

W.F. HARRIS QUILTS AS MAYOR BECAUSE OF FAILING HEALTH; SAYS CITY NEEDS MANAGER

C. W. Wharton will continue to be Mayor Pro Tem; Council Gets Wharton's Complaints, Promises Action on Si-

Mayor W. F. Harris, in failing health for several months, night submitted his resignation to the City Council. It was accepted by unanimous vote, and members with whom the Mayor has served during the past 17 years, both as councilman and as the city's chief executive, expressed regret that he could no longer serve.

In resigning, Mayor Harris said he was "convinced" that Roseburg should adopt the city manager form of government, as "the time has come when members of the Council cannot give the amount of time necessary to city affairs without financial loss to themselves."

Text of his resignation follows: "To Members of the City Council, Gentlemen:

"It is with a feeling of profound regret that I tender my resignation to you as Mayor of the City, effective as of January 7th.

"This is because of failing health and complying with my physicians' advice.

"I want to express to each of you my sincere appreciation and gratitude for your help and co-operation in making the job as easy for me as possible, but in fairness to you and to the City I do not feel that I should try to carry on under the present circumstances. Let me say at this time that I am fully convinced that we should have a City Manager for the time has come when members of the Council cannot give the amount of time necessary to city affairs without financial loss to themselves.

"Wishing all of you the best of luck and good fortune for the coming year.

"Sincerely yours,

"W. F. HARRIS."

Wharton Acting Mayor

Mayor Harris first came into

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In the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

PRESIDENT TRUMAN calls on the nation to "demand more action and less talk from congress on legislation to lessen strikes."

"He is talking, he says, particularly to the most powerful pressure group in the world—the AMERICAN PEOPLE; the great mass of our citizens who have no SPECIAL interests, whose interests are only the interests of the nation as a whole."

IT IS a striking appeal, but thoughtful observers of the American scene will find themselves asking:

"Just WHO ARE these people who have no special interests of their own and are concerned only with the interests of the nation as a whole?"

We ALL have our own special interests—how much WE are going to get, how much WE are going to spend, our own PERSONAL standard of living, etc. We have been taught to LOOK TO WASHINGTON for the satisfaction of all of these personal desires.

THIS writer, as one individual, can't help wondering at times

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Proposals for Umpqua River Fish Conservation Offered By Rod and Gun Club Directors

Three proposals for fish conservation in the Umpqua river and its tributaries were adopted Monday night at a special meeting of the directors of the Roseburg Rod and Gun Club. The proposals will be placed before the club membership at the open meeting to be held Wednesday evening at the Knights of Pythias Hall, and, if sanctioned by the membership, will be submitted as recommendations to the state game commission, which meets January 19 to consider changes in the game laws.

One proposal would close all tributaries of the Umpqua River, the North Umpqua River and the South Umpqua River, east of the Pacific Highway, to all fishing after Oct. 31 until the opening of trout season the following year. The measure is designed to protect winter run steelhead spawning areas. Waters west of the highway, except those closed by special order, would not be affected. Tributaries, at present, are open for fish 20 inches or more in length. The main river and its north and south forks would remain open for winter steelhead fishing as at present. The only waters affected would be tributary streams east of the highway.

Would Protect Chinooks Another recommendation approved by the directors would close the North and South Umpqua Rivers, upstream from The Forks, to Chinook salmon fishing after July 15 of each year until January 1 of the following year, the purpose being to pre-

vent taking of Chinooks after they had reached the upriver spawning areas.

The third suggestion would shorten the season at Fish Lake, Buckeye Lake, Cliff Lake and Fish Lake Creek, all on the upper reaches of the South Umpqua River, making the season conform to the open period on Diamond Lake, usually from May 20 to September 20. This regulation would shorten the season approximately one month at each end. It was pointed out that the Forest Service station at Fish Lake is not opened until in May and is closed in September and that much destruction to camp grounds and equipment results before Forest Service personnel arrives and after the station is closed. A considerable loss also results, it was claimed, by the present opening about mid-April, due to the fact that Rainbow trout do not complete their spawning season until after the first of May.

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Kidnaper Murders Child

Head Cut Off, Torso and Legs Chopped Away

Crime Launches One of Most Intensive Manhunts in History of Chicago



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CHICAGO, Jan. 8.—(AP)—One hundred picked policemen began a house-to-house, store-to-store search today for the maniac kidnaper-killer of Suzanne Dernan, 6, whose dismembered body was found in sewer catchbasins near her North Side home last night.

The gruesome discoveries last night of the child's head, chopped crudely from her tiny body, and dismembered parts of the blond, blue-eyed girl, came after one of the biggest manhunts in the city's police history got under way.

The head, torso and legs were found in four different catch basins in the vicinity of the Dernan home at 5943 Kenmore Avenue, in the Edgewater Beach section of the North Side.

Only the two arms of the little victim were missing as nearly 100 policemen and crews from the city sewer department continued their all-night search.

Clues Are Listed

The investigators listed these important clues in the brutal killing which followed the kidnapping and the leaving of a \$20,000 ransom note:

Fingerprints on the window sill of Suzanne's room, a burlap bag in which the little girl's torso was found, a paper shopping bag with red crayon markings found with the right leg, the ransom note, a worn gray-green fedora hat found near one sewer, two shoe-size footprints in the earth near the Dernan back porch, the ladder used by the kidnaper to enter the girl's room, a white

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Skepticism Meets Reported Development by Russia Of Superior Type of Atom Bomb

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Sources close to the British Government today expressed skepticism of reports that Russia had developed a new atom bomb which makes the Western Powers' weapon "obsolete."

The report was made last night by Dr. Raphael E. G. Armattee, director of Lomeshle research center for anthropology and human biology at Londonderry, Northern Ireland. Armattee declined to disclose the source of his information aside from saying that members of the center's staff were affiliated with Russian scientific societies.

Usually well informed British sources said they had not seen Dr. Armattee's statement, made in an interview, but when informed of its contents said they doubted it very much.

If the Russians have developed an atom bomb, they said, they thought "only a small circle of people inside Russia would know about it." They added "they did not understand how Armattee would know."

The doctor is a Negro.

(There was no official comment in Moscow, but the best information from other sources in the Soviet capital appeared to be that there was no basis for the report.)

In addition, they said, they were unable to understand how Dr. Armattee would have enough knowledge of the western powers' atom bomb to know whether the purported Russian weapon renders it obsolete.

They said they were sure he did not know—at least "we certainly hope he doesn't know"—that much about Anglo-American

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Boy Draws Life Term for Slaying Jap-American

VALE, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Floyd Martin Pousson, 17, today faced a life term in the Oregon Penitentiary after pleading guilty to a charge of second-degree murder of Natsuld Kurisu, 61, a Japanese-American resident of near Ontario.

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Demobilizing Pace Approved By President

Troops Still Required Overseas, Truman Says; Congress Feels Pressure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President Truman today attributed the slow-down in the Army's rate of demobilization to "the critical need for troops overseas."

The President declared in a statement that he was convinced that both the Army and the Navy are demobilizing "with commendable efficiency and with justice to all concerned."

Taking cognizance of complaints in Congress about delays in the return of troops and of demonstrations among members of the Armed Forces themselves, the President asserted:

"The Armed Forces have been reduced as fast as possible. For many reasons it is impossible for every member of the Armed Forces to be discharged promptly."

Future Still at Stake

He mentioned both the "enor-

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Two Male Negroes "Wed" To Get Army Allotment

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—A Negro Army corporal charged with defrauding the government of \$1,000 of dependency allotments by going through a marriage ceremony with another Negro man posing as a woman—"Lucky Hicks"—was held in the federal house of detention here today.

U. S. Commissioner Edward E. Fay ordered the soldier held under \$1,000 bail pending grand jury action.

FBI Agent E. E. Conroy said the two Negroes planned to use the two allotments of \$50 monthly to establish a bar and grill after the war. He said the so-called "marriage" took place in Oakland, Calif., in June, 1944, and that the Negro who posed as a woman was now in a California jail serving a term for perjury in connection with the marriage application.

Oregon Fruit, Lumber Slated for Sweden

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—They'll be eating Oregon apples and fabricating Oregon lumber in the Scandinavian countries soon.

Monthly trips by Swedish motorships will be resumed at port Friday, when the Biblo comes in to load apples, canned fruit, lumber and logs.

Old People's Home Plan Of Mennonites at Albany

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Construction here of a Mennonite old people's home—the only one of that denomination west of Illinois—probably will begin in April, S. E. Elcher said today.

Elcher, a member of the District executive committee, said the church has raised \$21,000 of the needed \$35,000 construction cost.

Opening of Fir Mfg. Company Lumber Mill at Myrtle Creek Presages Permanent Payroll

A permanent payroll contributing to a stable community was envisioned yesterday in Myrtle Creek by a half-dozen speakers at the opening of the Fir Manufacturing Company plant. More than 100 visitors, whipped by the chill winds that breezed through the new, half-million dollar plant, came to witness the first logs being cut and planed.

"We hope it will be more than just a sawmill," County Judge D. N. Busenbark declared. "The program behind this is the sustained yield growth of timber. The people of Myrtle Creek will have a long-time industry and no ghost town will develop here."

V. V. Harbom, supervisor of the Umpqua National Forest, promised the Forest Service would add the new plant in operation "not for 10 years, not for 15, not for any stated number of years, but for all time." James H. Shown of the O. and C. L. Administration, promised Myrtle Creek a "permanent payroll and a stable community."

Mayor R. E. Conroy, who wished the blessings of the community upon H. A. Dent, representing the plant management, The inauguration had been delivered by the Rev. Earl Perry, William DeWitt, superintendent of the new mill, estimated it had a capacity of 150,000 board feet a day. A 10-foot, 300-horsepower band saw does the initial slicing and trimming of logs

after they are drawn from the mill pond. An automatic turner and steam-driven "nigger" roll logs upon the carriage for cutting. The mill has a 42-foot trimmer and 6-foot horizontal band saw. DeWitt said: also planers for turning out finished lumber. Guy F. Mitchell, Portland, was designer of the mill. Ed Sund, a vice-president of the company, was actively in charge of construction.

Business houses in Myrtle Creek yesterday closed their doors in the early afternoon to watch the new mill in operation. Approximately 35 minutes after the first logs were cut, finished two-by-fours were coming from the planing mill and were being stacked in the yard.

Carson Back on Job

PORTLAND, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Joseph K. Carson, former Portland mayor, has been appointed state chairman of National Defense for the American Legion.

WAR LABOR BOARD PAY HIKE OF 12 CTS. AN HOUR SPURNED; PHONE TIE-UP THREATENED

By the Associated Press

Western Union employees in New York City began walking off their jobs at 7:10 A. M. today, four hours ahead of the time set for a strike expected virtually to halt telegraphic and cable communications in the nation's communications capital.

A company spokesman, however, said "there was nothing to" reports that Western Union was bringing in strike breakers.

A union official said at 9:30 A. M. that the strike was "100 per cent effective with 7,000 employees out."

The headquarters office was surrounded by 1,200 pickets. Its power tubes, carriers of messages, were shut off, and a number of branch offices, including some in New Jersey, were closed.

The strike, a company spokesman said, would halt all but the most vital "life or death" messages in and out of the nation's largest city. Supervisory personnel would handle such messages, he said.

Union locals in eight international cable and radio message firms, in a sympathy move, voted not to handle messages from Western Union offices throughout the country during the strike. The walkout was called by the CIO American Communications Association in protest against a War Labor Board decision.

Efforts by Mayor William O'Dwyer to avert the work stoppage failed. The CIO workers are protesting a decision granting them a 12 cents an hour wage boost. The AFL Commercial Telegraphers Union, representing some 50,000 Western Union workers outside of New York, have accepted a WLB grant of 12 cents an hour wage hike and have decided not to strike.

Relief In Motor Strike

Meanwhile, a measure of relief to the country's turbulent industrial strife was afforded by developments in three labor disputes.

In Detroit, the CIO United Auto Workers Union, which has sought 30 per cent wage increases for automotive workers, reached an agreement with the new Kaiser-Frazer Corporation which called for an "unprecedented" wage rate.

A union leader said the new contract, which provides for a new wage rate of \$1.19 per hour at the outset, would be offered as a model for settling current disputes with automotive firms. The company also has agreed to increase its production of General Motors as a result of the current strike involving some 200,000 workers. Another provision called for the company to form a pool of \$5 per car produced, the estimated \$1,500,000 to be distributed annually among production workers on an hour-worked basis.

The contract was hailed by CIO UAW leaders as "unquestionably the best ever reached with an automotive company."

In Washington, D. C., O. A. Knight, president of the CIO Oil Workers Union, said it had agreed to cut its demands for a 30 per cent wage hike down to 18 per cent, as a pattern for settling the industry's current wage dispute. Knight submitted the proposal to the oil industry fact-finding board.

Steel Firm Hikes Wages

While the CIO United Steel (Continued on page 6)

Boyington Denies Plan for Wedding; Lady is "Stunned"

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The wedding bells which Mrs. Laurence Boyington had announced were to follow her scheduled Reno divorce will not ring today, Lt. Col. Gregory (Pappy) Boyington insists.

The famed Marine Corps flier who terrorized Japanese pilots in China and the Pacific "stunned" Mrs. Boyington yesterday when she denied he planned to marry her immediately after her divorce from Stewart Malcolmson, General Motors production manager in Australia.

The 30-year-old brunette had told reporters of the marriage plans and displayed a large diamond ring she said Boyington gave her after a New Year's day visit at Reno.

"I am stunned," she said when the flier's denial reached her, and her attorney, Joseph P. Haller, later quoted her as saying she couldn't "understand it."

"I thought at first it was a big joke," she told Haller. Boyington tersely informed newsmen "no wedding plans are in the making" when called at the Marine air depot at near Miramar. He and Mrs. Malcolmson are "just good friends," the Congressional Medal of Honor winner said.

He is scheduled to go on a 90-day leave next week but has no definite plans to meet Mrs. Malcolmson, he revealed.

Haller said the divorce hearing, set for today, probably would be cancelled because his client is "too upset to go through with it."

Gen. Morgan Refuses to Resign UNRRA Post

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Lieut. Gen. Sir Frederick E. Morgan has refused to resign as chief of UNRRA operations in Germany, the agency's London headquarters said today.

Announcement previously had been made that Gen. Morgan was requested by UNRRA in London to come here and resign, after he had told a news conference that he believed a secretly plotted exodus of Jews from Europe was under way.

An UNRRA spokesman said the general replied that he was not resigning and that he would await further information before leaving for London.

UNRRA officials conferred today after receiving Morgan's reply, and there was no indication when they would take further action.

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Levity Fact Rent

By L. F. Reizenstein

The United Nations Security Council plans to start off where the League of Nations flopped. Just another struggle of good intentions vs. human nature, with two strikes already on the former.