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## BORGER HAS HEAVY FIRE DAMAGE

### OFFICERS START WEST WITH MR. ORMISTON

(By Associated Press) HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 9.—Kenneth G. Ormiston, missing radio operator of Angelus Temple, wanted in connection with the Aimee Semple McPherson "kidnapping" case in Los Angeles, left here today for Chicago in company with Charles Ellwood and Harris Donnelly, private detectives of Chicago, according to Chief of Police Thompson.

Ormiston was apprehended here last night in a rooming house where he had been living under the name of "F. Lininger."

The former radio announcer was surprised when the officers dropped in on him. He told them he had been in Harrisburg for about two months, coming here from Atlantic City, New Jersey.

### Theft of Air Steeds Next to Face A.H.T.A.

(By Associated Press) KANSAS CITY, Dec. 9.—Rounding up thieves of aerial steeds may be the part of members of the Anti-Horse Thief Association, if history repeats itself.

There was a time in the horse-stealing days of the Southwest when the association had its hands full in running down those who rustled their neighbor's horses. In fact, that situation, and a flocking of criminals to the state, resulted in organization of the society in 1854 in Missouri.

Methods of protection devised in the Western mining camps were incorporated in the new organization by two of its founders, Major David McKee and Hugh Allen Stewart, who were 49'ers in California. For years after the Civil War, when horse thieves flourished, the A. H. T. A. made it hot for the rustler.

One of the most famous of the horse runners whom the society and the federal government sought to curb was "Tom King." In the three years that he operated in the old Indian Territory, he probably stole more horses than any man ever got away with in a similar period. He was a puzzle to his pursuers and escaped every trap that was laid for him.

The society often protected banks and gradually drifted into a general law enforcement organization, spreading through the Southwest and extending East into Illinois, Iowa and Ohio. In 1908 the Kansas branch of the association asked the legislature to pass more stringent laws regulating the speed of motor cars.

Having taking cognizance of the gasoline steed, the A. H. T. A. busied itself in running down motor car thieves, though not losing sight of its original purpose when a horse theft was reported.

And now, just as the motor thief pushed back the horse thief, so the purloiner of airplanes is thrusting aside the rustler of automobiles. Several airplane thefts have been reported in the Southwest and if history really does repeat itself, the A. H. T. A. soon will be taking up the pursuit of the thieves of aerial steeds.

C. P. Scott, auditor for the G. C. & S. F. Ry., spent Wednesday night in Ballinger with friends while looking after business in this section.

### MOVES TO BAR 2 FROM SENATE

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, December 9.—The first move to bar from the Senate, Frank Smith, of Illinois, and William Vare, of Pennsylvania, elected as Republicans, was made today by Senator Dill, Democrat from Washington, who charged that huge sums had been expended in their primary campaigns.

### Gutenberg Bible at Yale on Public View

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 7.—The most interesting in the opinion of many among Yale University's literary treasures—the Gutenberg Bible—will shortly be placed on public exhibition in the Yale library. The volume will be placed in a permanent case.

The date of the Gutenberg Bible is believed to be about 1455. Old as this book is Dr. Edward R. Johnson, of West Haven, has one of Latin prayers on manuscript bound into a volume six by three inches and two inches thick which probably was written about A. D. 1200. It is a "Book of the Hours" written for a person of wealth. Authorities on manuscripts at Yale University have suggested that the book be placed for preservation and safe keeping in a museum.

### British Scientist Says John Bull is Pre-Saxon

LONDON, Dec. 7.—John Bull is not a Saxon at all, as generally supposed. John Bull, it seems, is sort of a prehistoric Caucasian.

Sir Arthur Keith, the famous anthropologist, has been coldly examining this world known figure who started on his path to fame in 1712, and concluded that the typical John Bull as seen by the cartoonist is not in the least typical of Englishmen. Said Sir Arthur to the Royal Society of Medicine:

"Neither in face nor coloring is John Bull a true Saxon, and to find his prototype it is necessary to go far back to certain invaders early in the second millennium, B. C., who appear to have originated beyond the Caucasus where big noses and round heads still abound."

### DOHENY GIVES HIS STORY

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, December 9.—Edward L. Doheny made his own plea of innocence today before a jury that must decide whether or not he is guilty of criminal conspiracy.

The millionaire said the only reason he advanced Albert B. Fall the \$100,000, was because Fall was a personal friend and he wanted to help him out of personal financial trouble.

Doheny disclaimed firmly that the money had any connection with the award of the Elk Hill and Pearl Harbor oil contracts to the Doheny interests, while Fall, now co-defendant in the conspiracy charge, was secretary of the interior department.

The oil magnate was preceded on the stand by his wife and son, who both said the loan was purely a personal loan.

Be wise and advertise.



### MYSTERY BOMBER MAKES REPORT HELD IN CORPUS ON COAST GUARD

(By Associated Press) CORPUS CHRISTI, Dec. 9.—Frank Bonner, 28 years of age, of San Antonio, was indicted by a Nueces county grand jury in connection with the Corpus Christi bomb mystery that claimed the lives of J. A. Barnes, 47 years of age, and his son, Jesse, aged 7 years, on November 14, 1925.

Bonner will be arraigned before District Judge Cunningham Monday. He was placed in jail here today after being arrested in San Antonio last night.

### MERCURY DROPS ALL OVER TEXAS

(By Associated Press) DALLAS, Dec. 9.—Falling temperatures were recorded today in West and North Texas, with freezing weather prevailing in the Panhandle.

Light rains which have fallen for several days continued in some sections.

Weather Forecast

West Texas—Thursday rain or snow in North, rain in South portion. Friday, generally cloudy, not much change in temperature.

East Texas—Thursday, partly cloudy, rain in East portion, cooler in East and South portions. Friday, cloudy, probably rain in South portion. Moderate East to Northeast winds on South coast.

### COOPER BROS BUY AMERICAN CAFE

Armon and Everett Cooper have purchased E. C. Moor's interest in the American Cafe. The deal was closed Wednesday and announced Thursday.

Cooper brothers will continue to operate the cafe under the same name.

Mr. Moor states that he has nothing definite in view at the present, but hopes to still make Ballinger home.

### MISSING CLERK GIVES UP TODAY

(By Associated Press) MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 9.—Rush Park, American Savings Bank clerk, who disappeared a week ago before a shortage of approximately \$100,000 was found in his accounts, surrendered to the police today.

(By Associated Press) BORGER, Tex., Dec. 9.—The ruins of seven buildings in the business district, and three injured men in a local hospital were the evidences here today of Borger's exciting night of saving itself from a destructive fire. The blaze which threatened to envelope the entire town and which cut off telegraph and telephone communication, swept rapidly through the frame and sheet iron buildings of the oil town about midnight.

Residents with buckets of water, axes, automobiles, trucks, and dynamite fought to save the city.

The total damage is estimated at about \$150,000.

The fire started in a theatre and was not brought under control until it reached the brick wall of a clothing store.

### MANY SUFFERING BELIEVES 20 COLD IN CHINA KILLED IN BLAST

(By Associated Press) PEKING, Dec. 9.—Severe cold weather is adding much to the suffering brought about by warfare conditions at Foochow, according to reports received here.

Scores are reported to have died from the cold, and more than 70,000 are said to be homeless. Low temperatures are also causing much suffering here. A number of persons have been frozen to death.

(By Associated Press) PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 9.—Rescue crews at noon today predicted the dead in the explosion today at the Francisco Mine No. 2, might total 20.

(By Associated Press) PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 9.—Several men are believed to have been killed when an explosion occurred today in the Francisco coal mine No. 2, located six miles East of here.

Between 60 and 78 miners were entombed for a time, but later emerged from the man-way so rapidly that all count was lost.

### DAN RAINES' PARENTS HERE TO VISIT HIM

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Raines, of Mason, came to Ballinger thru the mud and slush Wednesday to see their son, Dan Raines, held in the Runnels county jail here on charges of burglary and theft. The parents of the youth made arrangements to have him released from jail.

Dan is 17 years old. He was arrested in Laredo by federal immigration officers after having made his way to that city following an alleged burglary of the Ward Filling Station here. He was returned to Ballinger by Sheriff R. E. McWilliams, and charges were filed against him.

The young man has been in 16 states and Canada since he left home a few months ago.

### Passion Play Cast is Reduced by Death

(By Associated Press) OBERAMMERGAU, Dec. 8.—With the death of Gregor Breitsamter at the age of 71, the cast of the Passion Play has lost one of its most valuable impersonators. In 1900 Breitsamter was the Nathaniel, in 1905 the speaker of the prologue and in 1922 he impersonated the character part of King Herod.

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- \$18.00 to \$22.50 three-piece Suits, on sale \$12.50
- \$25.00 students' Suits with two trousers \$18.50
- \$15.00 to \$16.50 students' all-wool three-piece Suits, sale price \$9.75
- \$10.00 to \$12.00 Students' three-piece Suits, sale price \$7.50

All boys' Suits with knicker trousers, at half price.

#### HIGH GRADE DRESS TROUSERS REDUCED FROM \$6.50 TO

**\$4.50**

Handsome tailored all-wool Dress Trousers in the greatest array of desirable patterns that we have ever shown. Some are in suit patterns and in many instances it is possible to match that odd coat. These values are so exceptional that they must be seen to be fully appreciated.

#### SALE OF ALL BEACON SHOES FOR MEN—VALUES TO \$7.50 CHOICE

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Yes, we lose money on them at this low price, but we want to clear our shelves during this final sale. Both oxfords and hi-cuts in the newest styles, many not more than a few weeks old, and you will have to act quick if you get your size in the style wanted. Better hurry—such bargains don't last.

#### ALL SWEATERS AND KNIT GOODS REDUCED

**ONE-THIRD**

In this group is included a full line of drummer's samples purchased at a substantial reduction, making the saving in some instances more than half. Most any wanted style of sweater in a full range of sizes and colors.



#### All Specially Priced for this Sale

- Shirts, \$1.25 to \$4.50
- Fancy Handkerchiefs, 25c to \$1.00
- Boxed Neckwear, 75c to \$1.50
- Silk and silk wool Hosiery, 50c to \$1.50
- Imported Mufflers, 75c to \$3.50
- Belts, 50c to \$1.50
- Mallory Hats, \$6.50 to \$10.00
- Pajamas, \$1.50 to \$4.50
- Osborn Gloves \$1.50 to \$3.50
- Campus Caps, \$2.00 to \$3.00
- Bootees, \$6.00 to \$10.00
- House Slippers, \$1.00 to \$2.50
- Bath Robes, \$4.50 to \$8.00.



### Final Clearance of Men's and Boys' Overcoats

Regular Prices: Boys' \$6.00 to \$15.00; Men's \$12.50 to \$30.00

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One flat reduction on every Overcoat—models for any age, from dressy, light-weight top-coats to heavy plaid-back woolens for the coldest weather. Our stock is very complete with a full range of sizes and colors. Make your selections while your size is here.

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- Size 66x80 good quality Cotton Blankets, gray with colored borders. A wonder value at \$2.50 regularly, clearance \$1.75
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- Beautiful part wool Blanket Robes of generous size in a selection of colorful plaids, silk bound and attractively boxed, making a most practical gift, regularly \$4.60, clearance price \$3.65

Old Santa has roamed the wide world over! He has scoured the earth from pole to pole for the gifts that you'll like to give. And now, when his bag bulging with the finest of things, he opens them here for you. Your selections may be varied, unusual and many, but you run no risk of being unable to choose from this store, because everything that the heart could desire can be found—and given!

**D. Reed**  
**DRY GOODS**  
**TWO FRONTS--HUTCH**

Ballinger, Tex

# FINAL CLEARANCE

That Means "Oppo" **The Last Sale**

## Commencing Friday, Dec. 1

Here is the last Clearance of the year. We mention it because we have and it offers a most excellent opportunity to secure many things that would. So look at the things advertised here with an eye to Christmas as well as gifts, including toys for the kiddies, which space does not permit our listing.

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**Silk Lingerie**  
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Teddies, Step-ins, Gowns, Slips—all made of heavy quality chine or rayon in the past. Tailored and lace trimmed—delightful, priced regularly at \$7.50, less

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### Great Values---Don't Miss Them

- Women's knit Petticoats, \$1.00 values, sale price 49c
- Children's knit Princess Slips, ages 2 to 4, sale price 49c
- Women's good quality Flannelette Gowns, \$1.50 grade, sale price .98c
- Children's cotton ribbed Hose, 25c to 30c grades, sale price 15c
- Corduroy Kimonos, pink and rose, \$3.00 values, sale price \$2.98
- Figured Flannelette Kimonos, \$2.50 values, sale price \$1.19
- Corduroy for Robes, four shades, regularly \$1.00 yard, 59c
- Wool Flannels in plaids, stripes and solids, 54 inches wide, values up to \$3.50, yard \$1.98
- Silk and Cotton Suitings in plaids and stripes, regularly 50c, yard 29c
- Indelibell Suitings in most all shades, regularly 60c, yard 39c
- Dress Linens, 36 inches wide, pre-shrunk \$1.00 grade, yard 49c
- English Prints in patterns, regular
- Satinella for ble all shades, regul
- Oil Cloth, standa figured designs,
- Feather Ticking stripe, 8-ounce,
- 9-4 Brown Sheet yard



Santa loves Children—from the "wee" ones up, and has gifts aplenty need be no disappointed kiddies Christmas morning. Just visit our Second Floor and take a look at the immense variety on display there. something for every age. Space does not permit listing them separately. youngster is invited to inspect this wonderful showing.

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**Movies**

**Barthelme Scores a Personal Triumph in "Just Suppose"**

Richard Barthelme as a prince and Lois Moran, beautiful screen star, as a princess! In the whole world of make-believe nothing more rapturously romantic can be imagined.

It all happens in the mythical kingdom of Koronia, a dominion of pomp, ceremony, grandees—and love. It is "Just Suppose"—two of the happiest words in the English language.

Barthelme, who in many ways in the picture resembles the Prince of Wales, woos a young American girl. But the death of an elder brother suddenly places him in direct line of regal inheritance, and his country supersedes his love. However, though Cupid seems routed and love is apparently sacrificed for the throne, all is rearranged at the end, and the sun shines smilingly on a happy prince and a happy princess. It is all like a beautiful fairy tale—and yet nothing like it at all.

Barthelme gives a distinguished performance. This sort of excellence has come to be taken for granted in this splendid actor. As for Lois Moran, a relative newcomer to the screen, she is priceless. Such delicacy, reserve and restraint has rarely been seen in the films before. She has an inborn genius for pantomime that will place her among the really great before she is very much older. She is only sixteen new.

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**HOOT GIBSON**  
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Langsville, Ohio.—"For years and years I suffered with severe headache," says Mrs. Jane Campbell, of this place. "It wasn't any pleasure for me to go places, for I came home with sick headache. If I went to church or to any social gathering or to town to shop, when I got back I would have these headaches and have to go to bed for a day or more, till I would just get out of heart and would not try to go."

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**Christmas Sale**  
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**THE NECESSITY SHOP**  
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Public bath-houses for dogs are maintained at the city's cost for the sportsmen of Stassburg.

**Clubs and Lodges**

**Royal Neighbors Name Officers for Next Year**

Officers for the local chapter of the Royal Neighbors of America who were elected at a recent meeting, are as follows:

Mrs. John McKay, oracle; Mrs. Ethel Hull, vice-oracle; Mrs. Henry Todd, chancellor; Mrs. Abbie Pogue, recorder; Miss Edell Belle Walker, receiver; Mrs. Eunice Clary, marshal; Mrs. Louise Phillips, assistant marshal; Mrs. Joe Thomas, manager; Mrs. Frances Stallworth, musician; Mrs. Louise Crawford, faith; Mrs. Frank Corder, courage; Mrs. Tom McDonald, endurance; Mrs. Marth Jonas, modesty; Mrs. Louise Neely, unselfishness; Mrs. J. C. Cook, inner sentinel; Mrs. H. S. Yeager, outer sentinel; and Mrs. Sarah Cobb, past oracle.

These officers were named at the last regular meeting of the order and will direct the activities of the local Royal Neighbors for the ensuing year.

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**WEDDING BELLS**

**Russell Patterson**

One of the most beautiful weddings of the season was that of Miss Thelma Patterson and Ralph Russell, Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Valley View Baptist Church, with Rev. M. C. Golden officiating.

The church was beautifully decorated with fern and cut flowers. Miss Velma Turner at the piano played the wedding march.

The bride wore an orchid georgette gown with trimmings to match.

The bridesmaid, Miss Clara Patterson, was escorted by Mr. Allen Patterson. Miss Patterson wore a beautiful dress of green taffeta.

The little Misses Florene and Lorene Wood, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Wood, beautifully dressed in white georgette, scattered flower petals in the path of the bride.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. J. A. Patterson, of the Valley View community, and one of the prettiest and most popular young ladies of that community.

Mr. Russell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Russell, of the same community.

The many friends of the young couple are glad to know that they will continue to make Valley View their home.

After an engagement lasting 25 years John Wilsher and Mary Marshall were married at a Clapton church in London.

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The postoffice in Sweden is a money making institution, the net profits for the last year being \$3,271,317.56 or \$55 per inhabitant.

Revenue of the four great railroads of England has fallen by 25 millions sterling during the six months of the coal stoppage.

HELIUM FROM HYDROGEN TEST OPENS NEW FIELD

(By Associated Press)

BERLIN, Dec. 9.—What scientists regard as the first step in the building up of matter by human effort is the result of the announcement of Drs. Kurt Peters and Jacob Paneth, University of Berlin chemists, that they succeeded in making helium out of hydrogen.

The discovery, if adapted to commercial purposes, will revolutionize the costly method of extracting the rare helium gas from natural gas wells for use in inflating the gas bags of dirigibles, it is believed.

The experiments of the scientists are among the first authenticated instances in the struggle of scientists to unveil the mysteries of atoms and electrons in which bigger atoms have been made out of little ones, instead of smaller ones out of big ones. When Professor Miethe and others said they produced gold from mercury, they broke down an element, but since the atomic weight of helium is almost four times that of hydrogen, the Berlin savants claim actually to have built up an element.

Drs. Peters and Paneth said they placed a quantity of palladium sponge in a sealed test tube of chemically pure hydrogen. Heated to a high temperature for 48 hours, the palladium acted as a catalytic agent, producing, they said, as much as one-tenthousandth of a cubic centimeter of helium from the hydrogen in every succeeding 24 hours. A spectroscopic analysis confirmed the presence of helium, which in a number of other experiments they said they ran off and separated in another tube. The process is not expensive. The time and labor element is the only thing, they claim, which so far mitigates against the usefulness of the process for commercial helium manufacture.

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Seth Thomas Chime Clocks.

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PLAN NEW POSTOFFICE FOR C. I. A. STUDENTS

DENTON, Dec. 9.—Plans are underway for a new campus post-office at the College of Industrial Arts. The matter will be submitted for a final decision to the board of directors tomorrow.

When the building is completed the present system of delivering mail in the dormitories will be abandoned. All students will be permitted to rent boxes.

John Gorman, of the Southwestern Paper Company, Fort Worth, was in Ballinger Wednesday calling on customers.

CHANGES PLANS ANNUAL MEETING

Plans for the annual Chamber of Commerce membership meeting have been decidedly changed by the entertainment committee of the chamber. The alterations were decided upon Thursday at a meeting held in the offices of the organization.

As has been the custom for the past several years a banquet will be held and it will be free for everybody, but the committee requests those who expect to attend to eat something at home before coming to the C. of C. banquet as it is hoped that enough food will be had for everybody and no one is wanted to be hungry when they leave the hall.

The banquet will take place at 7:30 o'clock, after which the directors of the organization will meet just to show the members how business is transacted at the regular meetings held in the office of the organization.

A. R. Jones, local cotton man, will preside at this banquet. There will be a plate for everyone. Extemporaneous speeches will be made by L. Cohen, M. C. Atkins, Troy Simpson and R. W. Earnshaw. The banquet will last only a short time.

Following the banquet, the meeting of the directors will be held with a setting similar to that of the chamber offices. Judge Alfred Crager, president of the organization, will preside at this session, and the directors will be called just as usual to attend. Secretary Motley and assistant secretary, Miss Winnie Trail, will also take part in the meeting just as usual. Four annual reports will be heard at this meeting.

At the close of the directors' meeting, the ten new directors will be elected after a report is made by the nominating committee. Judge Crager will conduct the balloting and the new officers will be named by the membership. Officers of the board of directors will be named at a meeting of the directors at a later date.

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LEGION PLANS ANNUAL SHOW

"A Pair of Tramps" has been selected as the play for the sixth annual show of the Pat Williams Post No. 8, American Legion, Post Commander Troy Simpson announced Thursday.

"Over six months have been spent in selecting a play," Mr. Simpson declared, "and we feel sure that we have one that will give the theatre-goers much pleasure. It will be presented here on December 31st."

Three performances will be given. The first will be at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon, which is to be a matinee for school children only; the second at 8:00 o'clock in the evening for regular theatre-goers, and the third is a midnight matinee starting at 11:30 p. m. and continuing over to the year of 1927.

The play contains three acts with a short prologue. There are fourteen characters who make their appearance in the course of the performance. The cast has not been completed yet but many of the old familiar faces of the past Legion successes will be seen in this offering.

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Some Views of Movie Folks About Clothes

(By Associated Press) HOLLYWOOD, Dec. 9.—Here is what some of the screen folk have to say of clothes:

Jean Hersholt—"Like the horse and buggy, pantaloons and hoop-skirts, the corset has become irrevocably historical."

Adolph Menjou—"Men's styles run in cycles, as do women's. If a man hangs on to his clothes long enough they will come back into vogue again. The heavy watch chain of 25 years ago is staging a return to favor, also the double-breasted vest of that era."

Richard Dix—"If I see a piece of goods that I like in a window, I go in and have a suit made, if I need one. I buy ready-made clothes occasionally, if something strikes my fancy. That's the advantage of playing 'average young American' roles. I don't even have to be careful about my haircuts."

John Miljan—"Clothes don't

make the man, but they do make the villain. A villain must get the whole story of his character into his clothes."

The Prince of Wales does not read any music. His effective playing of the ukelele is due to his ear for music.

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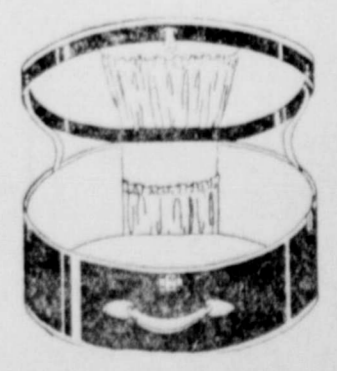
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The taxis were decided upon to meet the increased growth of Amsterdam on both sides of the River IJ, as well as the other waterways of the city and nearby districts.

**Mayor Five Times and Given But Five "Noes"**

SHREVEPORT, La., Dec. 7.—To have been elected mayor of a town of 3,500 for five consecutive terms, and to have received a total of five votes against him in the five elections, is the record

of E. M. Bodenheimer, 60-year-old "booster" of South Highlands, La.

South Highlands, a strictly residential town, adjoins the city of Shreveport, but has its own municipal government and its own public utilities. In elections the city votes a blank ballot, having no primaries.

**Porcupines Endanger Pacific Coast Timber**

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 7.—The "fretful" porcupine now has Uncle Sam camping on his trail. The biological survey of the government is after the needle-clad creature because of destruction of timber, as it has been found the porcupine is fond of eating green bark. One animal frequently has been observed to girdle 25 young trees in a day.

An extensive study of the animal is being made in California, Oregon and Washington to find a way to eliminate the menace to timber without harming the protected animals.

Distillers of Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland have formed a syndicate to avoid un-economic competition in foreign markets.

**Seek to Develop Alaska Grown Hay**

ANCHORAGE, Dec. 6.—Alaska livestock will eat Alaska hay in winter as well as summer if experiments conducted by H. W. Alberts, director of demonstration farms in the territory, are a success.

Alberts feels Alaska can be made self-supporting in agriculture and animal industry. At present cattle are fed oat-hay, clover and other roughage shipped in from Canada and the States.

Wild red-top, a native grass, grows to a height of six feet and is very dense in parts of the Susitna Valley. The principal objection to native hay has been its lack of nutrition due to rapid growth under the midnight sun and the great amount of moisture in the soil.

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