGENCY FOR RECOMMENDATION

Wealthy Swiss Enters Suit for Recommending Immoral Man as Daughter's Husband

Geneva, Dec. 22.—M. Wader, a wealthy resident of Bienne, Switzerland, has just sued a detective agency for wrongly recommending an immoral man as husband for his daughter and has obtained a verdict of \$140 with costs against the agency.

The prospective father-in-law engaged the agency at a cost of \$500 to investigate the reputation and habits of the young man who had asked for the hand of his daughter. The detectives reported that the youth was worthy, reliable and sober.

After six months of wedded life, the bride returned to her father's home with the information that the bridegroom had dissipated her dowry in riotous living and gambling.

CLAIMS OFFICIALS SHARED PROFITS.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Officials of the United States government and of railroads handling coal received at a part of the "extraordinary profits" taken out of part of the coal distributed to consumers last summer, George H. Cushing, managing director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, charged today before a senate committee investigating the coal situation.

GOVERNMENT SEIZES STEAMER

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 22.—The steamship Saxon, operated in the coal trade between this port and Cuba by the Clinchfield Navigation Company, was seized today by federal prohibition officers, J. H. King and J. J. Healy, under charges of transporting contraband liquor.

AMERICA INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CELEBRATION

Of the 100th Anniversary of the Death of Napoleon May 5 next by Committee

INVITATION EXTENDED BY PRINCETON PROFESSOR

He Spoke for the French Committee Headed by Marshal Foch of late war France

New York, Dec. 22.—American participation in the celebration by France of the 100th anniversary of the death of Napoleon on May 5 next was invited here today by Professor William Mulligan Sloane, of Princeton, N. J., speaking for the French Committee headed by Marshal Foch. A feature of the affair whose object it is stated is to "bind up the wounds of France," will be a great exhibition of Napoleonic relics at Malmaison, France, to which collections will be loaned from all parts of the world.

Professor Sloane, who for 42 years held the chair of history at Princeton and later at Columbia University, said that French statesmen, soldiers, and men of law and letters as well as other professions compose the committee which is arranging the centennial.

"Making all allowances for every severe criticism of Napoleon's career," he continued, "it is still true that his work unified France, saved it from partition among its foes and, in civil life, prepared alike the foundation and structure of the society which in the World War saved France and helped to save all Western civilization. It was by his impulse and guidance that the financial credit of France was restored, that the magistracy and administration took definite shape, that the Civil Code was promulgated, the Bank of France created, the University of France modeled on that of the state of New York and the Council of state organized."

"He made private property safe, opened public classes, great and small, to all classes, founded schools, colleges and secondary schools, built magnificent highways, dug an elaborate system of internal waterways, improved transportation of every port and, above all, reorganized in his institutions the commanding position of belles lettres, the fine arts and natural science. The superb inheritance of order, progress and prosperity which he bequeathed made the France of 1914."

SWIMMING BATHS PAYING VENTURE

So Thinks the Paris Municipal Council. That They are also Public Necessity

Paris, Dec. 22.—The Paris Municipal Council has decided that public swimming baths are not only a necessity but that they are likely to prove a paying venture and has asked the city architects to prepare plans for three baths to be erected in Paris within 18 months. The only swimming baths in Paris except for those moored along the Seine banks, which although popular in the summer months, prove no attraction in winter.

The probable cost of each establishment is estimated at 3,000,000 francs. Delegates from the Municipal Council have been sent to Alsace to inspect the baths there. The Paris baths are to be modeled after those of Strasbourg.

BILLY SUNDAY SPEAKS TO BIG CHARLOTTE AUDIENCE

Charlotte, Dec. 22.—Tonight Billy Sunday spoke to about four thousand people in the auditorium, the personnel representing every grade and class of people in the city. His subject was "Home—The Need of Good Homes in the World Today, Good Mothers and Good Fathers."

"Bless the South," he said, "it is freer fromisms and schisms than any section on God's green earth. I like it. I like your reverence for God and the Sabbath Day. The people of the South are more loyal to the real downright principals of Christianity than the people of any other section. I've heard everything about Charlotte that was good and I have always wanted to come here. I've only visited one town so far in North Carolina, and that is Raleigh."

PAY UP AND TRADE WEEKS GOING GOOD, SAY THE CITY MERCHANTS

INDICT POLICE CHIEF IN WEST VIRGINIA COAL STRIKE KILLINGS



Sid Hatfield

Sid Hatfield, chief of police of Matewan, W. Va., who is under indictment on charges following a pitched battle on the main street of Matewan in which ten men were killed. The fighting started when detectives hired by the coal mine operators attempted to arrest Hatfield. Striking miners and residents of Matewan fought the detectives, who finally fled, leaving seven dead. C. C. Testerman, mayor of Matewan, and two striking miners were killed in the affair.

EMPEROR CHARLES STILL HAS HOPES

That he Will yet be Restored to the Austro-Hungarian Throne he Tells Friends

Budapest, Dec. 22.—Former Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary has sent a letter to his supporters here encouraging them in the hope that he will be restored to the Austro-Hungarian throne.

"Powerful agents are at work to restore the Austro-Hungarian monarchy and thereby prevent the Austrians from joining Germany," the erstwhile monarch wrote from Prangins, Switzerland, where he is still in exile.

"Wait patiently, our trusty and well-beloved, the circumstances are favorable and with the help of God I shall return to my faithful Magyar subjects." The letter was brought by a confidant to Charles' adherents headed by Prince Louis Windischgratz, Counte Julius Andrássy and Baron Joseph Szterenyi. In it he warned his partisans against making alliances or conspiring with adventurers because, he wrote, he had no doubt about the ultimate victory of the legitimistic principle.

"My claim"—the letter continues—"is supported by the Vatican and backed by the French aristocracy, the clergy and the higher military circles. I hope that the Catholic population of Croatia and Slovakia will be only too glad to return under my sceptre and King Ferdinand of Rumania will not refuse some territorial concessions from me, who saved his throne at the time when Rumania was occupied by the Germans."

Lots of women will give up easy jobs and good salaries for the sake of working all the rest of their lives for their board and clothes.—Detroit Herald.

Shop Early ONLY 2 More Shopping Days Until Christmas

Interest in the Prizes Offered at The Close of Campaign Reflected in the Great Demand for Coupons. World's Smallest Man in all Probability. Will do the Drawing Stunt. Remember the Campaign Closes December 31. Do Your Trading and Paying Up now. You May be the Winner.

Despite the fact that yesterday was one of those mild-tempered, but cloudy days, business among the merchants who are co-operating with the Merchants' Association in the Pay-Up and Trade Week event, report a pretty fair business day. The constant calling for coupons with purchases, say store employees, is evidence a plenty that the event is going to be successful. Numbers of persons are now buying their needs for the winter, and many are doing their Christmas shopping to avoid the rush.

The publicity managers of the Pay-Up and Trade Weeks event are waiting for definite word from Major Herbert Barnett, the world's smallest man, who has been asked to come here at end of the campaign week to draw the winning number for the Ford touring car and the \$170 in gold, which will go to eleven different persons. The Ford, of course, goes to one individual, but the gold is divided, as the public no doubt knows. There has been some question in the mind out-of-town contenders in the contest whether one person could win more than one prize. This has been definitely settled by the officials of the Association. No person can win more than one prize.

The various merchants are giving the citizens the very best offer they will probably have in many a season.

If you are interested in the Pay-Up and Trade Weeks contest, be sure to call for your coupons with each \$1.00 purchase, or dollar paid on accounts. You may be the lucky person. And you know you'd like to have a little old Ford.

Don't forget the fact that Friday December 31st closes the campaign, as if you want the Ford or some of the gold you had better get busy and trade as many dollars as you can, pay on bills as many dollars as possible. The more dollars you trade and the more paid on account equities you to just as many coupons. The more coupons you have the better chance you have to win.

TO SEARCH ADIRONDACKS FOR MISSING BALLOON

Glens Falls, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Lieut. L. V. Beau and his observer, Sergeant John White, in their airplane, hopped off here today at 1 P. M. to search the snow-covered Adirondacks for three missing balloonists who are believed to have been lost in the vicinity of Wells, N. Y.

STILL BROKEN UP AS RESULT OF SERMON

Raleigh, Dec. 22.—While Rev. A. P. Pipkin, pastor of Hopkirk Baptist church, twenty-five miles from Raleigh, was severely criticizing persons who allowed the prohibition laws to be violated without reporting the matter to the proper authorities, one of the members of the congregation became so affected that he whispered into the ear of a prohibition officer seated in front of him that he knew where a still was located and, as a result of the information, there is one less illegal manufacturing establishment in Wake county. Accompanied by his informant the officer located and destroyed the still, a few miles from the church. Evidence found incriminated it had recently been operated.

MAGYARS ARE ADVISED TO STICK TO THEIR POSTS

Budapest, Dec. 22.—So many thousands of Magyar families and former government officials are pouring into smaller Hungary from lost provinces of Hungary that the government is making every effort to stop it. Count Paul Teleki, Hungarian Premier, has sent a message to the people of these provinces now annexed to Jugoslavia, Rumania or Czechoslovakia, saying: "Stick to your post like the Roman sentry, and if necessary take the oath of allegiance."

BIG FIRE AT WAGRAM CAUSES A BIG LOSS

EWagram, N. C., Dec. 22.—Loss estimated at between \$176,000 and \$200,000 resulted from a bare early today which destroyed thirteen buildings and 250 bales of cotton.