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# 72 CHILDREN PERISH IN CINEMA PANIC

## AMERICAN PROSPERITY FOR 1930 ASSURED

### MELLON PREDICTS STEADY PROGRESS IN U. S. BUSINESS

Higher Officials of Government Respond to Call for New Year's Statement With Optimistic Views; Mellon Says Economic Development Such as to Bring Confidence.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—(AP)—American economy in 1929 was a record-breaking year, and the year's progress in 1930 is expected to be even more rapid, according to a statement issued by the higher officials of the government today in response to a call for a new year's statement with optimistic views.

Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew Mellon, said that the government's financial position is sound and that the country's economic development is such as to bring confidence.

Other officials of the government also issued statements of confidence in the country's economic future.

### KING CARNIVAL REIGNS HERE

### NEW YORK GOES WHOOPEE MAD

### MOST DEATHS DUE TO TRAMPLING AS STAMPEDE STARTS

Some Killed by Menace From Burning Film; Blaze Ignited by Smoking Cigarettes in Seattle, Town Obliterated by Stark Tragedy That Visits All Homes.

SEATTLE, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Over 700 people were killed and 1,000 injured in a stampede that broke out in Seattle, Wash., today, as a crowd of people gathered for a New Year's Eve celebration.

The stampede started when a crowd of people gathered for a New Year's Eve celebration in a public square in Seattle, Wash., today.

The crowd was estimated to be one of the largest ever gathered in the city.

The stampede was caused by a crowd of people gathered for a New Year's Eve celebration in a public square in Seattle, Wash., today.

### NEW YEAR FINDS CITY IN MIST OF CELEBRATION

People in Posture of Night's Events by Awaiting Marriage Licenses

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### LAST OF 1929'S DULLY MARKED

Over 700 Killed in Stampede in Seattle, Wash., as New Year 1930 Arrives

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### CLUB ARRANGES OPEN HOUSE FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY

Wings of 80 Members Will Be Opened to Public

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### HOOPER IS SILENT REGARDING LETTER ON LIQUOR ISSUES

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The silence of Hoover regarding the letter on liquor issues is a surprise to many.

### STEAL PAINTING DURING TRANSIT

Loss Discovered on Opening Packing Case; Is Valuable

### COAST NARCOTIC RING UNCOVERED

Arrests Also Made by Federal Officers in Middle West

### STATE BANKS HOLD OVER THREE MILLION IN CASH

Treasurer Reveals Results of Annual Statement; Common School Fund Large

### STUDENTS RETURN AFTER 66 HOURS IN MOUNTAINS

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### BOSTON MERCHANT URGES HIGH TEACHERS' SALARY

### WHITE HOUSE RECEPTION FEATURES CELEBRATIONS

### COMMERCE CLUB BOND ISSUE NOW TAKEN UP, CLAIM

### FEDERAL COURT TO CONVEY IN BILLINGS JAN. 7

### EARLY EVENING SEES FUN BEGIN

### FIGURE IN RAIL MERGER PLANS

### GREATEST DRUNK SINCE SIGNING OF WAR ARMISTICE

### 22,000 Speak-Easyes of City Banned to Fill Liquor Denials of Many Customers

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## Happy New Year 1930

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