

WEATHER.

Partly, cloudy and colder tonight and Friday.

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CATHOLIC CHURCH SAYS Y. M. C. A. CORRUPTS THE FAITH OF YOUTHS

Decree Issued by Holy Office Asks Catholic Bishops to Watch—Y. M. C. A. Is Mentioned by Name.

(By The Associated Press.) ROME, Dec. 23.—The Holy Office issued a decree today asking Catholic bishops to watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters, instills indifference and apostasy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents."

The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association by name, saying it is upheld by many Catholics who do not know its real nature. The decree says the organization corrupts the faith of youths.

Clauses of the Canon law which forbids papers, periodicals and organizations favoring religious radicalism and indifference are recalled in the decree, which requests the bishops to communicate with the holy see within six months the decisions taken on the subject at regional congresses.

Y. M. C. A. ASTONISHED.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Officials of the overseas department of the Young Men's Christian Association expressed astonishment today when they learned that the Holy Office in Rome had issued a decree warning its bishops against the American organization as a "corrupter of the faith of youths."

"We are sorry, of course, that some people do not like us," declared C. V. Hibbard, associate general secretary, "but there does not seem to be anything to do about it."

Mr. Hibbard said it had been "abundantly substantiated that the Y. M. C. A. is not a proselyting organization," and said he could think of no reason for its being the subject of a papal attack.

24 COMMUNISTS ARE BOUND FOR RUSSIA.

(By The Associated Press.) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Twenty-four confessed Russian communists, with the demeanor of pleasure tourists, were deported passengers on the steamship Imperator, sailing today for England, where they will be re-shipped on the second leg of their long journey to Russia.

The deportees, who were rounded up in raids last winter, and had been at liberty on bail, allowed by Louis F. Post assistant secretary of labor surrendered yesterday.

Extra suits of clothes, overcoats, heavy woolen underwear, and other heavy garments, helped swell their bulky baggage. They were preparing, they said, for the rigors of Russian winters.

* GENERALLY FAIR WEATHER *
* PREDICTED FOR CHRISTMAS *
* WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.— *
* Generally fair weather Christmas *
* day except for snow around the *
* great lakes and in the northern *
* Rockies and rain on the Pacific *
* coast is promised by the weather *
* man. *
* East of the Mississippi river it *
* will be cold, "not intense, but *
* sharp," the forecaster said today, *
* while severe temperatures will pre- *
* vail in the northern part of the *
* district between the big river and *
* the Rocky mountains. *

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HARDING CALLS IN MYRON T. HERRICK

Former American Ambassador at Paris Gives Views to President-Elect.

MARION, O., Dec. 23.—Myron T. Herrick, of Cleveland, who was American ambassador at Paris during the early days of the world war, was called to Marion today by President-elect Harding to discuss the international peace plan to be put before the world by the coming administration.

The conference is understood to have concerned particularly the experiences of Mr. Herrick abroad last summer when he made a tour of European capitals and talked with many leading statesmen. At that time it was reported that he was gathering information to aid Mr. Harding in perfecting his plan. Recently the former ambassador has been mentioned prominently as a possible choice for some important post in the diplomatic service.

Fred W. Upham, of Chicago, treasurer of the republican national committee, also was on Mr. Harding's calling list, but it was believed the visit concerned left-over financial matters connected with the recent campaign.

While the President-elect's conferences on the peace program are proceeding he has under consideration several proposals for a trip to the south during January. He said today that no action had been taken on any of the invitations received and that his plans probably would not be definitely fixed until after the first of the year. He generally is expected to leave for some southern destination during January not to return to Marion before the inauguration.

REV. W. R. JENKINS INJURED IN ACCIDENT.

Seriously Hurt When Southbound Train Strikes His Automobile.

LEXINGTON, Dec. 22.—Rev. W. R. Jenkins, of this city, Methodist minister and pastor of Linwood circuit of this county, received probably serious injury when his automobile was struck by Southbound railway train No. 62 near Southmont this afternoon. The automobile was demolished and Mr. Jenkins severely bruised about the head, with probably several ribs broken. He was placed on the train and taken to a Winston-Salem hospital. Rev. Mr. Jenkins was to have been married tomorrow to a young lady of this city.

SECRETARY HOUSTON PREDICTS BIG DEFICIT IN TREASURY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A gross deficiency in national fiscal transactions of \$2,100,000,000 this fiscal year and \$1,500,000,000 for the next fiscal year was forecast today by Secretary Houston in testimony before the senate finance committee, which is considering the soldier's bonus bill.

The secretary said federal finances were in such shape that new sources of revenue must be found and no new burdens added to the treasury.

FROST IS PROBABLE AS FAR SOUTH AS FLORIDA

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Frost is probable tonight as far south as the interior of central Florida, the weather bureau announced today, and freezing temperatures may prevail to the Mississippi and Alabama coast.

Considerable low temperature generally was forecast for territory east of the Mississippi river, following a drop to decidedly below normal throughout the west, where at Havre, Mont., a temperature of 28 below zero was registered this morning.

ONE OF THREE NEGROES ESCAPES FROM SHERIFF

(By The Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—Charlie Mayes, one of the three negroes arrested at Greensboro in connection with the running over and killing yesterday of Rev. John R. Herndon, with an automobile, at Winston-Salem, escaped early today from Deputy Sheriff Smothers, who was bringing him to state prison here.

Guarding the three, the deputy sheriff had started from the union station when the negro leaped from the car and ran. On account of his other charges Smothers was unable to give chase; but continued with John Mayes and Lawrence Morrow, to the prison.

NEGROES WHO KILLED PASTOR ARE HURRIED TO STATE PRISON

Three Negroes Who Ran Down and Killed Dr. John R. Herndon Are Caught in Greensboro After Exciting Chase.

GREENSBORO, Dec. 22.—Sheriff G. W. Plynt of Forsyth county, accompanied by Chief of Police Thomas and E. Newsom of Winston-Salem, tonight took three negroes, John and Charley Mays and Lawrence Morrow, from the Guilford county jail to the state penitentiary at Raleigh.

The three negroes were arrested here this afternoon, charged with running over and killing Rev. John R. Herndon, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Waughton, this morning at Waughton, a suburb of Winston-Salem. John Mays was the driver of the car, which belonged to his brother, Charley Mays.

Local policemen made the arrest, having received notice from Winston-Salem to be on the lookout for the trio. All roads from the direction of Winston-Salem were watched by the officers. Shortly after hearing from Winston-Salem word was received from High Point that three negroes in a fast moving car were headed towards Greensboro. The trio were arrested in the negro section of the city, after having turned into a branch road and trying to outdistance the pursuing officers.

John Mays admitted this afternoon that he had struck the Rev. Mr. Herndon with the car, but he said that the accident was unavoidable. At first, according to local police, he said that he was too frightened to stop and see what he had done. Later the other two negroes said that the driver had waked them up from a nap on the rear seat of the car and told them that he had struck someone. The three maintained that they went back to see but could find nothing. Local police say that the three negroes had been drinking.

DR. HERNDON MINISTER FOR ABOUT THIRTY YEARS

Winston-Salem, Dec. 22.—John Rankin Herndon, widely known minister of the Southern Presbyterian Church, was instantly killed here this morning when struck by an automobile near his home in Waughton suburb. The car was occupied by three negroes from Greensboro.

Dr. Herndon was 58 years old and had served the Waughton Presbyterian church since August 1919, coming to this city from Ocala, Fla. His ministry of 30 years took him to charges in Tennessee, Virginia, Florida and this state. For some time he was associate editor of The Christian Observer. He is a native of Rutherford county, Tennessee, and is survived by Mrs. Herndon and two daughters. The body will be taken to Johnson City, Tenn., for interment, he having resided there many years.

The occupants of the car which struck Dr. Herndon continued their course without stopping and evading the officers circled the city, going to Greensboro, where they were arrested this afternoon.

MANY WANT NEW JERSEY BOYS TO HAVE CHRISTMAS

(By The Associated Press.)

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Dec. 23.—Police Judge John B. Lander, who last week sentenced three West Orange boys to go to bed night for a week at 6:30 o'clock, to have no Christmas presents and take part in no Christmas festivities, is being besieged with appeals from all sections of the country in behalf of the boys. Despite the requests, the judge said today the sentence must stand.

The New Jersey Elks association and individuals in Washington, Texas, Georgia, Florida and other states have urged Judge Lander to relent. While the appeal of the Elks was a "strong one," the judge declared most of the writers "are sentimentalist" and know nothing of the facts.

The boys, who are 10, 11 and 15 years old, broke into a school and later put a clergyman's automobile out of commission.

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SWEEPING WAGE CUT ANNOUNCED BY FALL RIVER, MASS., MILLS

35,000 Operatives Are Affected by Cut of 22 1-2 Per Cent in Wages—Effective January 3.

(By The Associated Press.)

FALL RIVER, Mass., Dec. 22.—A wage reduction of 22 1-2 per cent for the 35,000 mill operatives in this city was announced today after a conference between the Fall River cotton manufacturers' association and the textile council. The reduction, which will become effective on January 3 in all of the 100 mills controlled by members of the manufacturers' association, brings this textile center into line with the reduced scale of wages in other cotton milling centers of New England.

James Tansy, president of the textile council, said that general meetings of all the textile unions in the city would be held early next week to vote on acceptance or rejection of the cut. Less than one-third of the operatives here are union members, but the action of the textile council usually is accepted as the guide among the workers.

Most of the mills in the city are either closed or running on reduced schedules. The American print works, which embraces the Fall River Iron Works corporation, controlling eight cotton mills, was closed today for three days.

WOOLEN AND WORSTED MILLS ANNOUNCE WAGE REDUCTION

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Dec. 22.—Announcement was made today that a 22 1/2 per cent wage reduction would be put into effect shortly in all of the woollen and worsted mills in central and northern Berkshire county. Between 2,500 and 3,000 persons are normally employed in the 11 mills. Several of the plants have been closed for some weeks and no date has been set for their resuming operations.

CUT WAGES 15 PER CENT AND ABOLISH THE MONTHLY BONUS

BRIDGEWATER, Mass., Dec. 22.—The Stanley Iron Works here, with head offices in New Britain, Conn., today posted notices of a 15 per cent reduction in wages effective at noon. A five per cent monthly bonus also is abolished, and a drop from time and a half to straight time for all overtime is announced.

WHITE MAN LYNCHED BY FORT WORTH MOB.

(By The Associated Press.)

FORT WORTH, TEX., Dec. 23.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man, held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing Monday night of Policeman Couch, was taken from the county jail here shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged. Several shots were fired into his body.

Vickery was taken from jail in his night clothing by 25 masked and armed men who forced the prison guards to surrender keys to the cells. Police officials, notified by an anonymous telephone message that a lynching was in progress, found his body hanging to a tree near the packing house district.

Vickery was 30 years old and had been employed as a service car driver. Couch was shot and killed while responding to a call from a garage for an officer to take charge of a drunken man.

It was stated today an investigation of the lynching will be made by the district grand jury at its next session. So far as could be ascertained the police early today were without information as to the identity of the men who made up the mob.

Vickery, at a preliminary hearing on a charge of murder Wednesday was remanded to jail without bail. Application for a writ of habeas corpus was filed by his attorneys yesterday. The hearing of the application was scheduled for 9 o'clock today.

NATION WIDE SEARCH FOR MISSING AVIATORS

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Government agencies today received official instructions to aid in searching for the United States naval balloon which floated away from Rockaway Point, N. Y., December 13, on an endurance flight.

The Royal Mounted Police of Canada, instructed divisions in the vicinity of the northern lakes to be on the lookout, the air board communicated similar orders, lumber companies sent word to their camps and the naval service telegraphed every point on the Canadian Pacific Railway system.

COLBY TO MONTEVIDEO.

MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Dec. 22.—Bainbridge Colby, United States secretary of state, is expected to arrive here Monday. Foreign Minister Buero will meet the battiship Florida, on which Secretary Colby will arrive outside the port, aboard the cruiser Uruguay, to which Mr. Colby will be invited to transfer from the Florida.

Toys! Toys! Toys! What would Christmas be to the little folks without toys? See us and buy them below cost. Spencer's Book Store. 24c 2

MISS CLARA BARTON SMITH COMES BACK TO EL PASO

Mysterious Search For Woman Charged With Murder of J. L. Hamon in Ardmore, Oklahoma, a Month Ago Ends When She Gives Up to Sheriff Garrett—Complete Story Is Not Made Public—Associated Press Man Hears Portion.

(By The Associated Press.)

EL PASO, TEXAS, Dec. 23.—Clara Barton Smith slept under her parents' roof last night.

Ending a search by Oklahoma officers which began on November 22, Miss Smith came to Juarez, opposite here, last night, surrendered to Sheriff Buck Garrett, of Ardmore, Okla., and was taken to the home of her father, James L. Smith, in El Paso, where she spent the night. Early today, if her condition permitted, she was to be taken aboard a train for Ardmore, to plead to a murder charge in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon in that city on November 26.

Little of the story of her disappearance from Ardmore following the shooting of Hamon on November 21, was made public by the young woman. She was met at the train in Juarez by the sheriff, her uncle, Ben F. Harrison, and attorneys who had been engaged as her counsel. There was a short greeting and consultation on the station platform and then the party was whisked back over the international bridge into El Paso.

Miss Smith's father supplied the only information given out regarding the woman's flight from Juarez to Chihuahua City.

"A man she met on the train from Juarez to Chihuahua must have been heaven-sent," he said. "She had never seen him before. They did not even talk the same language. He approached her, knowing she was in trouble and volunteered to shield her. And Clara reposed her trust in him. He guarded her as carefully as though she were his own child. I believe that's a miracle. I believe God guided that friend to her in her hour of need."

"The friend was a Chihuahua City official, the father said, who took Clara to his home and his wife became Clara's companion. The official policed his estate with private detectives to keep her safe and not even her own brother 'Jimmy,' aged 19, could approach until he had thoroughly established his identity.

"Clara is broken in health," the father said. "Her mother and I can notice it. The strain has been too much for her. The ordeal is not over yet. I hope God gives her strength to endure all that is yet to come. We are glad she is home. And after all this is over, she's going to stay with us."

When asked for an interview, Miss Smith said she wanted to give her story to The Associated Press but she was too tired last night. Later her attorneys announced that they had advised that she give out no further statements because of the charges against her. Late last night a physician was summoned to administer to her.

Sheriff Garrett made good his promise to allow her freedom with her family. Sheriff Orndorff, of El Paso, deputized a taxi driver and stationed him in front of the Smith home all night not so much as guard, he said, but to keep newspaper men and curious people from approaching the house.

The party is scheduled to reach Fort Worth Friday morning and to reach Ardmore that afternoon. Bond of \$10,000 is to be furnished immediately and Miss Smith expects to spend a few days with relatives in Oklahoma before returning to El Paso to await the trial.

Attorneys W. P. McLean, Jr., of Fort Worth, and Charles A. Coakley, of Ardmore, said they would ask a speedy trial and expressed the belief that her acquittal would result. "The sympathy of the people of Carter county (Oklahoma) is with Miss Smith," Sheriff Garrett said.

Hamon was shot in an Ardmore hotel and before his death gave out a statement saying the shooting was accidental and relieving Miss Smith of all blame. The county attorney, however, swore out a warrant which later was changed to murder and another containing a statutory charge.

Miss Smith was Hamon's secretary.

MISS SMITH TO BE TRIED IN JANUARY.

(By The Associated Press.)

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA., Dec. 23.—"Clara Smith will be arraigned within a few hours after she and Sheriff Garrett, of Carter county, return to Ardmore and the case probably will come to trial late in January," County Attorney Russell Brown, who instigated the search for Miss Smith and fled the charge of murder against her, said last night shortly before he returned to Ardmore.

The only thing to prevent the speedy return to freedom of Miss Smith, pending her trial, would be the development

of new angles in the charge of murder which was placed against her, Mr. Brown said. He added that a fund of at least \$200,000 is available in Ardmore for her defense and bond.

TARIFF BILL TO MEET OPPOSITION IN SENATE

Proponents Say It Will Be Defeated or Radically Amended in Senate.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Despite the more than 100 majority by which the Fordney emergency tariff bill passed the house last night, many proponents of the measure today said they were almost convinced it would either be defeated or radically amended in the senate. Although party lines were largely swept aside in the vote in the house, which was 196 to 86, it was not believed this would occur in the senate, where the majority is smaller.

The measure, designed to protect more than a score of agricultural products for a ten months period, was passed by the house after eight hours of heated debate, in which the opposition was led by Representative Henry T. Rainey, democrat, of Illinois. While a few republicans supported his attack on the measure, more than a score of his own party joined the majority.

JOHNSON COUNTY FARMER SETS INGENIOUS TRAP.

(By The Associated Press.)

RALEIGH, Dec. 23.—A thief had been sneaking into the barn at night and stealing milk from a cow owned by a Johnson county farmer. The planter determined to put an end to the culprits' depredations. A few days ago the cow was transferred from her regular stall and a young mule substituted. One night later, the farmer was aroused by a terrific racket in the vicinity of the stable. He grabbed his shotgun and ran to the barnyard, but the thief had escaped, leaving a battered milk pail, a small stool and a hat in the mule's stall. The visits of the intruder have ceased.

SLAYERS OF LIPPARD GET PENITENTIARY SENTENCE

MORGANTOWN, N. C., Dec. 22.—Lon Young and Cecil Heffner were each sentenced to 15 years in the state prison, and Dock Heffner was sentenced to seven and a half years, for the murder of Glenn Lippard, near Hickory, by Judge Shaw this morning.

The jury late last night returned a verdict of second degree murder. In pronouncing sentence, Judge Shaw said he believed the verdict should have been first degree murder, and said the trial brought out a "horrible state of affairs existing in lower Burke and upper Catawba counties."

Dock Heffner was given the light sentence because of his youth. Appeal was taken by the defendants, whose bonds were set at \$8,000 each.

Charges of perjury will result from the trial, according to the solicitor.

DEAF MUTE BURGLARS ARE PICKED UP PRONTO

SCRANTON, Pa., Dec. 23.—New currency displayed on two illuminated Christmas trees in windows of the First National Bank at the most prominent business corner of the city, attracted thieves just before daybreak today. They hurled stones through the windows and gathered up the bills, indifferent to the burglar alarm loudly clanging over their heads. Police hurried to the scene and picked up the men with their pockets bulging with the new bank notes. One was Tommy Cawley, the other refused to write his name. Both are deaf mutes.

LET'S ALL MOVE TO LANCASTER, CALIF.

LANCASTER, Calif., Dec. 23.—T. W. Edwards, realty operator, celebrated his 74th anniversary of his birth here today by kicking a hat from the head of a man six feet two inches tall, without losing his balance. "When I am 100 years old," remarked Mr. Edwards, "I shall take on a much taller man."

FORMER STATE COLLEGE STAR IS MARRIED

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 23.—William Evans, former pitcher of the Pittsburgh Nationals, who left to play with the Oil City independent team last season, was married to Miss Anna D. Elder at Oil City, N. C., according to reports.

JAPANESE MILITARY AUTHORITIES ARE CHARGED WITH CRIMES EQUAL THOSE COMMITTED IN BELGIUM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—A statement charging Japanese military authorities with deeds more "frightful and barbarous" than anything ever alleged to have occurred in Belgium during the war, was issued here today by the Korean commission, based, the commission said, on authentic reports received by it from Manchuria. The Japanese punitive expedition sent to the Hunchun district following the clash last November between Japanese troops and Korean insurgents was alleged to have burned 32 villages, killed all the male inhabitants of the district, and "massacred 145 peaceful inhabitants," in one town, where one house was burned, with women and children inside.

"Authentic reports received by the Korean commission in Washington," the statement said, "show a total of 386 non-combatants arrested and executed, of whom 86 were wives and mothers, who answered 'Odoro Kaso' (Gone somewhere, we do not know) to questions as to the whereabouts of their husbands and sons."

The Japanese government's "reign of terror in Korea" the commission asserted, had now been carried into southern Manchuria, where "some millions of Koreans" reside under Chinese rule, "driven out of their native land by the Japanese."

Continued, "an unfortunate clash occurred in Hunchun district between Japanese soldiers and Korean insurgents. Promptly taking advantage of this pretext, the Japanese government sent 5,000 soldiers on a punitive expedition. The insurgents fled after giving a stubborn fight to the Japanese army.

"Then the Japanese soldiers set out deliberately to wreak vengeance on the peaceful people who stayed at their homes, trusting to the humanity of Japanese officers and believing that the punitive expedition was sent to punish only those who took part in the conflict. But the Japanese soldiers put to the torch all the villages in the district, burning three thousand houses and all the grain supplies stored for the winter. They systematically killed all the male inhabitants of the district. In some villages women and children were not spared.

"Thus at Dorabawie, where the Japanese soldiers massacred 145 peaceful inhabitants, a house was burned with women and children inside. "Thirty-two villages were thus wantonly destroyed and the destruction still continues notwithstanding the 'regrets' expressed by Colonel Mizumachi, head of the Japanese military mission at Chientao, to Canadian missionaries who visited the devastated districts."