

RUBBER PROBE SAID
TO BE PROPAGANDA

Democrat Members of Commission Say American Firms Inciting Hoover

GOOD FAITH QUESTIONED

American Rubber Companies Said To Be Laying Grounds For Excuse To Increase Tire Prices

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Continuing with its investigation of the British control of the crude rubber supply and other foreign monopolies, the house commerce committee today received testimony from a number of representatives of the American rubber industry.

Meanwhile, in the house, the advisability of the investigation was questioned by several democratic members. Representatives Black of New York and Connolly of Texas, both asserting that the committee should turn its attention to monopolies in this country over which congress has legislative power.

Secretary Hoover's proposition in using the rubber inquiry amounted to "propaganda plan" in the opinion of Mr. Black, who charged that American tire companies are "siding the faithful Hoover on the British lion just when they are about to inflame passions."

F. A. Steierling, president of the Steierling Rubber company of Akron, Ohio, told the committee that Great Britain could squeeze us to death overnight. If it desired to press the advantage of its control over crude rubber.

W. O. Rutherford, vice president of the F. F. Goodrich company of Akron, testified that American rubber manufacturers were certain to suffer losses of millions of dollars when the inevitable crash comes in rubber prices, but desired market stability even at such a cost. A. L. Viles, general manager of the rubber association of America, held that the solution of the rubber problem lay in an increased production outside British jurisdiction suggesting the Philippines as a potential source.

A committee of British dealers which visited this country soon after the Stevenson act went into effect November 1, 1925, "broke its word," Mr. Steierling said, by refusing to control rapidly mounting prices by releasing greater supplies. Mr. Rutherford continued, holding the Stevenson act almost wholly responsible for this condition.

Government loans to private corporations for planting at least 1,000,000 acres to rubber in the Philippines, the witness said, would provide the only solution promising eventual satisfaction in this country. Removal by the Philippine legislature of restrictions upon importation of labor and upon the amount of land one corporation may control, however, was necessary he declared, even to begin such projects.

Denial that manufacturers in this country are holding large stocks of the crude product, bought at high market prices, and would oppose any immediate price reduction, was made by Mr. Viles in response to questions by several members of the committee.

He estimated the supply on hand December 31, 1925, at 42,000 tons with 22,000 tons in process of manufacture, an amount, he said, sufficient for three and a half months.

STARTS SERVING TERM

WESLEY SMITH GOES TO PENITENTIARY FOR VICE

Wesley Smith, 28, who was sentenced to a maximum term of five years in the state prison when he entered a plea of guilty to a charge of rape, was taken to the penitentiary yesterday to start his sentence. He also has an additional three years to serve on another count, having had his parole revoked on a three-year sentence for forgery.

Smith was arrested and pleaded guilty to statutory charges involving 13-year-old Beulah Springer. The Springer girl's mother, Mrs. Anna Springer, 43, will be tried in the circuit court here on Monday, January 18, on a charge of contributing to the delinquency of her own daughter.

GONZAGA DEFEATED

SPOKANE, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The College of Idaho basketball team defeated Gonzaga university 42 to 35 here tonight.

SELLS BED, BUNKS ON FLOOR
TO SECURE MONEY FOR FOOD

Welfare Worker Declares Critical Need Faced for Bedding, Children's Clothing—Most of All for Cook Stoves

Here is the story of one day in the life of Mrs. May Young, welfare worker for the Associated Charities. This simple recital of facts tells a most gripping story that adjectives could compile. It pictures want as few citizens in Salem have ever known it. It pictures need in its most brutal form. The facts call for help, with a simple eloquence that cannot be denied. There are those in Salem in actual need of food.

At 8:30 o'clock Thursday morning Mrs. Young, in beginning her round of duties, went to a home on the north side of the city. She found a man, his wife, and six children. The man was out of work. The woman was under doctor's care. Their burden was unspeakably great. A little flour and a few potatoes comprised the only food store in the house.

There was no money. One boy, working, was able to supply two quarts of milk a day. One girl was working but could only pay her own expenses. One child was shoeless.

The husband and father was asked to come to the Associated Charities headquarters at 640 State street to receive clothing from the Statesman's used clothes party. He said he couldn't let his name be added to "charity" cases. Late in the afternoon he had not reported. He wants work, any kind of labor. He will do anything.

Mrs. Young then left, went to another house not far away. There she found an ex-service man, his wife and two children, one and a half and two years old. The day before they had sold the only bed in the house to raise money for food. The house was bare, but clean. The man wanted work and through the aid of the Associated Charities he will return to work. Food was supplied for the intervening time.

Mrs. Young then went "begging" vegetables for cases of dire need. From one party she received a sack of cabbage; from another some spinach. Later she secured (Continued on page 3)

Whether or not the county, city, and city school board are to unite in hiring a full time doctor to serve all three bodies is a matter that still remains unsettled. An unofficial and informal meeting of representatives of the three bodies met at the city hall last night to discuss the proposition.

City and county representatives were agreed that the proposition is the best solution to the health problem. The county representatives, however, were not willing to commit themselves definitely. They agreed, though, to give a definite answer, either yes or no, Saturday morning.

Alfred M. S. E. Purvine and Mayor Giesey were present as representatives of the city. George M. Hug, city school superintendent, and Dr. H. E. Olinger, chairman of the school board, represented the school board. Judge Ruit and County Commissioner Smith represented the county.

Dr. Fred D. Stricker, state health officer, and secretary of the state board of health, was also present. He expressed himself, it is said, as being very much in favor of the move, and as believing the move to be in keeping with the policy of the state board of health.

The proposition, as introduced by S. E. Purvine, provides that the county, city, and school board abolish their individual health officers, and unite their funds for this purpose in securing the services of a doctor who would give his full time to the work for all three bodies.

Main argument for this move is that each body is growing to the point where a part time doctor cannot give the amount of attention to health problems that is necessary.

DEADLOCK IS UNBROKEN

COAL MINERS AND OPERATORS UNABLE TO AGREE

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Anthraxite miners and operators, deadlocked in their attempt to negotiate a new wage contract and end the hard coal strike are waiting apparently for something to turn up or for one or the other side to break up their joint conference.

After holding another long session today they adjourned to eleven o'clock tomorrow morning with the statement that their discussion "did not result in any definite conclusions."

The negotiators cleared the table yesterday of all pending proposed peace plans and other matters vital to ending the controversy and returned today to a desultory discussion of ideas that had already been advanced.

WIDOW OF "KING" FETED

DOUGHBOYS EXTEND WELCOME TO WIFE OF VEREGIN

NELSON, B. C., Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Some 5,000 Doughboys extended fervent welcome to Mrs. Yrdokia Veregin, widow of the late "King" Peter Veregin, upon her arrival Tuesday from Russia at Brilliant, B. C. They sang hymns and then in some cases knelt in the snow.

Later they almost overwhelmed her when she visited her husband's tomb and then marched behind her sleigh upon her return to town. Mrs. Veregin was overcome with emotion as she approached her husband's tomb and fell on the ground and wept unrestrainedly.

CANNERY PACK INCREASED

SEATTLE, Jan. 7.—(AP.)—The 1925 pack of canneries in the northwest will be about 5,000,000 cases, an increase over 1924.

CENTRAL WEST IS
IN GRIP OF SNOW

Storm Spreads Eastward; Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Texas Hit

COLD SAID NOT SEVERE

Rocky Mountain States Recovering From Heavy Storm; Northern Texas Is Hit By Blizzards

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The central west was blanketed today by the snowstorm which yesterday held the Rocky mountain region in its grip.

The storm spread eastward covering a wide area, including Kansas and portions of Nebraska, Missouri and Texas. Temperatures, however, were not severe.

With fair weather, southern Wyoming and eastern Colorado were recovering tonight from the heavy snowfall yesterday which was responsible for one death, the blocking of highways and delay to the transcontinental air mail service. The eastern consignment of the air mail left Cheyenne, Wyo., early today, 12 hours late, and the western consignment was five hours late.

Many sections of Kansas received as much as five inches of snow and it drifted badly in places.

Reports from Bayard, Neb., today told of a search being conducted for Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Shea, who have been missing since December 13, and are believed to have lost their lives in the vast snow drifts of that sparsely settled region. It has been stormwashed for nearly a month. John Keith of Alliance, Neb., is known to have lost his life.

The first real snowstorm of the year started this morning in the northwest Texas and moved steadily southward during the day, reaching blizzard proportions at some points.

PORTLAND INVITES FORD

PRESENCE IS ASKED AT PROGRAM OF OLD-TIME MUSIC

PORTLAND, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Henry Ford was invited today by the Portland chamber of commerce to attend an old-time dance which the chamber is planning for January 15. In the letter to Mr. Ford extending the invitation it was stated that the chamber is planning to hold an old-time fiddlers' contest at a later date.

Mr. Ford recently wrote the chamber saying he was sending some of the old-time dance music he has collected.

FRENCH FLOODS ARE
YET GREAT MENACE

Situation Remains Virtually Unchanged; Rivers Are Rising Slowly

REPORT GREAT DAMAGE

Cessation of Rain and Advent of Colder Weather Brings Ray of Hope to Those in Danger Zone

PARIS, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The River Seine continued to rise today, but not so fast as during the preceding 24 hours. At the Austerlitz bridge, a sort of strategic point, the water stood at 6.1 meters (about 20 feet) which was still seven feet lower than the record height in 1910.

A conference was held this afternoon at the war office and public departments and measures were devised to permit the residents along the river banks should they be obliged to evacuate their homes.

The flood situation in the Oise region has remained virtually unchanged while the Rheims district appears to be now suffering worse conditions than any of the others.

At Maastricht, in Belgium, the river Meuse has fallen to almost its normal level, while both the Rhine and the Waal have dropped considerably, and the danger from this source is believed to be past. But despite the utmost efforts of the salvaging parties, many hundreds of people are still awaiting rescue from the half collapsed dykes and the upper stories of houses.

The danger point in the Seine has been reached, but official announcement is made that the river will probably rise another foot or more.

The cessation of the rain and the advent of colder weather in its wake made hope brighter this evening that a great catastrophe will be averted.

The damage to the capital itself by the floods thus far has been confined to flooded cellars, but large damage has been done in the suburbs, manufacturing plants having suffered severely.

SENTENCE STAYS MARRIAGE

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Gilbert Detweiler, 19 year old Everett youth, who was to be married here next week to his childhood sweetheart, was today on his way to McNeil Island federal penitentiary for breaking his parole from Leavenworth. He came from Chicago to Everett, where he was arrested Tuesday, to see her.

State Flax Plant Capacity
To Be Doubled This Season

Retting and Scutching Departments to Be Enlarged Immediately; Contracts for 2,500 Acres of Flax Will Be Let; Night Force Will Be Added

Conclusions reached at yesterday's conference on the penitentiary plant outline the following program:

Retting capacity at state flax plant to be doubled. Scutching capacity will be doubled if demanded. Artificial drying experiments will go on. State will contract for 2,500 acres of flax.

Night force to reclean seed to be put on at once. State's pullers to be operated by the state.

The retting capacity of the state flax plant at the penitentiary will be doubled in time for the next flax harvest. It was doubled last year, by the building of nine circular wooden tanks. But the present capacity will be doubled again now, by using the work that was done on a garage across the road from the present outside garage and building upon that foundation concrete tanks.

The scutching capacity of the plant will be doubled by next fall, if there is a demand for scutching by plants located at different points in the valley for threshing, retting and breaking the flax; the broken flax to be baled and brought to the state plant.

If favorable reports are received that are coming and due now, by cable request from France, concerning a new artificial process for drying retted flax, that has been in use in Canada, near Detroit, John Quinlan, superintendent of the state flax plant, will go at once to Canada, where he will investigate the process, which is a French invention, with the idea of building such a plant here, if found practical and expedient. In case Mr. Quinlan goes, he will investigate the industries at the Stillwater, Minn., penitentiary, and the Henry Ford flax drying plant at Detroit, and will also look out for retting plants that are known to be for sale in Canada.

The state flax plant will this year contract for 2500 acres of flax, to be grown by the farmers.

A night force will be put on at the plant at once, recleaning flax seed, and dividing it into first, second and third grades, in order to keep ahead of the demand from the farmers for seed—for it will be the policy this year to contract with no farmer who cannot or will not plant early, and one of the largest Polk county growers expects to plant his flax in February. Also, an endeavor will be made to have flax on new land, and to insist upon rotation; probably a seven year rotation—partly to keep out flax diseases.

The six flax pulling machines belonging to the state will not be offered for sale, but they will be put in first class condition and will be operated by the state, at perhaps \$10 an acre, the grower furnishing the traction power and the twine and hauling the machine to his field. This will provide a certainty of harvesting at the right time, up to the limit of the capacity of the six pullers—probably 1000 acres.

The experiments of artificial drying will go on. They look more favorable for success now. The contracts for the growers will be ready as soon as they can be whipped into shape, and examined by the attorney general. There is no definite decision as (Continued on page 2)

BUILDING PERMITS JUMP

YESTERDAY'S ISSUES TOTAL \$13,000 FOR HOMES

Building for January was given a boost yesterday when permits representing \$13,000 worth of building were issued from the office of the city recorder.

Albert T. Anderson was given a permit to construct a one story dwelling at 1135 Hood street, to cost \$4500. H. C. Hummel took out a permit to erect a one and one half story dwelling at 1690 Market street at a cost of \$3000.

A permit was issued to D. A. Bechtel to build a one story dwelling to cost \$2500 at 1825 North 5th street.

Mrs. Helen Hodson took out a permit to erect a one story dwelling near Center and 14th streets at a cost of \$2000. Harlie M. Snally was issued a permit to construct a one story dwelling at 2310 South Winter street, to cost \$700. A permit to do \$300 worth of repairing on the dwelling at 1315 Jefferson street was issued to Mrs. Stella Fleming.

FALLS CITY SETS MARK

POSTAL RECEIPTS SHOW A GROWTH OF 10 PER CENT

FALLS CITY, Jan. 6.—The figures just released from the postoffice here show the total receipts of the office to be \$2,709.82 for the year 1925, being a gain of more than 10 per cent over 1924. This, together with the increased school census showing, indicates a gain in population of possibly 200 during the last 12 months, and a healthy condition in all lines of business.

JAIL ROSTER SWELLING

FREY AND SNYDE SENTENCED SHAUERMAN CONTINUED

N. D. Frey, 23, and John Snyder, 21, were sentenced to serve six months in the county jail and to pay a fine of \$500 when they were convicted yesterday of possession of a still. Ira Shauerman, 19, had his case continued on account of his age. All three were arrested Tuesday evening by county and state officers when a still they were operating in the St. Paul district was seized.

Another charge of possession of a still was placed against the trio, but has been continued. Frey and Snyder were placed in the county jail yesterday.

GUILTY, AND WORTH IT

PARKED OVERTIME BUT SECURED GOOD PROSPECTS

O. F. Ogden, local insurance man, snatched into Judge Poulsen's office yesterday. He handed the judge his tag.

"Parked overtime," read the charge. "How comes it you were parked in one place for so long a time?" asked the judge. Ogden smiled.

"Well, Judge," he said, "a direct question merits a direct answer. I was waiting for prospects."

"One dollar," stated the judge.

"Cheap enough," Ogden answered. "The prospects were intelligent."

WASHINGTON SOLONS
LEAVE AMID STRIFE

Session Marked by Constant Clashes Comes to End; Both Sides Bitter

"REAL TRUTH" PROMISED

Majority Members Declare Statement Forthcoming; Hartley Hits "Disgruntled Politicians"

OLYMPIA, Jan. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—Marked by constant clashes between majority and minority factions, the latter supported by Governor Hartley, the special session of the legislature drew to a close tonight. While the contending elements withdrew from the battlegrounds, it could not be said their tattered banners were furled in peace, or that cudgels had been exchanged for olive branches.

Majority members have announced that a statement will be forthcoming in the near future putting the "real truth of the session before the people," while Governor Hartley in his fourth message Monday declared that the administration "will remain on the job and continue to fight for the people and the taxpayers against the scheming and disgruntled politicians, the special privilege seekers and the treasury raiders." In speaking on state timber, the governor became more specific, declaring that timber sales are to be investigated and the "facts are going to be given, not only to the legislature, but to the people, and given to them before the next election."

From the outset, the senate organization reigned supreme, maintaining a safe two-thirds majority at all times, and such executive vetoes as were sustained in the upper chamber expressed the "second thought" judgment of organization members. In the house, the situation was different. On controverted measures which drew executive disapproval, the minority maintained a "veto majority" of more than one-third of the members till Tuesday when a second majority member switched to the majority and made possible the amendment of the joint rules to allow reconsideration of a vote which a veto had been sustained. By this action it was possible to override Governor Hartley's veto of senate bill 40, increasing the millages for the educational institutions, and senate bill 319, appropriating funds for capital outlay for the same institutions. The executive veto on both bills had previously been sustained in the house, after being overthrown in the senate.

The house today overrode the governor's veto of house bill 252, permitting state educational institutions to build dormitories, student activity buildings, boarding houses and similar buildings, on a 20-year amortization plan, by a vote of 63 to 23, five members being absent. The senate followed suit immediately after wards, defeating the veto by a vote of 27 to 19, five senators being absent. The house then sustained the governor's veto of a \$50,000 item for parks and parkways in the general appropriations measure by a vote of 38 to 52, with five absent, and also the veto of house bill 185, relating to shorelands, held under oyster cultivation deeds, by a vote of 38 to 3, five members being absent.

EUGENE TEAM TRAVELS

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 7.—(AP.)—With five of the ten men on the basketball team of the University of Oregon, former local prep school stars, Coach Spike Leslie leaves for Portland Friday to pit his hoopers against the Franklin and Jefferson high schools.

