

REPUBLICANS ORGANIZE IN THE SENATE

All Offices Filled Now Except Election of President Pro Tem.

WESTERN BLOC IS STILL FUNCTIONING

Four More Ballots Fail to Break Deadlock—Independents Returned to Committee Posts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—Republicans today took control of the senate with their slim majority, but four more ballots failed to break the deadlock over re-election of Senator Moses, Republican, of New Hampshire, as president pro tempore and adjournment was taken until tomorrow.

Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, the Democratic leader, warned the senate after the balloting that hereafter if any "important legislation" presented itself he would not press for an election of a president pro tem.

By adjourning the election Moses would be left in office.

Robinson forced a showdown on the presidency pro tem at the outset of the session. He said it was done as a test of strength on organization.

G. O. P. Holds Majority

Republicans showed a majority of votes and today took over organization of the senate except for the presidency pro tem.

Moses made no move of retaliation today against the Western Republicans opposing him. They again were given their committee chairmanships.

The independent Republicans united behind Senator Vandenberg, Michigan, on the first ballot.

No candidate received a majority of votes cast and another ballot was ordered.

Vandenberg voted for Moses.

Pittman Supported

The Democrats again lined up solidly behind Key Pittman, of Nevada. The vote on the first ballot was:

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SNOW LIKELY TOMORROW IN EAST OREGON

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—Snow in the eastern part of Oregon and mixed snow and rain for the west was predicted by the weather bureau here today for tonight and Tuesday. Slightly higher temperatures were forecast for the western part of the state.

A bright sun beamed from a blue sky in most of the northwest points Sunday and today. Portland had its first real snow of the season Saturday night, the covering reaching a depth of three inches in some places. Early today the minimum here was 29 degrees.

Burns was again one of the coldest spots in the northwest, reporting a minimum of zero. Arlington had a minimum of 9 above, Grand Dalles 11, Unatilla 12, Pasco 14, Baker 7, Meacham 12 and Boise 7 degrees.

Along the coast, temperatures ranged from 22 to Medford to 33 at Roseburg.

PENDLETON FIVE ABOVE

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Pendleton experienced the lowest temperature this season when the mercury today dropped to 5 degrees above zero. There was no new snow over the weekend.

Chamber Forum To Hear Three Reports

T. L. Meyers, chairman of the railroad committee; A. McAllister, unemployment committee head; and G. T. Cochran, of the irrigation committee, will report on the work of their committees at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon Tuesday at the La Grande hotel.

59 Lives Lost During Storms, London Reports

Thirty Drowned When Italian Naval Tug Sinks Off Sardinia; 17 Drowned in North Sea.

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—At least 59 lives were lost and the lives of scores of others seriously threatened over the weekend in storms that swept the Mediterranean and North seas, damaging shipping, especially off the north coast of Africa.

Thirty were drowned and more than 100 others rescued from grave peril when the Italian naval tug Teseo, west down off the coast of Sardinia. The survivors were rescued from the fury of the Mediterranean gale, by the cruiser Trieste, which was rushed from Italy.

Numerous other craft were capsized or damaged by the storm that raged off the African coast, including a coast guard cutter which was swept ashore at Bone, Algeria, with a loss of 13 lives.

The city of Algiers suffered considerable storm damage.

In the North sea the captain and 16 members of the crew of the steamer Venus were drowned off the Norwegian coast.

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President Asks Appropriations In His Message

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—President Hoover today asked congress for \$136,352,420 in additional appropriations for the federal government during the present fiscal year.

The president's request was made in a special message to the house.

The chief items included:

\$20,000,000 for advances to states under the federal aid road construction program; \$20,000,000 for the public building program and \$46,372,000 for military and naval compensation.

The requests also included \$5,000 for the house of representatives; for the George Washington bi-centennial commission, \$427,000; for the veterans administration, \$46,872,975; for protecting interests of the United States in oil lands, \$30,000; for the federal trade commission, \$20,000; for the federal board for vocational education, \$128,000; for the agriculture department, \$64,260,000; for the commerce department, \$104,000; for the interior department, \$410,750; justice department, \$327,856; labor department, \$475,000; postal service, \$1,599,550; state department, \$87,000; treasury department, \$21,326,000; war department, \$250,000; and the District of Columbia, \$100,250.

The sum of \$4,161,500 was requested for fire fighting in the national forest and \$98,500 for suppressing fires in Oregon railroad lands.

Elks Erect Fir Tree; Firemen Exhibiting Toys

With the large fir tree erected at the intersection of Washington and Depot streets blazing forth in many colored lights last night, and with smaller Christmas trees, gift windows, etc., on display over the city, La Grande has blossomed forth in cheery Yuletide decoration.

Along the business streets several merchants have placed small fir trees on the edge of the sidewalk, reflecting the sentiment depicted within by the gaily decorated shop windows.

One window in particular was attracting attention today. The fire department arranged a display of toys, dolls, etc., to be given to the needy children Christmas week, and placed the exhibit in the room next to Bohne's on Adams avenue.

The dolls were dressed and repaired by Mrs. C. T. Lindsay and her sister, Mrs. Carper, while the paid firemen repaired and repainted the toys.

Children groups went late nearby hills yesterday and returned with small fir trees for use in their homes.

Merchants reported an increase in the Christmas shopping business last weekend. The peak in the pre-Christmas volume of buying is expected next weekend.

Eastern Railway Officials Meeting

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Eastern railway officials were meeting here today to decide whether further negotiations with the unions on proposed wage reductions would be held.

It was expected a committee would be appointed to take up the matter again with the brotherhoods.

At the same time most of the roads already have prepared the regulation 30-day notices cancelling their labor contracts, and it was widely expected these would be filed this week if some compromise is not reached with the unions.

Casey Funeral To Be Held Tomorrow

Funeral services for Mike Casey, of Cove, who died Saturday afternoon, will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. Rev. Father Nooy will officiate and burial will take place in the Catholic cemetery.

Mr. Casey was born in Ireland Aug. 11, 1874 and was 57 years and three months of age. He died of pneumonia after a short illness. He leaves two sisters in Ireland.

MORATORIUM IS DEBATED IN CONGRESS

Beck, of Pennsylvania, Calls For Support of Hoover's Proposal.

DILL HITS PLAN IN THE SENATE

In Meantime, Johnson Asks For Publication of Notes on the Manchurian Dispute.

IN WASHINGTON

Republicans organize senate with exception of president pro tem.

Debate bursts forth in both houses today over Hoover moratorium proposal.

Senator Smoot drafts silver bill.

Senator Johnson demands publication of all notes and papers exchanged with foreign governments relating to Manchurian dispute.

Senator McNary asks investigation of food prices.

President asks for additional appropriations.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—A crackling of debate burst in both houses of congress today over the president's moratorium proposal.

Hardly had arrangements been made in the house by Chairman Collier, the Democratic head of the ways and means committee, for the subject to come before that branch Thursday before Representative Beck, of Pennsylvania, called upon the members to support the proposal.

At the same time, Senator Dill, Democrat, Washington, was telling the legislators at the other end of the capitol that Mr. Hoover's recommendation for revival of the war debt commission was a plan to balance the British budget.

Beck told the Democrats they might be justified in believing the president would be a Democrat, but insisted support should be given President Hoover.

"With due regard for constitutional

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TIGERS DEFEAT POWDER FIVE 18-7

Visiting Team Held Scoreless During One Quarter of Season's Opener.

The La Grande Tigers, making their 1931-32 basketball debut here Saturday night, defeated a strong North Powder quintet 18 to 7 in a game featured by both rugged playing on the part of both squads, and close guarding by the blue and white.

North Powder brought the same team to La Grande that extended the Tigers to the limit last year, but due to the limited amount of time for practice, the visitors—the La Grande players—were far from mid-season form. North Powder is expected to be a factor in Eastern Oregon basketball circles this year, however, with the promise of rapid

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CALIFORNIANS GET TOUCH OF REAL WINTER

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14 (AP)—King Winter dipped an icy hand in storm clouds over Southern California today and snow, which usually is seen far on mountain peaks, drifted into the valleys.

In the foothills above Pasadena, snow was down at the lowest point seen in years and there were reports of traces of snow in Beverly Hills.

Snow was falling in Crescenta valley to the northeast above Glendale, Los Angeles suburb.

Petty Quarrel Develops Into Duel With Guns During Hunting Trip

HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 14 (AP)—Two youths are dead and a third is in jail on a murder charge today as the aftermath of an exchange of gunfire in the Evergreen forest during a hunting trip Saturday. Parents of Jacob Hudak, 16, the youth held, were attempting to obtain his release by habeas corpus proceedings. His brother, Peter, 18, and Joseph Hudak, 17, died yesterday of their wounds.

Jacob Hudak told police Hudak shot his brother and that he then shot Hudak himself.

According to his story, the three friends had been hunting and Michael Secher, 30, of Stockton, went hunting and Hudak, Jacob Hudak said, fired Saturday. A petty quarrel occurred pointing his gun at Peter.

STOCKS SOAR AT JAPANESE GOLD ACTION

New Cabinet Suspends Gold Standard and Reimposes Embargo

SHARES LEAP AS MUCH AS 60 YEN

Stock Exchanges to Remain Closed Until Middle of Week—Chang Ultimatum Postponed.

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 14 (AP)—Chang Kai-Shek, president of China, resigned today and his resignation was accepted. T. V. Soong, finance minister of the Nanking government, also is expected to resign within a few days and several other changes in the cabinet are anticipated.

Apparently Chang was forced under pressure exerted by Cantonese clique and popular agitation expressing disappointment at the recent settlement arrived at by the League of Nations council.

By James P. Howe

TOKYO, Dec. 14 (AP)—The Tokyo stock exchange and other exchanges throughout Japan were closed today as shares leaped as much as 60 yen (830) following suspension of the gold standard and reimposition of a gold embargo by the new cabinet.

One of the first effects of the embargo appeared to be the halting of two specie shipments of \$7,500,000 to the United States, contemplated by the Yokohama Specie bank to complete deliveries of dollar bills. The bank may contest the ban.

No Artificial Measures

Korekiyo Takahashi, new finance minister, said today that the government will adopt no artificial measures to control the monetary exchange and will allow the situation caused by the gold embargo to follow its own course.

It is inevitable, he said, that the yen exchange rates will slump and that the majority of the people will be affected, but he urged that the nation be patient until the difficulties are over.

The stock exchanges are expected

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NEW TYPE OF HORSESHOE IS INVENTED HERE

A new type horseshoe, invented by J. B. Smith, La Grande horseshoe expert, is being exhibited here today and in the near future Mr. Smith expects to go to Portland to make arrangements for its manufacture.

The shoe, on designed that it works in favor of the expert pitcher, putting more of a premium on accuracy and less on luck.

The new shoe, with calks on both prongs, is designed to prevent sliding. A recess on the inner side of the back of the shoe is designed to allow the shoe a firmer grip on the pin.

Even when rotating, the shoe is unlikely to be hurled from the peg. Another feature is pointed prongs, which tend to throw the shoe either into the ringer or away from the peg, depending upon the accuracy of the thrower.

Oregon Tax Case Returned to Court

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—The supreme court today sent the controversy involving an Oregon tax on fire insurance agents back to a three judge federal court.

The trial court, which held the tax invalid was instructed to determine whether it had jurisdiction to entertain the suit because of the amount involved in the suit. A controversy of such nature must involve at least \$3,000 before a federal court has jurisdiction.

The trial court was also told to determine whether it had jurisdiction to entertain the suit in equity.

The Oregon law levied a license fee of \$500 on additional fire insurance agents appointed in the larger cities.

Two Small Fires Over the Weekend

The fire department, extinguished two blazes over the weekend, one Sunday morning and the other today. Thirty-five gallons of chemicals were needed to extinguish a roof fire at the Sherwood Williams apartment house at No. 4 depot at 9:50 this morning. Salvage covers were used to protect the furniture. The fire is believed to have been caused by sparks from the flue.

Sunday morning at 8:10 B. A. Wilkerson's garage and workshop at 2200 Jefferson avenue caught fire from an unknown cause. Water was used by the department in handling the blaze. The loss was small. The Wilkerson home is outside of the city limits.

Miss Russell To Return to Stage

WINTER PARK, Fla., Dec. 14 (AP)—After 13 years retirement, Miss Anne Russell will return to the stage in a theatre erected with the proceeds of a \$100,000 gift by Mrs. Edward W. Bok.

The theatre, under construction on the Rollins college campus here, will be completed in a few days. Miss Russell was last seen on the stage as Rosalie Lagrange in "The Thirteenth Chair" in 1917-18.

The actress is in her late sixties.

ACTIVE IN NEW CONGRESS



Here are the six women members of the House of Representatives who will take active part in the 72nd Congress. There are three Republicans and three Democrats, with the latter having the edge in political preference. They are: (1) Ruth Bryan Owen, Democrat, of Florida; (2) Ruth Baker Pratt, Republican, of New York; (3) Florence P. Kahn, Republican, of California; (4) Edith Nourse Rogers, Republican, of Massachusetts; (5) Mary T. Norton, Democrat, of New Jersey, expected to receive the chairmanship of the important District of Columbia committee, and (6) Effiegene Wilgo, Democrat, of Arkansas, who entered Congress a year ago.

Ship Destroyed; 300 Chinese Are Drowned, Burned

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14 (AP)—Three hundred Chinese were drowned or burned to death yesterday when a small steamer blew up in the Yangtze estuary.

There were 600 passengers aboard when a blast rocked the little ship and it burst into flames. Many of them jumped into the icy river water.

Fail to Follow Systems, Bridge Opponents Claim

By Tom O'Neill

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Having diagnosed the enemy's tactics fairly well, proponents of rival systems of contract bridge will resume the big 150-rubber match tonight. Neutral experts expect a better test of systems than the first week of play has afforded, provided there is no unadvisable dispute as to whether each team is adhering to its system.

Once, Oswald Jacoby, partner of Sidney S. Lenz in representing the "official" system brought up the point that Mr. and Mrs. Ely Culbertson by bidding a four-card suit before a five-card suit were not practicing what they preached. That Culbertson retorted that under his tenets the five card suit was not of sufficient strength to be bid originally. The Culbertsons have been wondering whether their opponents are following the "official" system in bidding four-card suits originally can balanced hands when the "of-

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TWO BENGALI WOMEN FIGURE IN SLAYING

NEW DELHI, India, Dec. 14 (AP)—Two Bengali women shot and killed Charles Geoffrey Buckland Stevens, district magistrate of Tippera, Bengal, today. Both women were arrested.

Meagre details of the slaying available here indicate the fatal shot came from the revolver of one of the women.

One of the women was said to be not over 20 years old. The motive for the crime was believed here to have been political.

This marked the first time women have come actively into notice as slayers in Indian terrorist clashes. Heretofore they have figured as accomplices in such incidents as the bombing of the viceroys' train some months ago, the trial in connection with which is now proceeding at Delhi. A number of women were accused of playing subordinate parts in the bombing of the train.

Shopping Days Till Christmas

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Trio Killed By Tornado; Second In Three Days

Storm Whips Across Arkansas and Louisiana Sunday; Weather Warm—Rain Very Heavy.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 14 (AP)—Three dead, nearly a score of injured and thousands of dollars of property damage were left today in the wake of a tornado that whipped across Southwestern Arkansas and Northern Louisiana yesterday.

The storm followed unseasonably warm weather and a heavy rain. Much of the south reported down-pours yesterday.

Five-year-old Helen Colvert was buried in the wreckage of her home and fatally injured as the storm struck Camden, Ark. Her father and a sister also were hurt. Two negro children were killed when the tornado tore its way over a plantation near Minden, La., and destroyed three houses.

Two Hurt at Waldo

Despite heavy property damage at Waldo, Ark., where two or three business buildings and a few homes were left undamaged, only two persons were known injured there. Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King. Half of the railway station where King is agent was torn away.

Hundreds were forced from their homes as the tornado dipped down, ripped off roofs and overturning lighter structures through the stricken regions. The homeless were cared for in makeshift headquarters. Red Cross relief workers were dispatched to the area from St. Louis.

The Methodist church and court-

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Churchill Hurt, Hit By Taxicab; Talks Cancelled

NEW YORK, Dec. 14 (AP)—Winston Churchill, British statesman knocked down by a taxicab last night, underwent lengthy examination today, doctors asserted and that there was danger of pleural hemorrhage developing.

X-ray photographs were taken to determine the seriousness of his condition. Physicians announced the former British chancellor of the Exchequer would be unable to do any active work for several weeks.

During practically the entire forenoon Churchill was under examination by Dr. Otto C. Pickhardt and Dr. Foster Kennedy, who shortly after noon issued the following statement:

"Mr. Winston Churchill is resting comfortably, having sustained a severe shock and concussion without any loss of consciousness.

"There are many large bruises on the right arm and chest and legs together with wounds of the soft tissues of the forehead and nose which have been sutured.

"X-ray examination is proceeding to determine the extent of the injury. Mr. Churchill will be unable to do active work for several weeks."

First examination of the visiting British statesman who arrived last week for an extended lecture tour, indicated that the most serious injury was wrenching of the right shoulder. His scheduled addresses have been cancelled.

Hoover Invited To Visit Oregon Home

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14 (AP)—President Hoover was invited today to visit Portland, Ore., and his old home at Newberg, during his attendance next summer at the Olympic games in California.

L. W. Hartman, president of the Portland chamber of commerce, who extended the invitation, said the president appeared interested, but could not give a final answer pending completion of his plans for the summer.

Senator Steiwer of Oregon accompanied Hartman to the White House.

Fly Paper Used To Deaden Crash

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—A sinister use for fly paper was introduced in Portland Saturday night by robbers who broke into the E. C. Simmons Motor company police learned Sunday. Entrance was gained by breaking a window after placing fly paper on the glass to deaden the noise.

Police said the thieves apparently received the safe in one of the company's automobiles. The safe, robbed of cash, a diamond ring and contracts, was found in an isolated spot outside the city limits.

Turkish Woman Is Put to Death Today

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 14 (AP)—Fatma Haim, the first woman ever executed in public in Turkey was hanged at dawn today at the village of Tashpazar, near Samsat.

In the holy month of Ramadan last year she killed another woman with an axe and took \$100 from the woman's husband who had incited the murder so that he could marry again.

It was bitterly cold this morning but hundreds of peasants from the nearby villages craned out all night to watch the stolid Fatma go to her death without a whimper.

SERVICE MEN. CIVILIANS IN BITTER FRAY

Honolulu Scene of Several Clashes—Marines Go on Riot Duty.

MISTRIAL OF FIVE CAUSE OF TROUBLE

American Admiral Declares City Unsafe For Officers' Wives—Japanese Kidnaped, Beaten.

HONOLULU, Dec. 14 (AP)—Fighting between American service men clad in dungarees and gangs of civilians on Honolulu's streets forced navy shore patrols and marines into riot duty yesterday.

Fighting broke out sporadically during the day in eight separate sections of the city. One man was kidnapped by a mob, beaten and whipped. All of the disorders were blamed by police on the recent mistrial of five men accused of attacking the young wife of a naval officer.

The city was comparatively quiet today after shore patrols yesterday arrested 200 participants in the rioting and returned them to their barracks.

Several Hundred in Battle

The major encounter was fought in the downtown section. Police said several hundred men participated in this fray.

Immediately upon the outbreak of rioting the shore patrol began making arrests and request was sent to the nearby Pearl Harbor naval base for reinforcements. One hundred marines, armed with rifles and jackknives, were dispatched under command of Captain James D. Wilson.

The shore patrol, which was recently augmented after a high naval officer declared the city was unsafe for officers' wives, had the situation in hand when the marines arrived, and they returned to their base shortly after order was restored.

Officers went through many of the city's dance halls, ordering enlisted men found there back to their quarters.

Japanese Defendant Kidnaped

The rioting followed the kidnaping of Horace Ida (Japanese), one of five

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ALAN MEIER HURT SUNDAY IN CAR WRECK

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—Alan Meier, nephew of Gov. Julius L. Meier, suffered head lacerations and shock, his wife and two children were shaken and bruised, and Ramona E. Meier, a maid, received a fractured pelvis last night when the Meier automobile skidded and overturned on the highway near Gresham.

Meier was returning from Mount Hood and said he turned too far to avoid striking an automobile which made a left turn as he was about to pass.

The children were not injured, beyond minor bruises. Mrs. Meier was able to return to her home last night and Meier was expected to be released from the hospital today. Miss Eismann's injuries will require hospital attention for several weeks.

Driver of Death Car Is Absolved

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 14 (AP)—A verdict clearing the driver of the automobile which struck and fatally injured two small boys on the highway near here Friday, was returned by a coroner's jury Saturday.

The driver was Franklin J. Brewster. Allen Keller, 7, died about 12 hours after the accident. Ray Brown, 8, succumbed to his injuries shortly after the two boys were struck as they were walking along the highway. The jury decided the accident was unavoidable.

Wheat Today

PORTLAND, Dec. 14 (AP)—Gain of 1c in the bids for cash wheat on the Portland merchants exchange Monday followed a fairly bullish trend in international markets for the day. The sharp advance in sterling was a factor.

On the Portland futures market December closed with a rise of 1c with May up 1 1/2c at the finals. Sales totaled 6000 bu. There were no deliveries on December account of the day.

CHICAGO, Dec. 14 (AP)—Helped by 4,145,000 bushels decrease this week in the United States wheat supply, wheat developed fresh strength today during the late dealings. The total supply 213,509,000 bushels compared with 199,820,000 a year ago. On the other hand stocks of wheat on ocean passage were dangerously scant, aggregating but 29,736,000 bushels again 37,504,000 at this time a year ago.

Wheat closed firm, 1/4c above Saturday's final, corn unchanged to 1/2c higher, oats 1/4c off to