

# THOUSANDS ARE DRIVEN OUT BY FLOOD WATERS

### Homes in Four Middle West States Are Flooded—Property Damage.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Dec. 27.—Floods have driven thousands from their Tennessee, Arkansas, Mississippi and Kentucky homes. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of damage is reported. General rains are forecast.

More than 50 blocks were inundated in Nashville and 2,500 are homeless. Four are dead, including three who were drowned.

# HIGHER-UPS IN LIQUOR TRAFFIC INDICTED, CLAIM

### Many Arrests Are Made Following Indictments Seattle Federal Jury.

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clads became rich from underworld profits with report of the Thornton indictments. It is said Thornton was the collector connecting moonshine magnates with officials. Testimony is expected regarding systematic collection, a tribute which was given gold brand members of the Police Department. Satchel of money, in some instances reaching \$10,000, are reported by Federal agents who traced them from the original source to the officials.

### EIGHT MEN ARRAIGNED

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Eight indicted men, including three Seattle policemen, and Roscoe, Smith and Kernan, were arraigned before Federal Judge Notover today. All but two of the Snohomish County defendants have been arrested.

Thornton's bail is expected tomorrow. It is said Thornton had access to all police offices and spent much of his time in the Dry Squad room.

### W. WESTON DIES CHRISTMAS EVE, HEART FAILURE

Warren Weston, member of Juneau's colored population, well-known janitor, passed away Friday night at 7 o'clock, in St. Ann's hospital, as a result of heart failure.

Mr. Weston was taken to the hospital Friday morning complaining that he was chilled and had no appetite. He went to sleep and failed to awaken passing away at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Weston was janitor for many of the business houses and also operated a taxi from the Triangle Shoe Shine Parlors for the last few years.

Funeral arrangements will be announced later pending information from a brother residing in Alabama.

### NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

Notice is hereby given that the second and last installment of Municipal Taxes are now due and will become delinquent at 6 o'clock P. M. Monday, January 3, 1927. A penalty of ten per cent together with interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum is added to all delinquent taxes. Taxes are payable at the City Clerk's office in the City Hall building located at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets. H. R. SHEPARD, City Clerk.

### TO ARREST CHILDREN: WARNING TO PARENTS

This is the final warning. Children going along Calhoun Avenue are throwing rocks and snowballs on the buildings below the avenue. Damage is being done. This must be stopped. I have given the last warning. Arrests will now be made. Parents warn your children. J. L. McCLOSKEY, Chief of Police.

Old papers for sale at The Empire.

### PAT McDERMOTT CONVICTED OF KILLING EDITOR



Patrick Eugene McDermott (arrow) alleged "key-man" in the killing of Don R. Mellett, Canton, Ohio, publisher, is shown in court with his attorneys. He was charged with murder.

CANTON, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Pat E. McDermott was convicted Christmas Eve of the murder of Don R. Mellett, publisher, Morcy was recommended by the jury which deliberated one hour.

Patrick Eugene McDermott, designated by investigators into the murder of Don R. Mellett, crusading publisher of The Canton Daily News, as the key man in the mystery, was the pivotal point of interest throughout the inquiry.

His name first came into the investigation within two days after Mellett was killed at his garage door, July 15, shot through his head, supposedly by one of a group of underworld gangsters grown desperate by the editor's constant attack on the illicit traffics of Canton and vicinity.

Tip is Given  
The informer who brought his name to Prosecutor C. B. McClintock and his assistant, Detective Ora Slater, was Steve Kaschok, a native of McDermott's home town, Nanty Glo, Pa., who unfolded the story upon which the state based its case. He implicated also Louis Mazer, alleged Canton underworld leader, and Ben Rudner, Massillon hardware merchant, who once served sentence in the Atlanta penitentiary on a federal liquor charge.

For two weeks after the murder, the investigators kept McDermott's name carefully concealed. They at once jailed Kaschok as a material witness and he remained there continuously for the call which finally was to take him to the witness stand in a court of justice. When secret search failed, the investigators on July 30 broadcast a plea for McDermott's arrest. Clues were reported from everywhere in the country but all proved worthless.

Mazer Arrested  
Meanwhile Mazer was arrested on a federal liquor conspiracy charge and subsequently he was charged with Mellett's murder. Investigators began an inquiry in Canton which tended to show that the murder plot had its origin among a group of bootleg and rum-running conspirators.

S. A. Lengel, police chief, charged



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### THE NUGGET SHOP



with being delinquent in conducting the murder inquiry and with associating intimately with underworld leaders, including Mazer and Rudner, was dismissed; the city civil service commission was reconstructed; other policemen were dismissed on grounds similar to those cited against Lengel; an alleged liquor conspiracy was disclosed; alleged underworld leaders one by one were arrested on liquor, narcotic or other vice charges; one of them was quickly sentenced to a term in the Ohio state penitentiary for operating houses of ill-fame.

Then on September 3, a Stark county grand jury indicted Rudner, Mazer and McDermott. Mazer was brought from federal court custody at Cleveland to face the murder charge; Rudner was arrested.

For nearly two months more, McDermott was undiscovered. His brothers promised McClintock and Slater they would surrender him if they found him, "in the interests of justice and their family name." On October 24, they turned him over to the authorities, having found him hiding in Cleveland.

The prosecution had contended McDermott's story would clear up the mystery, but "Pat" refused to talk and even after he went on trial and heard the terms "electric chair," "death penalty," and "capital punishment" mentioned continuously, he refused to "squeal" on his alleged fellow conspirators or implicates then or himself in any way. He procured the counsel of his own choice, the same as that which represented Mazer and Rudner. When he refused to talk, the state put him on trial first and he went into the court of Judge Edwin W. Diehl on December 6.

### SANTA CLAUS READY FOR ELKS' AFFAIR

SOMEWHERE, Dec. 27.—Dear George Rice: You notice that I am not mentioning the place where I now am at the head of this letter. Remember I told you that my mission after arriving on the Channel Christmas Eve was to be kept a secret. It still must be kept a secret, at least until after I appear at the Palace Theatre tomorrow night.

"I understand the Committee now has everything in readiness. I expect to see quite a crowd there and all ready to enjoy themselves. How is the Jackie Coogan contest getting along? I suppose there are a good many boys and girls and their mothers that are very busy getting their outfits ready. I bet the winner will be about as real looking as Jackie Coogan as Jackie is himself. I do not hope a good many will enter the contest.

"I have some special work to take care of now so I must close. See you tomorrow, George, after the moving picture. I wonder how many kiddies will recognize me. Believe me, I remember all of them.

"SANTA"

### ATTENTION MASONS

There will be a stated communication of Mt. Juneau Lodge No. 147, F. & A. M., in Odd Fellows' Hall Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock. Visiting Brethren cordially invited to attend. By order of the W. M. CHAS. E. NAGHEL, Secretary.

Advertising always pays. Use the columns of The Empire.

### Start Taking Church Census Tomorrow

A "church" census will be taken in Juneau by members of the Juneau Ministerial Association and this will be started tomorrow afternoon by the various ministers of the city. Calls will be made at all houses in Juneau. The census is taken for the purpose of ascertaining how many are attendants at churches and what denominations. Those who do not attend church will be asked to affiliate with some congregation.

### THANE SCHOOL EXERCISES

Thursday evening the Thane School closed for the holiday season with a community program. After the program the children were given presents and refreshments were served.

The program was as follows: Song—"Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Christmas Welcome—Kenneth Lea.

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Song—"O, Little Town of Bethlehem."  
Christmas—Billy Windsor.  
Song—"Three Kittens", Primary Class.  
If I Were Policeman—Harry Starrock.  
A New Year's Wish—Henrietta White.

The Best Place—By Three Boys.  
Song—"Christmas Bells."  
To the Dolls—Marlam Lea.  
Story Best of All—Billy Kilooh.  
Song—"Silent Night."  
Novelty Song—"Maidens From Japan."  
I Hear the Bells—First Grade.  
School Poems.  
Song—"Land of Nod."  
Reading—Billy Windsor.  
Carol—"It Came Upon a Midnight Clear."  
Novelty Song—"Horrid Colds."

### SPECIAL FERRY FOR F. O. E. CELEBRATION

A special ferry will leave Juneau at 7:30 tonight going direct to Thane and then to Douglas for the Eagles celebration. All members F. O. E. and families invited. adv

### MOOSE MEMBERS

There will be an interesting meeting tonight with entertainment. Everybody come. —adv

### DRINKS LIQUOR; MAY NOW LOSE BOTH OF HIS FEET

MOUNT VERNON, Wash., Dec. 27.—Paddy Dwyer, of Hamilton, today faces amputation of both feet, after drinking Christmas liquor and trying to walk home unshod. On his way from Hamilton, Dwyer wandered through the woods and became entangled in a barbed wire fence. He was traced by his bloody footprints. His hands and feet were frozen.

### AUTO ACCIDENTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—Two persons were killed and 21 injured in weekend auto accidents in this city.

### Correspondence Cards

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