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Cloudy and somewhat colder tonight, with possibly some rain, followed by fair and colder Thursday. Lowest temperature tonight about 30 to 35.

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UTILITY HEADS LEND IMPETUS TO PROSPERITY

Confer With President on Expenditures Involving Billions.

RECONDITION SIX SHIPS

Export Increases Loom; Hoover Now Ready to Step Aside.

By Raymond Clapper United Press Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Heads of the nation's great utilities representing billions of dollars in street railways, gas and electric power plants were invited to confer with President Hoover today to lay before him their program for assisting in the general stimulation of business activity in the coming year.

Utilities are expected to spend nearly \$2,000,000,000 on new street cars and tracks, and gas and electric plant extensions providing construction and machinery work in dozens of localities which will give employment to thousands.

This gigantic program will supplement the billions in expenditures planned for railroads, roads, public buildings and shipbuilding as outlined in the series of conferences which President Hoover has held.

It practically completes the President's share in aiding business to gain momentum. The federal government is assisting in addition by pushing down interest rates on both industrial and agricultural working capital.

Last Scheduled

After today's conference the last now contemplated, the President will prepare an address to be delivered at the general conference of business men under the auspices of the United States Chamber of Commerce here Dec. 5, when business will take over the responsibility of carrying the President's program forward.

President Hoover is highly gratified as the response his efforts have evoked throughout the country. But it is his hope now that the White House will be able to turn over the responsibility of carrying on to business itself.

The President feels that the problem essentially is one for business to work out. He was glad to throw the influence of his office into the situation as a means of bringing out the underlying facts of the situation. But the continuing activity necessary to push through must, he feels, come from business.

Utilities heads invited to today's conference include:

Many in Attendance

Owen C. Young, chairman of the board of directors of the General Electric Company; Samuel Insull, Commonwealth Edison Company, Chicago; Charles L. Edgar, Edison Electric Illuminating Company, Boston; W. A. Jones, vice-president Cities Service Company; John B. Miller, Southern California Edison Company, Los Angeles; Guy A. Richardson, general manager Chicago Surface Lines; N. B. Sloan, president New York Edison Company; Paul S. Clapp, National Light Association, New York; J. N. Shanahan, Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway Company, and J. P. Barnes, Louisville Railway Company.

Expectation of additional exports during the coming months was revealed by the United States shipping board today.

Recondition Ships

"In anticipation of substantial increases in the movements of grain, cotton and flour from gulf ports to Europe during the next several months, the shipping board has authorized the reconditioning of six steel cargo steamers now in layup," an official announcement said.

These ships, to be ready within sixty days, will be reconditioned at a cost of \$414,000.

The federal reserve board reported today that industrial activity in October continued at a higher level than a year ago and retail sales were sustained. In addition, the board reported that money rates declined throughout the period.

VENIRE OF 100 CALLED

Panel Summoned for Jury Service in Murder Trial Here.

A venire of 100 has been called for jury service to report in criminal court Tuesday for the trial of Charles Brown, 47, of 89 South New Jersey street, accused of the murder of his wife, Alma, at their home Aug. 18.

A stepson, Rex, 14, will be the principal witness for the state against Brown, who is alleged to have shot his wife five times, after a quarrel while he was drunk. Judge James A. Collins will hear the case.

One Edition

The Times, in accordance with its custom of giving its employees a part holiday on Thanksgiving day, will issue only one edition on Thursday.

Chinese Protest Ignored

Russ Deny Commission of Any Act Amounting to Ultimatum; Manchuria to Sue for Peace.

By United Press

MOSCOW, Nov. 27.—China's appeal to the signatories of the Kellogg treaty against war, protesting the "invasion" of Manchuria by Russia, was ignored today by the Soviet government.

The foreign office denied today that it had ordered Soviet troops to seize the Chinese Eastern Railway or that it had issued any statement to China which might be construed as an ultimatum.

The official statement was in answer to reports that the council of defense had sanctioned the Red army's advance in the direction of Harbin, looking toward a speedy occupation of the railway, after which negotiations would be begun with China regarding indemnity for Russian losses and future administration of the railway.

Soviet officials reiterated their claims that Chinese and white guardist henchmen had initiated the hostilities, obliging the red army to undertake punitive pursuit.

Despite denials of reports that the Manchurian government, centered at Mukden, would undertake independent peace negotiations with Russia, well-informed foreign circles here believed today that formal negotiations between the Mukden and Soviet governments likely would be begun in the near future.

It was believed Germany would act as intermediary for these preliminary negotiations because Germany necessarily would speak for the Chinese Nationalist government at Nanking, whereas Mukden desires to negotiate without the Nanking government's direct participation.

Urge Negotiations

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—Dispatches from Harbin today indicated the Chinese Nationalist government had authorized Manchurian authorities to negotiate with Soviet Russia in an effort to adjust the dispute which is alleged to have provoked Russian invasion of Chinese territory.

PILOT KILLED IN CRASH

Plane Drops Into Business Section of Town After Accident.

By United Press

WESTBURY, L. I., Nov. 27.—A biplane crashed on the roof of a building at Maple and Post avenues today, fatally injuring the pilot, who died in Nassau hospital. The pilot was believed to be James Pisan, about 18 or 20 years old, of Brooklyn.

After the crash, the plane fell into the business section of Westbury and attracted a large crowd. The ship was the property of the Roosevelt aviation school. Officials rushed to the scene of the accident, but could not ascertain the cause.

Newly Wed Couple Killed

By Times Special

COLUMBUS, Ind., Nov. 27.—Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Markland of this city were killed instantly this morning when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a Big Four freight train on a crossing at Nortonburg. The couple was married Nov. 19 in this city. Mrs. Markland bore the marriage was Mrs. Emma McComas.

Aged Farmer Dies

By Times Special

ALEXANDRIA, Ind., Nov. 27.—Granville Hicks, 77, farmer, is dead at his home here.

CEMENT CONTRACT LET ON LOW BID

State highway commissioners today observed the law governing bid reception and awarded a 500,000-barrel cement contract to the low bidding Marquette Cement Company of Illinois.

The remainder of the 2,000,000 barrels contracted for the 1930 paving program was split among eight firms using Indiana coal. All but three of the eight mills are located within the state.

In announcing the awards, Director John J. Brown of the state highway department stated that the commission always intended to give the Marquette company the contract on their low bids, despite the fact that the commission permitted the Indiana mills using Indiana coal to meet the price at the thirty-two delivery places upon which the Marquette company bid.

MANIAC BEATS WOMAN WITH POKER; FLEES

Posses of Citizens, Deputy Sheriffs Comb Swamp Near Lawrence.

VICTIM FIGHTS BRAVELY

Mrs. Floyd Groves Breaks Away and Calls Aid From Garage.

Posses of citizens and deputy sheriffs combed woods and swamps near Lawrence this afternoon seeking a man, believed insane, who attacked Mrs. Floyd Groves, 30, on the rear porch of her home in Lawrence shortly before noon.

He wrested a poker from her hand and wielded it on her neck and head before she broke away and ran to a garage across the street for aid.

As she fled, the maniac circled the house, and ran east from Pendleton pike, through swamps into nearby woods.

Mrs. Groves was seized by the crazed man when she stepped to the porch from the kitchen where she had been washing clothing.

"I've got you! I've got you!" he gloated as he grasped her, Mrs. Groves said.

Her hand fell on the stove poker, and she tried to beat off his attack. In his struggle to take the weapon from her the maniac ripped her clothes. Then he beat her with the poker.

Breaking away, she ran to the Lawrence Motor Inn, screaming for aid. Lester Bragdon and Alvin Thompson, garage employees, who went to the house, searched the vicinity for the man, finding only footprints leading toward a swamp.

Her assailant was short, wore ragged clothing and had several days' growth of beard, Mrs. Groves said.

REPORT FUND DRIVE PLEDGE

Leaders Hoping to Reach Quota at Session.

With their leaders optimistic in belief that the \$768,853 goal would be reached, workers in the tenth annual Community Fund drive were to meet at noon today at the Claypool for a final report of pledges collected during the twelve day campaign.

At the last report meeting, Monday, subscriptions were \$151,790 short of the goal. Total pledges reported thus far are \$645,062.58.

"Thirty-five social agencies in this city depend on the success of this drive," Hugh McK. Landis reminded captains and division chairmen today. "The campaign must not fall short of its quota, which already is too small to conduct all the social service work we should do in 1930."

Alien Workmen Target

U. S. May Move to Stop Commuting From Across Border.

By United Press

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Bar College Magazine

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Fowl Quartet Is Warbling Its Swan Song



"Am I blue? You'd be too, if each home had an ar waiting you."

WITH cackles, gobbles, quacks and chirps the Fowl Quartet—Messrs. Chicken, Turkey, Duck and Goose—sang "Am I Blue" today at the city market as Indianapolis housewives bargained for drumsticks and wishbones to grace the Thanksgiving day table.

Despite a slow drizzle, the market was crowded with sage dressing experts in search of the "fixings" for 1929's meal of meals.

In the right upper oval, Mike, the orange man, (no Irish blarney about him) is shown waiting on a customer.

Miss Margaret Watts of White-lane is the "Goose-Grill" in the left upper photo weighing out a fine "quacker" for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wentzell, 2337 North Delaware street.

"Beauty and the Beast" would be the apt title for the lower left photo of Kathleen Morgan, 230 East Pratt street, with a 32-pound "tom" raised by C. M. Jacoby of Acton.

In the middle a few cookies for the kiddies at the Little Sisters of the Poor—to help Thanksgiving day along. And I'm not a grand-ma, but I've been called one for a long time," laughingly remarks Miss Mary Walsh, 67, of 520 Vermont street, as she shops at the mart.

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NEGRO TO QUIT AS OGDEN DRY SPY

Horace Lyle, larger of the two Negro "dry spies" employed by Attorney-General James M. Ogdan and known as the Gold Dust Twins, declared today he is "all caught up" on liquor snooping.

"Yes, sir, I'm through," he asserted as he sat in Ogdan's office waiting for his pay check and expense account.

"I admit I wasn't drunk the last time I was here," he continued. "I admit I smelled strong of liquor, but I had been drinking and was just mad. That's how come I looked that way. You see I'd been traveling around with a bootlegger all day and of course I've got to drink."

The occasion referred to was a visit to Ogdan's office a week ago. The attorney-general at that time admitted smelling liquor on the big Negro, but pointed out that drinking was part of his employment.

He said then that Lyle and his partner, Robert West, would continue in his employ despite their having been arrested. Lyle was turned over to the federal authorities on a charge of an alleged blackmail attempt on a Kokomo barbecue stand owner facing liquor violation charges. West still is awaiting trial under bond in criminal court here on statutory charges brought by a 16-year-old Negro girl.

Ogdan employed Lyle and West upon recommendation of the Indiana Anti-Saloon League, he said.

Lyle was close to the league under the regime of the late Dr. E. S. Shumaker, state superintendent.

"I haven't had any luck in this business since Dr. Shumaker died," he lamented today. "You see the politicians were afraid of Shumaker and they knew he was backing me."

Shotts Confere During Argument Over Thanksgiving Program.

By United Press

HARRISBURG, Ill., Nov. 27.—Dwight Organ, 26, school teacher, is held in jail here charged with killing Leslie Lightfoot, Carrier Mills school teacher, during an argument over the change of date for a Thanksgiving program.

Lightfoot is a director in the school district wherein Organ's school is located. Officers who arrested Organ after the shooting on Tuesday night said the two teachers began arguing over the Thanksgiving program at the Harrisburg school, and that Organ seized a gun and shot Lightfoot twice.

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GROCERY PLANT SWEEP BY FIRE

Damage at Schnull & Co. Nearly \$15,000.

Fire, believed to have originated from defective wiring, early today swept the Schnull & Co. wholesale grocery warehouse at 2603 East Washington street, causing damage estimated at between \$12,000 and \$15,000.

Chelsie Werzburger, substitute fireman of company No. 7, overcame by smoke, was revived by the city ambulance crew.

Two alarms called practically every fire department in the central section of the city to fight the blaze, which was discovered at 3:30 o'clock by Roy Alfred, 2533 East Washington street, who awoke to find his home filled with smoke.

He investigated and saw the flames in the grocery warehouse.

The building is a one-story cement structure, 100x40 feet. "Damage to the building was estimated at between \$2,000 and \$3,000 by Orlando O'Grady, manager, 339 North State avenue."

The grocery stock was ruined by the fire and water, and but little can be salvaged. Manager O'Grady said. Damage to the stock will total between \$10,000 and \$12,000, it was estimated.

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SKIES WILL CLEAR

Rains to Cease Morning of Thanksgiving.

By United Press

CHICAGO, Nov. 27.—Matty Beemick, a steamfitter, fell or jumped nine stories to his death some time early today in the area between the city hall and the county building. He crashed through a skylight and landed between two desks in the county recorder's office, where he was found, still alive, by a watchman.

Unable to tell how the fall occurred, Beemick died a short time later in the county hospital.

FOUR STUDENTS KILLED

One of Grade Crossing Crash Victims Still Unidentified.

By United Press

CANTON, N. Y., Nov. 27.—Four St. Lawrence university students were killed today when their automobile was struck by a train at a grade crossing near Canton.

Three of the dead were identified as Raymond J. Beardsley, a sophomore of New Berlin; Nelson P. Lobdell of Victor, and W. B. Anderson of Bridgeport, Conn.

HAND UP INDICTMENTS

Grand Jury Formally Accuses Woman of Two Child Slayings.

By United Press

CAMDEN, N. J., Nov. 27.—The Camden county grand jury prepared today to hand up two indictments, which it is understood, formally accuse Gladys May Parks of slaying two children, entrusted to her care. Miss Parks surrendered to the police Nov. 10, but day after day of questioning failed to shake her story that Dorothy Rogers, 4, and Timothy Rogers, 3, died of accidental causes. She admitted taking their bodies to a lonely spot.



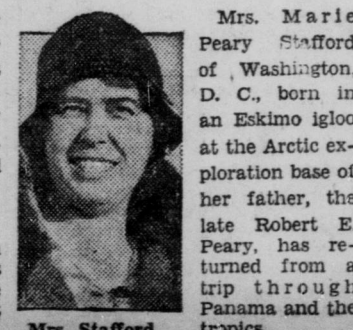
Mrs. Lottie O'Neill for four terms.



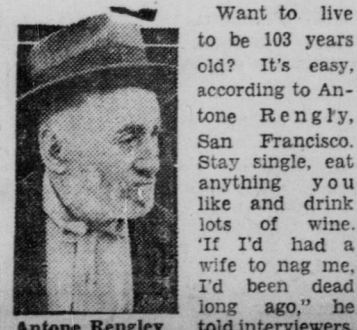
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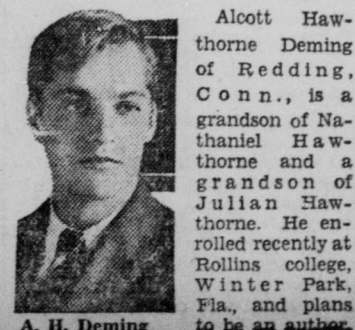
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