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Mostly cloudy tonight and Saturday, with rain or snow tonight; somewhat colder. Lowest temperature tonight near freezing.

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BOMB TERROR PLOTTERS ARE SOUGHT BY U. S.

Sixteen Are Sent Through Mails; Three Are Killed by Explosions.

ITALIANS UNDER ARREST

Communists and Foes of Fascists Suspected by Investigators.

By United Press

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—Postal inspectors today pressed a nationwide investigation to determine the source of sixteen deadly bombs revealed in widely separated cities. The bombs already have proved fatal to three men at Easton, Pa. Postal inspectors at Easton believe the bombs found during the last forty-eight hours were sent as part of a national terrorist plot. Several others believe them to be the result of an anti-Fascist plot. Bomb experts with the New York police department attributed the plot to Communists and their associates in several cities in which bombs have been reported, all believed to be a part of the plot which killed three men when it was discovered in Easton.

New York—Police learned five bombs had been sent by express Dec. 29 from this city to Italian offices in Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland and Youngstown, O.

Bombs Are Intercepted

Chicago—Three bombs reported. One addressed to Oscar Danante, vice-president of Chicago school board and editor of a pro-Fascist paper. It was exploded by police. One addressed to the Associated Press turned over to police. One addressed to Italian Consul, intercepted. Two others received, details withheld by police.

Easton, Pa.—Charles V. Weaver, expert examining bombs which had killed two postal employees, died of injuries received when one exploded as he opened it.

Cleveland—Bomb from New York delivered to Count Cesar Buzzi-Gradenigo, Italian consul. Police exploded the bomb.

Detroit—Police exploded one bomb addressed to Count Ugo Berni Canani, Italian consul.

Yonkers, N. Y.—Police exploded another bomb sent to Dr. Attilio Rasape, Italian consul general. Washington—Special police guard posted as guard around Italian embassy at request of Ambassador Demarino.

Addressed to Italians

Most of the deadly packages were addressed to Italians with known sympathies with the regime of Benito Mussolini.

J. J. Kennedy and George McCartney of the New York bomb squad left Easton following an unsuccessful call from New York headquarters and are investigating a tip that a known bomb maker in northern New Jersey may have manufactured the deadly missiles.

Chief Postal Inspector Harry C. Getchell, who ordered the arrest of Anthony Rossi and Oscar Viola, two youthful Italians in the College hotel in Allentown, said at Easton today that every additional bomb mailed or expressed increased the chance of solving the mystery.

Denies He's Communist

Viola, in an interview with the United Press in the Easton city jail, denied that he was a Communist, but admitted that he had been in Philadelphia when Dino Grandi, Italian foreign minister, was a guest of the municipality several weeks ago.

At that time, Orlando Spartaco, anti-Fascist youth, was arrested by mounted patrolmen when he attempted to leap on the running board of the foreign minister's car. He was convicted of inciting to riot in quarter sessions court. Judge Harry S. McDevitt sentenced him to two years in jail. Later, Spartaco was released on bail.

Viola said his presence in Philadelphia during the time of Grandi's visit had no significance. Postal authorities were of a different opinion.

They have requested Philadelphia detective officials to carefully investigate all known anti-Fascist and Communist groups in the city which might connect Viola with either organization.

Believed to Be Organizer

Getchell said that he was satisfied that Viola was an organizer of the Young Communist League. "When we have an opportunity to compare printing on the bombs," Getchell told the United Press, "we hope to definitely establish that the same persons are responsible for their mailings."

"Once we can establish that fact," he said, "we hope to be on the way to a solution of the crime."

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Getchell said that today every person who said he could identify the two swatthy foreigners who mailed the six packages in the Easton postoffice will be asked to inspect several thousand pictures of known communists and anti-Fascists from New York and Philadelphia.

Hourly Temperatures
6 a. m. 45 8 a. m. 44
7 a. m. 45 9 a. m. 43

1932, a Gay Young Buck, Makes Bow

From Bedtime Story Hour to Milkman's Hour, the City Celebrates.

A grizzled and sadly battered old fellow buried in his coat collar, disappeared into a fog this morning. He was 1931.

And as he turned the corner with skidding taxis loaded with revelers, a young buck stepping high, wide and handsome rolled into town in the person of Mister 1932.

The inclement weather did not daunt Mister 1932.

The unhappy men of the grizzled old veteran did not daunt him.

He celebrated. From the bedtime story hour Thursday night until the milkman's hour this morning, he still was stepping and stepping strong.

A series of automobile accidents were discordant notes in the swan song of the old year.

Two Orchestras Play

At the Indianapolis Athletic Club, two orchestras, aided by professional entertainers, catered to the crowd's merry-making.

A dinner dance at the Columbia Club merged into a breakfast at 4 this morning.

Dancing with "ham and" at 3 this morning brought the New Year to the Hoosier Athletic Club.

City theaters catered to crowds of revelers at midnight shows. Raucous horns accompanied showers of confetti at county roadhouses and country clubs.

Witness of the New Year's coming was of the weather variety for the most part. Police, although "run ragged" on minor accident and peace disturbance calls, reported but three persons arrested on drunkenness charges.

Four blind tigers were raided during the night. Seven automobile drivers were detained for operating cars while under the influence of liquor.

Federal agents, stationed at hotels and clubs, reported a lively, but guarded welcoming of the New Year. City churches celebrated the New Year with special watch night services.

5,000 at Cadle

At Cadle Tabernacle, approximately 5,000 persons heard Betram C. Day discuss "the New Year."

The Rev. George Arthur Frantz, pastor of the First Presbyterian church outlined the church's spiritual program for the year, in a similar service.

Holy communion at the Barth Place Methodist church celebrated the advent of 1932.

Today, besides its headaches and late breakfasts, found Governor Harry G. Leslie holding open house at the gubernatorial mansion.

A tea and reception was scheduled at the Meridian Hills Country Club and the Propylaeum.

Members of the Scottish Rite also held open house.

All governmental offices of the city were closed. No residential mail deliveries were made.

Railroads, busses and interurbans reported increased travel, with all scheduled maintained despite slippery rails.

CRASH KILLS THREE

Pilot Is Confused by Fog and Plane Plunges.

By United Press

SPRINGFIELD, O., Jan. 1.—Foggy, hazy weather was blamed today for the tragic crash of an American airways passenger plane that took the lives of three persons last night on the night of the muddy field of a farm near Brighton, O.

The dead are: A. L. Wenner, Cincinnati; A. G. Mayer, Louisville, and Louis E. Stone, Norwood, O.

Pilot L. L. Bowen, Louisville and W. B. Welback, Cincinnati, are near death in a hospital here.

The plane left Cleveland at 4:33 p. m. bound for Louisville, with four passengers, homeward bound for the holidays.

Unable to penetrate the fog, it is believed that Pilot Bowen tried to make a forced landing in the dark. The ship buried its nose in the mud after striking the water-soaked highway on the farm of C. L. Snodgrass, one mile south of the National highway, near Brighton.

BOY SHOT; NEAR DEATH

Wound From Christmas Air Rifle May Be Fatal.

Russell Lovick, 15, of 843 Easton avenue, was near death today in city hospital, with a bullet wound in the neck from a Christmas air rifle.

Lovick and John Sandstrom, 12, of 1232 Broadway, Apt. 7, were playing at Lovick's home Thursday when the Sandstrom boy pointed the rifle at Lovick and pulled the trigger, not knowing it was loaded.

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GAG ON PRESS DEMANDED IN DEATH TRIAL

Judge to Decide Monday on Attorney's Request to Bar Reporter.

CLEARED OF CONTEMPT

Knoxville (Tenn.) Newspaper Scorns Jurist's Call for Apology.

By United Press

MT. STERLING, Ky., Jan. 1.—Exclusion of a Knoxville newspaper man from the Montgomery county circuit courtroom during the William Hightower murder conspiracy trial, will be decided upon Monday night.

Hightower, president of the Evans (Ky.) local, United Mine Workers of America, is charged with conspiracy to murder Jim Daniels, one of three Harlan county deputy sheriffs slain in a gun battle near Evans last May 5.

The killing climaxed a series of labor disturbances in the southeastern Kentucky coal fields.

Hearing on a motion by the prosecution in the Hightower case to bar John T. Moutoux, member of the Knoxville (Tenn.) News-Sentinel staff, originally was scheduled for today. It was postponed, on request for further time to prepare the defense by W. H. Townsend, Lexington, Ky., attorney for Moutoux.

Reporter Is Attacked

Moutoux no sooner was released from a contempt of court citation by Judge Henry B. Prewitt Thursday than he was ordered to show cause why he should be permitted to remain in the courtroom, by motion by W. C. Hamilton, commonwealth attorney.

Hamilton presented an affidavit by J. B. Snyder, prosecution counsel, charging that Moutoux had made statements "derogatory to the courts" and "very antagonistic to the prosecution."

Judge Prewitt, in the contempt of court proceedings, held that a special article Moutoux had written for the News-Sentinel, following the recent trial of W. B. Jones on a similar charge to those against Hightower, which criticized the conduct of Hamilton, was not contempt.

He held an editorial published in the paper was in contempt, however, and ruled that no representative of the News-Sentinel could "take notes" in his courtroom until the newspaper apologized. In an editorial Thursday, the News-Sentinel said it had no apology to make.

Barred From Courtroom

Judge Prewitt gave Moutoux permission to remain and report the trial as a special correspondent for the United Press, on condition that he write anything for the News-Sentinel. It was when he returned to the courtroom in this capacity that the prosecution motion to exclude him was made.

Moutoux is barred from the courtroom pending outcome of the hearing.

Hightower is the second of ten defendants whose trials were transferred here, 200 miles from the scene of the Harlan county slayings. Jones, secretary of the Evans branch, was the first of the group brought to trial. He was sentenced to life imprisonment upon conviction early in December.

Like Previous Case

Prosecution testimony in the present trial closely parallels that presented in the Jones case. Numerous witnesses have testified as to hearing the shooting in the May 5 battle, come as to seeing it, but none are able to identify definitely the participants.

Other witnesses have told of asserted incendiary speeches allegedly made by Hightower in union meetings at Evans.

George Mize, a miner, testified Hightower once said: "We'll have to get rid of those thugs up there before we can do any good," in referring to efforts of the miners to unionize the open shop mines of the district.

Maze said deputies were called "damnable thugs" by the miners.

WOMAN HELD IN THEFT

Marie Brown Charged With Taking \$500 Diamond Stickpin.

Miss Marie Brown, 431 North Illinois street, was arrested Thursday on a charge of grand larceny by detectives John Marren and Edward Glenn.

They charge Miss Brown stole a diamond stick pin valued at \$500 from W. F. Reagen of Bridgeport. The pin was recovered in a pawn shop.

Beck came here from Chicago hopeful of settling the differences with his wife from whom he had been separated twelve years.

When they could not agree, he drew a revolver, shot the woman, fired a bullet wildly at his daughter, Mrs. Mary Hammond, and then shot himself.

Courts have co-operated with police in enforcing the laws to halt accidents and the death toll. But this has not aided the situation.

Men, women and children have been struck down on streets and others have been injured and killed while riding in automobiles, which were the targets of unheeding drivers.

Most fragrant defenders of the decade are hit-and-run motorists. They fell their victims, perhaps stop, and then flee. Many of them are not caught.

"It may be because police are not sufficiently active, but many times it is due to failure of witnesses to obtain license numbers or accurate descriptions of the vampire car and its pilot."

The Times on Labor day opened a two-week campaign to protect

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1931 Gloom Is Buried; 1932 Joy Is Here

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Scat! Hard Times.

Beat it! Depression.

I'm here. I'm Miss Happy Year. I've got the key that'll unlock your chest of "blues."

And sure I'm a girl, because it's Leap Year.

When I climbed out of my crib this morning for this big break, I had a heap of headaches to contend with, but was I solemn?

Not me! I'm the original fast-stepping prosperity babe of 1932, and it's my time to howl.

Of course, I'm really Miss

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