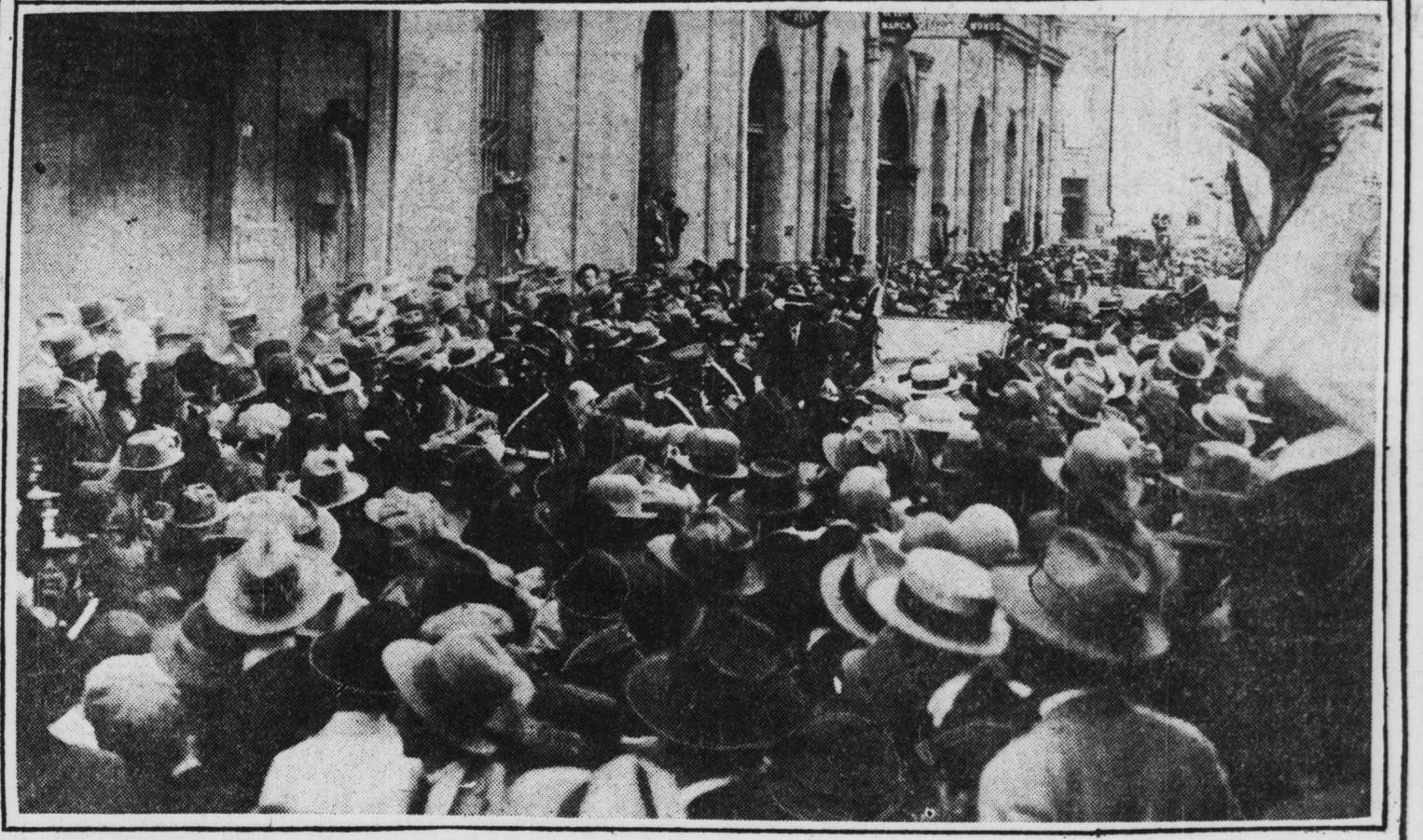
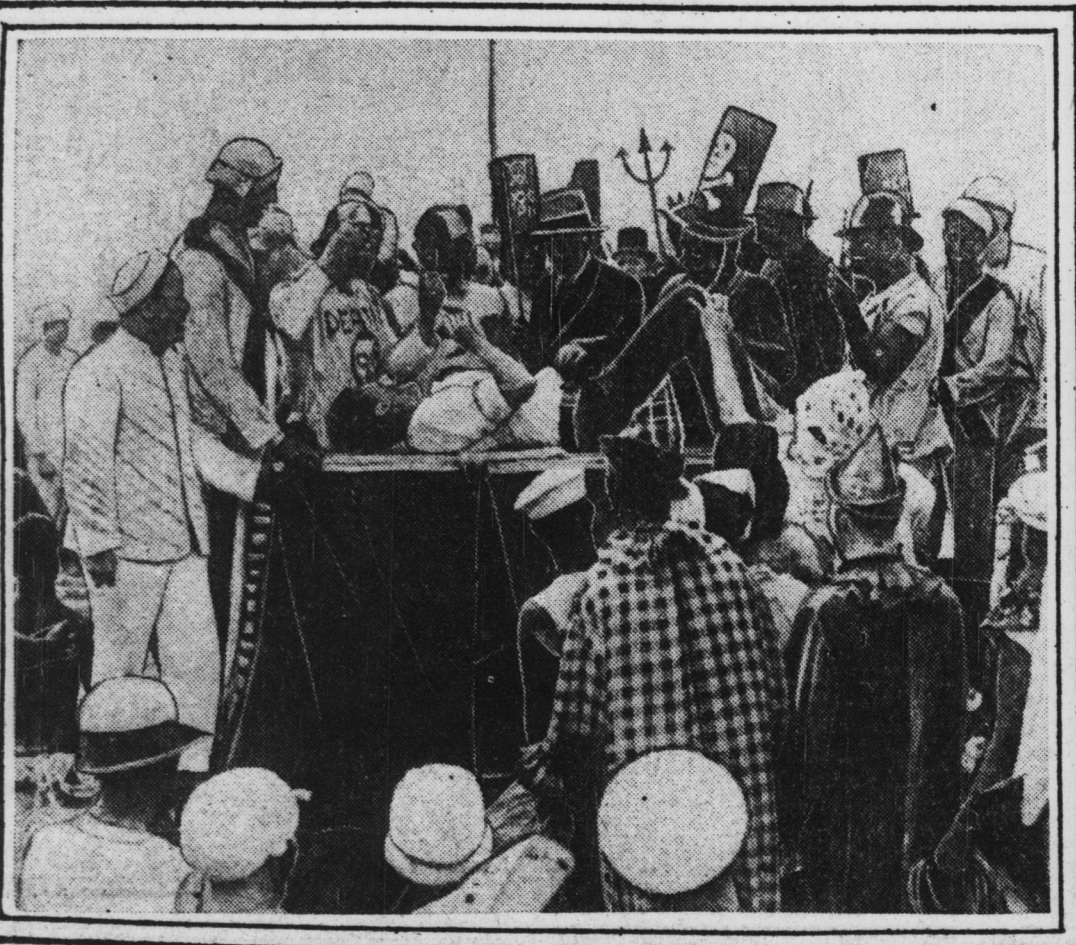


One of the first pictures received here of President-elect Hoover in Peru. Taken at the American embassy in Lima, the photo shows, left to right: Counsellor Mathew E. Hanna of the embassy, President-elect Hoover and Dr. Pedro Rada Y Gamio, Peruvian minister of foreign affairs.—Associated Press Photo.



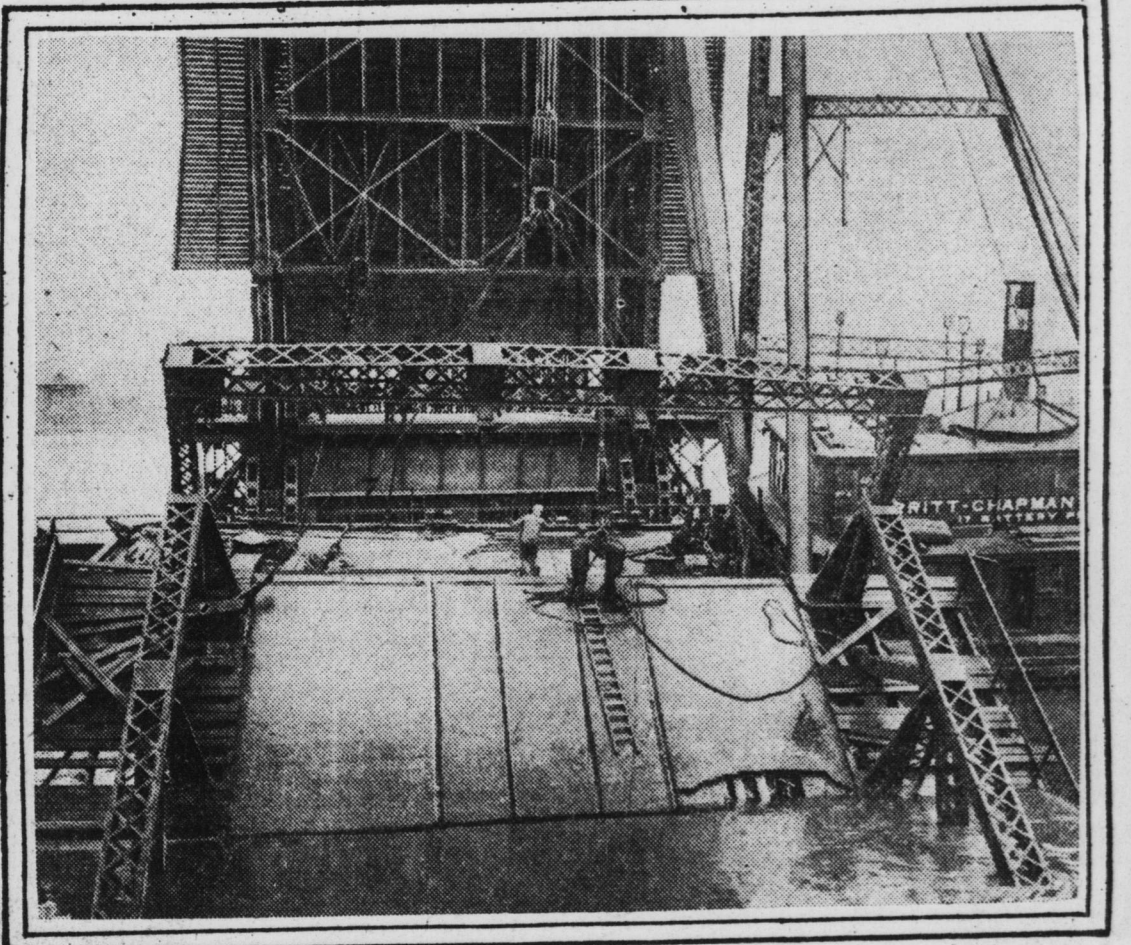
Crowds surging around President-elect Hoover's car just after he landed at Callao, Peru. One of the most enthusiastic greetings the President-elect has received on his Latin American good-will trip was given him in the two Peruvian cities, Callao and Lima.—Associated Press Photo.



King Neptune's "surgeons" operate on Allan Hoover, son of President-elect Hoover, as part of his initiation into the select society of "shellbacks," as the battleship Maryland crossed the equator. He is seen stretched out on the operating table as one of the many "landlubbers" victims of the sport enjoyed by old Neptune's cohorts during the traditional ceremony.—Copyright by P. & A. Photos.



Grandniece of John D. Rockefeller weds. Brooks Emery of Salem, Ohio, and his bride, the former Miss Winifred Rockefeller, leaving the chapel of St. Bartholomew's Church in New York after their wedding Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. John D. Rockefeller, Jr., were among the prominent New Yorkers at the wedding.—Copyright by P. & A. Photos.



Two tugboats and their crews had a narrow escape when one side of the big steel drawbridge spanning the Hackensack River in Jersey City, N. J., collapsed as it was being lifted to allow the boats to pass with a tow. The 500 tons of steel crashed into the river just as the tugboats neared the passage. The side in the water was up in the air like the far side when it crashed.—Associated Press Photo.

SEAL SALE TOPS 50 PER CENT MARK

Hospitals of City Take Active
Part in Campaign to
Get \$4,000.

Cash receipts from the Christmas Seal sale as reported at headquarters of the Washington Tuberculosis Association, 1022 Eleventh street, up to noon today, represented the sale of 2,250,000 seals at a cent each toward the goal of \$40,000 necessary to carry on the health service of the association for another year.

From Mrs. Agnes H. Stewart, director of the occupational therapy department for the benefit of patients at the Tuberculosis Hospital, came the report this morning that sale of Christmas seals is being pushed by the several hospital wards. Each of these has chosen its captain under the general direction of Miss Naomi McKenna, assistant in the occupational therapy work. These hospital teams already have called for 50,000 seals and are arranging to have them mailed to customers not seen in person.

This hospital work is being further aided by the display of the numerous art objects made by patients in a public house store in the Cavalier Apartment House at 3500 Fourteenth street, where Christmas seals also are on sale. Mrs. Stewart is in charge of this sale, which will continue all week.

Return of the seals are slowing down, although many thousands of seal allotments have not yet been heard from. Officers of the association ask that all who have received seals by mail on approval will remit for seals or return those not wanted, using the stamped envelope which was sent with them.

Train Kills Pedestrian.
Special Dispatch to The Star.
ROCKVILLE, Md., December 17.—John Starr, colored, 37 years old, was killed by an eastbound Baltimore & Ohio train at Westmore, a mile from here, while crossing the tracks yesterday about noon.

Forest Is Planted To Provide Girls With Hope Chests

By the Associated Press.
TSCHEKIRGE, Turkey, December 17.—This Anatolian town near Broussa boasts of a forest of hope chests. A large tract of land on the outskirts of the town belonging to the municipality is reserved for this forest and every tree bears the name of one of its townswomen. For centuries it has been the custom for every father in Tschekirge to plant a tree whenever a daughter is born to him and to mark the tree with that daughter's name. When the baby girl grows up and it is time to start the hope chest, without which no Anatolian husband can be won, the father cuts down the tree, sells the wood and with the proceeds the filling of the hope chest begins.

POLICE, SEEKING THIEVES, FIND CACHE OF LIQUOR

Three Charged With Possession,
But Only One Held Under
New Ruling.

After being warned that two colored men had entered premises in the 1900 block of Baltimore street with apparent intent to rob, Detectives R. L. Jones and R. A. Williams followed and reported that they found 175 quarts of alcohol, 20 quarts of rum and 5 quarts of gin in the house.

7-CENT CAR FARE RATE AGAIN UP FOR HEARING

New York City, Under Court Orders,
Files Amended Briefs in
Interborough Controversy.

By the Associated Press.
Complying with an order of the Supreme Court requiring the filing of more concise briefs by all parties to the controversy in the Interborough 7 cent carfare case, the City of New York today filed in the court a new brief of 186 pages, or 82 less than its former brief.



Twelve captains are included in the selection of the best collegiate football talent of the year for the all-Eastern team which will meet a picked Pacific Coast team in the annual charity game at San Francisco, December 29. This photo was taken as the squad held its first practice at Chicago Saturday. The 12 captains, left to right, front row: Delp of Penn State, Howell of Nebraska, Bennett of Indiana, Guest of Lafayette, Fox of Pittsburgh, Ashmand of Washington and Jefferson. Second row: Nowack of Illinois, Raskowski of Ohio, Wagner of Wisconsin, Gibson of Minnesota, Harpster of Carnegie Tech and Holmer of Northwestern.

FALLS CHURCH ASKS LOWER BUS FARE TEST

Question Whether Company Would
Lose by 5-Cent Rate in Town
Would Be Determined.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
FALLS CHURCH, Va., December 17.—Citizens here have asked the State Corporation Commission to order a reduction in bus fare within the limits of the town for two or more months in order to study the effect on the income and business of the Washington, Maryland and Virginia Bus Co. A petition presented by Mayor Bethune asks for a ruling creating a special 5-cent zone within the town. Lester Hooker, chairman of the commission, who came from Richmond Friday to hold a special hearing, indicated to Mayor Bethune and the 25 or more citizens who, with C. E. Arnold, president of the bus company, attended the hearing, that the commission will take prompt action. Spokesmen for the town pointed out that with a rate of 25 cents from the terminal at Twelfth street and Pennsylvania avenue to Broad street in Falls Church, it was inequitable to charge 10 cents for the trip from Broad street to East Falls Church station, a distance of less than one mile. Mr. Arnold said the company was not able to give the reduction if it entailed a loss in income or meant acting as a feeder to one of the street car companies.

Lovettsville Pastor Installed.
Special Dispatch to The Star.
LOVETTSVILLE, Va., December 17.—The Rev. A. S. Peeler, formerly pastor of the Lower David's charge out of Winston-Salem, N. C., was installed as pastor of St. James Reformed Church here yesterday.

OUTSTANDING WORLD EVENTS OF PAST WEEK BRIEFLY TOLD

By the Associated Press.
Who shot first is the question between the South American disputants. Paraguay insists that the 35-man garrison of Fort Yaguajay fired the first bullets, while Bolivia maintains that the initiative came from an attack by 300 Paraguayans. She is so certain of this that she has notified all concerned that she will consider no mediation until Paraguay has made reparation for what is considered a gross insult to Bolivia.

The Pan-American Conference of Washington, the Council of the League of Nations at Lugano, the Argentine Republic and the Vatican have all taken steps to prevent a war.

THREE HURT IN AUTO.

Car Occupied by Fairfax Attorney's
Family Is Overturned.

Special Dispatch to The Star.
FAIRFAX, Va., December 17.—The automobile of John Rust, attorney of Fairfax, was overturned yesterday on the Little River pike near Lida when struck, police say, by an automobile driven by Kemp Furr of Middleburg.

DIES AT AGE OF 93.

Mrs. Christina Keim Was Widow
of Union Veteran.

Mrs. Christina Keim, widow of Morris Keim, a Union veteran of the Civil War, died Friday at her residence, 1329 Longfellow street, at the age of 93.

Lynchburg Gets New Pastor.
Special Dispatch to The Star.
LYNCHBURG, Va., December 17.—Rev. G. C. Crutchfield of Stokesdale, N. C., has accepted a call to the pastorate of the United Christian Church here, and will give full time to the church after a contract with the Berea Christian Church, near Graham, N. C., is completed. He is a graduate of Elon College.

President Requests Senator Schull to Show Him Dog Guide

By the Associated Press.
At President Coolidge's request, Senator Schull of Minnesota went to the White House today to show the Chief Executive the German police dog he uses as a guide.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE REPAIR REPORTED UNFINISHED

Contract Time Expires Today With
Week's Work Needed for
"Finishing Touches."

The contract time for completion of repair work on the Highway Bridge expired today with about a week's work still necessary before the finishing touches, Assistant Engineer Commissioner Herbert C. Whitehurst announced.

MAJ. E. W. NILES DEAD; VICTIM OF APPENDICITIS

Maj. Ellery W. Niles, Coast Artillery Corps, attached to the office of the chief of Coast Artillery, Munitions Building, and who resided at 3703 S street, died at Walter Reed General Hospital, yesterday, from appendicitis. His widow, Mrs. Blanche E. Niles, has not yet completed arrangements for the funeral, but it is probable that it will be in the Arlington National Cemetery.

American Ships Are Released.

CANTON, China, December 17 (AP).—The Canton government has released two boats of the Standard Oil Co. of New York with their cargoes of kerosene, together valued at about \$55,000, and dismissed charges that taxes on them were unpaid. It is understood that the action resulted from a protest by the American Government against the alleged illegal procedure.

MERGER REVISION MEETING CALLED

All Interested Parties to Con-
vene Today to Discuss
Plan Changes.

An effort to work out a modified plan for merging the local traction lines is expected to be made at the conference this afternoon between the Senate subcommittee and representatives of the companies, the Utilities Commission, People's Counsel Fleharty, the subcommittee's expert, Dr. Milo R. Maltbie, and representatives of the Bureau of Efficiency.

It will be the first time these various groups have gathered to survey the situation since the Bureau of Efficiency and Dr. Maltbie filed their reports analyzing the merger plan as presented to Congress and suggesting certain revisions.

The clause in the unification plan as presented to Congress, which would fix the value of the merged companies at \$50,000,000 for a 10-year period, with one year, is almost certain to be one of the chief topics of discussion. Dr. Maltbie disapproved of this figure and advised the subcommittee not to write any agreement into the legislation, but to leave that question to be determined by the regulatory body. The Bureau of Efficiency recommended tentative acceptance of the \$50,000,000 figure to hasten the benefit of the merger, suggesting that there is nothing in the agreement to prevent the commission from starting work on a new valuation following the merger.