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Increasing cloudiness and warmer tonight with lowest temperature slightly above zero; Tuesday probably snow.

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27 EARNINGS DISAPPOINTING, SAYS BANKER

‘Prosperity Talk’ Emanates From Those Whose Ideas With Desires.

HOPE FOR 1928

‘Confident’ Predictions Made on Same Basis as Used Last Year.

BY HUGH McK. LONDON

Nice President of the Fletcher Savings and Trust Company

Recent weeks have witnessed an eruption of “prosperity talk” from a great variety of quarters. The sober observer must have been impressed largely from those whose expression runs with their desires.

Conservative analysis whose statements are not based on their hopes, but upon careful study of the known facts shown by the various charts and actual condition are under no apprehensions as to the kind of year 1927 has been.

The year 1927 has been one of disappointment and contradiction, appointment because it neither went so high as the optimists expected nor so low as the pessimists expected, and of continuous contraction since the business phenomenon never pointed conclusively in one direction.

Business activity was maintained with falling prices for a main portion of the years and profits on the whole have been as great as in the preceding year.

Banker, who has kept in touch with his customers' conditions, says that this analysis is

Business Activity Breaks

of business activity rose during the first two months of the year, since when it has been with accelerating middle of December at the lowest point.

The margin steadily vanished this period, no turning point of turnover, examining the 1927 year will be much the matter of the conflict.

The industries has been in most lines, but in “spotty” both locally and nationally. Thus, the New England, the southern good business, and another example of the conflict.

ment has been cotton, wool, but downward. However, there has been a boom in the farm income over the last 12½ per cent in 1926.

is reflected in every in the farm and to some extent in the lumber and steel production.

The coming commodity prices of business are equally in confusion, the period when the composite index was declining, business has been at a low level.

They have had an effect on the strength. Bond strength about 5 points above the year's high.

The market has been in a state of confusion, the market has been in a state of confusion, the market has been in a state of confusion.

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Mrs. Lindbergh Defies Icy Blasts; Insists on Completing Trip by Air

By United Press
EDWARDSBURG, Mich., Jan. 2.—Refusing to be shaken in her determination to complete the trip by air, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh today prepared to motor to Sturgis, Mich., from where she will resume her flight to Detroit.

The Ford-Stout monoplane, in which she was returning from Mexico City, was forced down here yesterday when it became lost in a snowstorm. The plane landed safely on the farm of Walter Curtis. Mrs. Lindbergh was taken to the nearby farm of L. H. Allen, where she had New Year's dinner and spent the night.

Harry Brooks, pilot of the plane, was to take off today from the cornfield in which he landed. He will taxi around the field, trying to harden the snow sufficiently to make a runway for the lighted plane.

Two automobiles which last night set out from Sturgis to rescue Mrs. Lindbergh, became stuck in snowdrifts and abandoned the attempt.

Attempts to persuade Mrs. Lindbergh to finish her journey by train or automobile were dismissed summarily last night. She insisted she was enjoying the experiences and would resort to other modes of travel only if the plane proved to be hopelessly locked in the snow.

By United Press
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—A chain of circumstantial evidence woven around Dr. Charles McMillan today failed to shake the doctor in his denial of guilt of the slaying of Mrs. Amelia Appleby, wealthy widow of a Chicago inventor.

A grand jury, which will meet tomorrow is expected to indict Dr. McMillan for murder. Mrs. Appleby's body was found near San Fernando, tied in a burlap sack.

Shoes, gloves, jewelry and a purported will of Mrs. Appleby said to have been found in Dr. McMillan's possession will be presented to the jury.

Dr. McMillan, by the terms of the will, was given the power of attorney over Mrs. Appleby's extensive real estate holdings in the East. All property of the dead woman was bequeathed to the doctor.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Chicago got off to a good start in the bombing field for the New Year. The New-Port Hotel, on the west side, was bombed today with more than \$2,000 damage resulting.

The hotel is owned by Jack Zuter, gambler. A clerk saw two men enter the lobby and plant the bomb.

He seized a bucket of water and attempted to extinguish the fuse, but it had gained too much headway. The clerk fled just before the bomb exploded.

Windows in adjacent buildings were shattered.

COUNCIL WILL SELECT NEW PRESIDENT TODAY

Little Interest Is Shown in Successor to Negley.

Successor to Claude E. Negley, Republican, as president of city council will be chosen this afternoon, to take office at the reorganization meeting tonight. Before noon the councilmen had not decided who would be president.

Negley said that he was not a candidate to succeed himself and others expressed little interest in the position, which has been considered quite a prize in the past.

Six of the nine councilmen, including Negley, were indicted by the Marion County grand jury and await trial.

ACTRESS ASKS DIVORCE

Florence Brady Breaks With Son of Lumber King.

By United Press
CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Florence Brady, actress, has filed suit for divorce against Gilbert Wells, son of Charles W. Wells, Milwaukee lumber millionaire, and grandson of the founder of the Wells-Fargo Express Company. She charges Wells threatened her life on numerous occasions.

They were married four years ago, after successfully appearing as the vaudeville team of Wells and Brady. Their domestic strife was said to have started when Wells presented his wife with a gown which had previously been worn.

Another War on History

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—The Prussian minister of education, Karl Becker, today instructed school teachers to eliminate from the song books used in the schools those melodies glorifying former ruling princes and emperors of Germany.

BANNER YEAR FOR TRADE PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Francis I. Jones, director general of the United States Employment Service, predicted today that 1928 will mark new high levels in industry and business.

Charity to All

Homeless Will Be Guests at Feast Prepared by Ex-Slave.

By United Press
UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 2.—The vangard of 1,000 hungry and homeless—who are to be the guests of “Mother” Lavender, aged former Negro slave—began gathering in front of the home today as final touches were being put to the turkey and chicken dinner.

By 9 o'clock nearly 100 persons were in line, despite the bitter weather.

Inside the old mansion, which at one time was the home of one of Utica's foremost families, a score of young girls began final preparations for the meal shortly before 6 o'clock. The dinners will be served at noon and from then on—in squads of fifty—the homeless and poor will be served.

“Mother” Lavender conceived their idea of a holiday dinner for the poor thirty-seven years ago, when she served 100 guests. She has continued the dinner annually and this year said she expected to serve 1,000 persons.

Endurance Flight Delayed

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Jan. 2.—Northwest winds of near-gale velocity forced postponement today of the Brock-Schlee endurance flight attempt.

FIRE LOSSES HEAVY IN ZERO WEATHER

WATSON STAYS LONGER

Leaves Tonight for Washington; Has Many Conferences.

Senator James E. Watson, who testified before the Marion County jury Saturday, will leave Indianapolis to go direct to Washington about 5:30 p. m. today.

Watson, who had expected to leave for Chicago Saturday evening, remained here because of an unexpectedly large number of conferences on Indiana party affairs. The Senator spent New Year's eve at the Columbia Club.

FALL SERIOUSLY ILL

Continuance of Oil Trial to Be Asked.

By United Press
EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 2.—Albert B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, is too ill to go to Washington for retrial of the Fall-Sinclair oil conspiracy case, scheduled for Jan. 16, his physician, Dr. H. T. Sanford, announced here today.

Fall's attorneys will ask a continuance of the hearing, it was said. The conspiracy trial was declared a mistrial a few weeks ago following charges of jury shadowing.

It would be dangerous to the life and health of the former Senator to make the trip to the capital in the present cold weather, Dr. Sanford said.

GIRL REPORTED MISSING

Kentucky Police Asked to Aid in Search for Her.

Police communicated with authorities in Louisville and other Kentucky points today in hopes of finding trail of Louise Dean Faulkner, 17, who is missing. The young woman was employed and lived at 4453 Carrollton Ave. and left there early Sunday. Policewoman Mary Moore making the investigation said she had some promising clues.

Woman Burned to Death

Miss Caroline White, 88, was burned to death Sunday night at her home, four miles east of Southport on the Stop 11 road.

Two neighbors, Ambrose Hamlyn and Napoleon Armstrong, were driven back by flames when they attempted to enter the building.

Miss White, who is survived by a niece, Mrs. Laura Myers of Indianapolis, and a nephew, W. W. White, living near Southport, lived alone at the house. Her body was found face downward on the floor near the living-room stove.

U. S. MARINES SUFFER HEAVY LOSS IN CLASH

Five Killed, 23 Wounded in Nicaraguan Battle With Insurgents.

BANDITS ARE WELL LED

Fight With Expert Precision When Americans Attack Their Stronghold.

By United Press
MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 2.—The military precision with which bandits attacked a group of United States Marines—killing five and wounding twenty-three—today caused officers to wonder whether the bandits had not had advantage of training from other than native forces.

After reports of the engagement at Quilali had been received by officers here, they studied to see if the well-regulated and systematic way in which bandits fought the Marines did not show outside aid in training. However, there were no definite evidences to prove the contention of aid.

A patrol of Marines and National Guard of Nicaragua attempted to march on Quilali, one of the strongholds of General Sandino, Liberal leader in Nicaragua, Friday.

Rebels Offer Fierce Battle

The Marines believed if they could capture the stronghold it would be a serious blow to the prestige of the insurgents and materially strengthen the power of the government of President Adolfo Diaz, whose administration had the backing of the United States government and the Marines.

As they approached the town, the joint patrol of Marines and National Guard encountered a strong rebel force of between 400 to 500 bandits on the outskirts of the city.

For one hour and twenty minutes the forces battled. Then the Rebels were driven into the mountains.

When the forces entered the captured town, they found none of the Rebels dead, although Marine officers were positive there had been numerous casualties. They concluded the Rebels had taken their injured and dead with them as they retreated.

Five Marines Killed

The five marines killed in the battle were: First Sergeant Johnny E. Hemphill, Chicago; Corporal Adolph Theilhart, Middle Village, Long Island, N. Y.; First Class Private George E. Goldsmith, Deer Park, Wis.; First Class Private W. Grady, Watson Point, La.; First Class Private Esther Grosz, Pleasant Plains, Ohio.

Six marines were injured seriously. They are: Capt. Richard Livingston, Philadelphia; Gunnery Sergeant Fred Coryell, Anacosta, Mont.; Private Robert M. Collins, Cobbtown, Ga.; Private Charles E. Turner, Terre Haute, Ind.; Private Bernard W. Coyne, Framingham, Mass.; Private Leonard J. Smith, New York City.

Two Officers Wounded

Among the seventeen other injured were two officers. They are: Lieut. William T. Minnick, medical corps, U. S. N., South Hills, Pittsburgh; First Lieutenant Moses J. Gould, Patterson, N. J.

Until the battle of Quilali, only seven marines had been killed during the months they had been in Nicaragua and at no time had more than two been killed in one engagement.

On Feb. 17, 1927, the marines left the United States and arrived in Nicaragua during the first week in March. They were sent here from the United States to suppress political disorders growing out of the election of President Diaz.

THEATER DEAL CLOSED

Chain to Spend Millions to Buy Midwest Houses.

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 2.—Twenty-five motion picture theaters in Missouri and Kansas, including five in Kansas City, for a consideration between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000, was announced last night by M. B. Shanberg, general manager of the Midland Theater and Realty Company, Inc.

COMES TO STEAL; BEGS

Negro Burglar Is Given Coal by Woman.

Mrs. Josephine Humphrey, 2342 Wheeler St., told police she heard a noise at a rear window Sunday night. She surprised a Negro who was trying to get in. He begged coal and money, she said, and allowed him to take what he wanted.

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Greet 'White' New-Year



Miss Lollie Braun, 1401 N. Pennsylvania St. (left), and Miss Wilma Stout, 241 N. New Jersey St., had their hopes for a “white” Christmas dimmed, but the “white” New Year’s was realized when the weather man ushered in a zero blizzard.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PROMOTIONS MADE

Battalion Chiefs Demoted; Voshell Will Succeed Jesse Hutsell.

Reduction of Battalion Chiefs William Stinehauer and W. T. Cochran to captaincies was announced today by Fred W. Connell, board of safety president, as a continuation of the board's plan to reorganize the fire department.

He was made assistant chief until April 1, succeeding Roy Phillips, reduced to lieutenant. Battalion Chief Fred C. Kennedy also becomes an assistant chief, succeeding Ernest Hinchman, reduced to captain.

Herbert Fulmer, now a battalion chief, will succeed Voshell as assistant chief April 1.

Chief Hutsell is expected to be offered a rank of considerable importance when he resigns, although the matter has not been arranged definitely. Hutsell has not indicated whether he will remain with the department.

Additional changes will be made in the department Tuesday, Connell said.

YOUTH GIVEN PRAISE BY NEW YORK PASTOR

Passing Through Transition Period, Declares Minister.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—American youth is passing through a period of transition, but never was there a time when the younger generation had as much nobility or idealism, according to the Rev. Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. Dr. Sizoo declares modern youth is not depraved, despite an increase in juvenile delinquency. He said that 85 per cent of penitentiary inmates are under 19 years of age.

“When the world was crying out that the young men and women of this day were entirely given over to sex, Charles A. Lindbergh shot across the seas and demonstrated the achievement of which modern youth is capable,” Dr. Sizoo said in a New Year's sermon.

Other soldiers finally subdued the rioters, but upon return to barracks another outbreak developed and all windows in the barracks were broken before order was established.

Four Are Shot In CABARET GUN FIGHT

By United Press
BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 2.—One man was killed and three other persons were injured when gunmen entered Peacock, a popular cabaret, just as the New Year's merriment was at its height.

Three gunmen appeared at the entrance, opened the door and, as the other three entered, they fired. One of the gunmen shot and killed George. Other shots were fired. Miss Charlotte Gaiser entered with a companion and was wounded in the head. Eugene Grayson, Joe Baggs and Wilbur Metz also were injured. The girl was said to be in a serious condition today.

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POLAR WAVE DEATH TOLL NEAR THIRTY

Intense Suffering Reported in East as Zero Blasts Sweep Seaboard.

RECORD DEPTH OF SNOW

Traffic Paralyzed; Country Districts Isolated; No Relief Near.

By United Press
The New Year brought zero temperatures and intense suffering, especially to the eastern half of the United States.

From the Atlantic seaboard to the Rockies, even including most parts of the South, blizzards caused acute discomfort. A rising death toll was expected to reach several score, with nearly thirty deaths already reported. Chicago reported nineteen and St. Louis eight.

Many cities of the Middle West were buried by near-record snowfalls. Highway and railroad traffic was impaired and air mail schedules were abandoned. Several serious railroad accidents have been caused by the storm.

No relief was expected for twenty-four hours.

Many rural districts were isolated and heavy losses in livestock were looked for unless the weather moderated.

East Bears Brunt

In New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and New England the thermometer fell steadily throughout the night and more zero temperatures were expected again tonight.

While the heavy snowfall general from the Rocky Mountains east to Pennsylvania, Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana were reported to have suffered the worst. Drifts in many sections were reported ten and twelve feet deep.

Quincy, Ill., reported the fall the heaviest in the history of its weather bureau. Roads were buried under snow many feet deep. A vast snow-drift three miles north of Quincy was reported holding forty-seven automobiles. Their occupants had reached safety after a terrific struggle.

South Hard Hit

Southeastern United States, from the Mason and Dixon line to the Gulf of Mexico, experienced the lowest temperatures of the year, with little prospect of early relief.

It was 4 above zero in Atlanta, while below freezing weather was experienced in the Carolinas, Georgia, Tennessee, Alabama and Louisiana. In Florida, from Tampa north, mercury readings were in the twenties.

Record cold gripped the Northwest as the mercury tobogganed to 25 degrees below zero.

High winds drifted the snow, blocking highways and railroad right-of-ways. Trains were running behind schedule. No deaths were reported.

At Chenoa, Ill., Mayor A. J. Schultz led a rescue party to the relief of 150 passengers of Chicago-St. Louis buses, marooned for several hours by the huge snowdrifts.

Five hundred persons were endangered on the Dunes highway, when their cars became locked in the drifts. Several hundred sought relief in an abandoned farm house until aid could reach them.

The lowest temperature reported in New York yesterday was 13 degrees above zero at 10 p. m. This was lowered in the early hours this morning, when the temperature dropped to just a few degrees above zero.

One death has been reported there thus far from the wind and low temperatures. Zira Trigila, 3, was killed when a piece of scaffolding, blown from a church under construction—struck her. The little girl was being carried by her father, who was injured, but not seriously.

The cold weather, however, brought relief to shipping. For two days many vessels were held up by a heavy fog that hung over the harbor. Several minor accidents were reported.

When the high winds started Saturday night, however, the fog lifted, permitting shipping to return to normal schedules.

Eight Below Here

The temperature sank to the record low mark of 8 below zero over the week-end here. The low mark was recorded at 7:30 a. m. Sunday.

Sunday afternoon the mercury rose to 2 above and then fell gradually, reaching another low mark of 5 below at 6 a. m. today.

It will be slightly warmer tonight, with the lowest slightly above zero the morning of Jan. 3.