

MELTON TO GET CABINET PLACE REPORT SHOWS

Present Secretary of Treasury Expected to Succeed Self in Job

Long and Secret Conference Held With President-Elect Hoover

By JAMES L. WEST Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover talked over many problems today with Secretary Mellon, and a number of congressional leaders, and approved plans for a simple inauguration to be followed by a military and civic parade lasting about two hours.

Members of the senate and house who discussed legislative affairs with Mr. Hoover, were informed that he would have no suggestions to make on pending measures as he would consider such a course improper.

Mr. Hoover started off his second day in Washington since his election with a breakfast conference with Senator Borah, of Idaho, who urged that through a farm relief program.

The determination of the president-elect not to interfere in the present legislative situation was expressed first in a conference with Chairman Hale, of the senate naval committee, who requested that he make a public statement endorsing the pending measure authorizing the construction of 18 light cruisers and an aircraft carrier.

The policy of non-interference was reiterated to the Iowa delegation in the house, which reported that the consensus in congress was that federal legislation could not be enacted at this session.

Fight With Producers Develops at Meeting Before Ways and Means Body

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The first fight between producers and manufacturers—one which touched upon a phase of the farm problem—broke out today at the tariff revision hearings of the house ways and means committee.

Charred Bones Gruesome Clue to Murder; Officers Try to Unravel Mystery

BILLINGS, Mont., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Bones found in the charred ruins of the home today of a man, ten miles from Reed Point, last December 22, were those of a human being who had recently died.

Police Will Creck Today on Machines With Old Licenses

Automobile owners who have failed to purchase their 1929 licenses and have been seeking to operate them with the 1928 plates attached, had better keep their cars out of sight today and henceforward until the tags with black background are obtained.

Wealthy Persons To be Relieved by New Organization

Socialist Son of British Earl is One Founder of Unique Group

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—New friendly society, neighbors' limited, has been formed for the purpose of enabling wealthy persons to take a bed sitting room in London, live on three pounds sterling weekly and take a philosophy degree.

VAST CHANGES ARE PLANNED, BELGRADE

KILOIS, Turkey.—(AP)—Humble, illiterate Black Sea fishermen revere the name of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh. This discovery was made by his mother, Mrs. Evangeline Lodge Lindbergh, when she visited this little Turkish seaport with a group of teachers from the American college at Constantinople where she has been teaching chemistry.

Los Angeles On Training Cruise

LAKEHURST, N. J., Jan. 8.—(AP)—The navy dirigible Los Angeles took off at 8:45 p. m. tonight for a training cruise of more than 2,000 miles which will take it south along the coast to Florida.

200 CHILDREN LED OUT OF BURNING BUILDING

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Three nuns and six other teachers led 200 children to safety today when fire destroyed St. Malachy's parochial school in the east section of Brooklyn. The fire started in the chimney and cut off escape by the front entrance.

to Mrs. Price. She expressed a will to refund to the Montana Life Insurance company all of the money but \$225 which she has spent.

OPPOSITION TO GOV. JOHNSTON GROWS STRONG

Legislature Holds Regular Session After Having Been Outwitted

Investigation of Administration Looms as Enemies Gain Control

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Peat up opposition to the administration of Governor Henry S. Johnston, held in check for more than a year by his success in forestalling a special impeachment session, broke about his official head today in the first meeting of the regular biennial session of the Oklahoma legislature.

James C. Nance of Cotton county, a leader of the insurgent democrats, was elected speaker after a contest which was held in the Oklahoma county, an administration man.

Leaders of the administration group pleaded in vain for party regularity. The insurgents voted consistently with the republicans on all questions testing the power of the opposing factions.

BOARD HERE BACKS 2 MILL SCHOOL TAX

Resolutions were ordered prepared placing the Salem school board on record as opposed to the repeal of the two mill elementary school tax on the ground that it would cripple the district to the extent of \$35,000 and make it necessary for the board to go before the people for sufficient funds, at the regular meeting of the board, held last night.

The old contention of a few persons residing out of Salem but paying taxes on property in town through their children should be allowed to attend school here tuition-free was presented to the board. School officials asserted, however, that the present ruling that the residence is where the child lives is correct.

Benjamin Duke Passes Leaving \$60,000,000 Sum

NEW YORK, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Benjamin N. Duke, who rose from a boy peddler of tobacco to help place his family among the possessors of big business, died today in his upper Fifth avenue mansion after a long illness. He was in his 74th year.

Behind him he left a fortune estimated at upward of \$60,000,000 founded on the profits of a southern country tobacco shop and expanded by years of effort into railroads, banking, cotton, real estate and other high scale enterprises.

Grand Duke to Receive Burial

ANTIBES, France, Jan. 8.—(AP)—The body of Grand Duke Nicholas, head of the Romanoffs, was taken to Cannes today for burial. Twelve state-of-the-art coffins, each one at least six feet, four inches in height, stood guard over the silver casket which was smothered in wreaths and clusters of the finest flowers of the Riviera.

Awaits Verdict



General Bramwell Booth, who may find himself removed from his position as commander of the Salvation Army by action of that organization's high council, now in session in England.

HIGH COUNCIL OF ARMY IS DELAYED

SUNBURY-ON-THAMES, England, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Any anticipations that the high council of the Salvation Army, which assembled here today, would reach a quick decision regarding the fitness of General Bramwell Booth to continue as commander-in-chief, were dispelled.

The 63 men and women commissioners, selected for their experience in all parts of the Army's dominions, met behind locked and bolted doors.

Monday In Washington

By the Associated Press President-elect Hoover approved plans for a simple inauguration.

The house decided to take up the reappointment bill on Thursday.

President Coolidge congratulated the crew of the Queen Mark for their record flight.

The election contest against Representative Beck, republican, Pennsylvania, was ended, the house voting to seat him.

Commissioner Burke of the Indian bureau was asked to prove his charges against Senator Pine of Oklahoma by the senate Indian affairs committee.

Public health services reported that during the week ending January 5, deaths from influenza increased while the prevalence of the disease decreased.

U. S. National Bank Reelects All Directors

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125 State Retailers Join Million Dollar Merger of Grocers

Willamette Grocery Co., of Salem Fosters United Purity Stores, Launched With 450-Store Buying Power; Two Salem Chains Join in Big Alliance of Merchants in Seven Counties

Merger of the interests of 125 of the leading retail grocery stores of the Willamette valley, with aggregate resources of nearly \$1,500,000, was perfected here Tuesday.

The merger, created by the Willamette Grocery Co., of Salem, one of Oregon's most important wholesale grocery firms, brings into existence one of the largest chain store organizations in the state.

It will be allied for buying with a huge chain in Washington, operating 450 stores, according to the statement of Theodore Roth, president and manager of the Willamette Grocery Co.

Leading independent grocery stores in Marion, Linn, Polk, Yamhill, Tillamook, Lincoln and Benton counties are identified with the merger under the name of United Purity Stores.

The organization includes the 23 retail stores of Associated Stores Co., of which Ed Schuman, of Salem is president and Mr. Roth manager, as well as the 17 Triangle stores, a unit of independently owned stores.

Although 125 groceries in the seven counties will become United Purity Stores at the start, additional stores will be added until the company has one or more leading groceries at every important point in the valley, Mr. Roth announced. The Willamette Grocery Co., of Salem will be the wholesale clearing house for the entire chain.

Through the alliance with the United Purity Stores chain in Washington, operating 450 stores in Tacoma and Spokane, the chain will have the benefits of the extraordinary buying power immediately of 575 stores, with additional stores constantly increasing this power.

Private Brands to Be Used by Chain. United Purity Stores will be uniform in general appearance, with a similar paint color scheme for all stores. It is planned. Merchandising methods and basic stocks in all stores will be similar.

The company will create private brands for high grade merchandise and will distribute the Willamette company's widely known Elsinore Brand canned products, it is said.

Each store in the new chain will be independently owned, with the exception of those already in chain ownership under the name of Associated Stores.

C. M. Lee, who has been operating Lee's White grocery in Salem since his recent removal to Salem from Coos Bay, will be manager of the United Purity Stores. He has had wide experience in the grocery business and in the operation of such organizations as the new merger creates.

NEWPORT MAN IS KILLED IN SMASH

TOLEDO, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—P. G. Gilmore, proprietor of the Gilmore hotel, of Newport, Ore., was killed on the Corvallis-Newport highway at noon today when his automobile skidded on the icy road and turned over. Mrs. Gilmore, who was accompanying her husband, was unharmed excepting severely shocked.

KING HAS QUIET DAY, PHYSICIANS ANNOUNCE

LONDON, Jan. 8.—(AP)—King George's physician, Sir Stanley Hewett and Lord Dawson of Penn at 8:15 p. m. issued this bulletin: "The king had a quiet day and the condition of his majesty is unchanged. No further bulletin will be issued until tomorrow night."

Northcott May Get Wish To Have Woman on Jury As Murder Trial Begins

COURT ROOM, Riverside, Calif., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Possibility of a feminine element in the jury which will decide the fate of Gordon Stewart Northcott, accused boy murderer, appeared today with tentative acceptance by both defense and state of one woman juror, Mrs. Mildred Breece, a housewife, who was left seated in the box at the end of the day.

Mrs. Breece told Northcott lawyer, Northcott's counsel, that she had "no objection whatever" to serving on the jury with 11 men, and declared she had no prejudice against death as the penalty for first degree murder.

Young Northcott betrayed a lively interest in the prospect of a jury composed of at least partly women.

Schools Greatest State Enterprise And Most Costly

The public schools of Oregon are the largest single enterprise in the state and represent an investment of more than \$40,000,000 in buildings, grounds and equipment, according to the biennial report of C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools, which was filed with Governor Patterson Tuesday.

During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1928, these schools expended \$22,000,000. Approximately 8,000 teachers are employed and more than 187,000 children are enrolled. There are 9624 clerks and school board members.

ALL-AMERICAN AIR EXPOSITION CLOSSES

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Zooming service planes today closed the all American air meet celebrating the inauguration tomorrow of air mail service to Porto Rico.

Tonight Postmaster General A. S. Macmillan, who is in Miami, here to dedicate the new Pan-American mail route, spoke to Miamians and their winter visitors in Bay Front park.

William P. McCracken, Jr., assistant secretary of commerce in charge of aviation, told of the growth of commercial aviation in the United States and praised this city for its selection as the hub for Pan-American aerial traffic.

He predicted inauguration of mail service will bring a favorable development in the commercial relations between the two continents.

Among those on the speakers platform were Amelia Earhart, Lady Mary Heath, British aviatrix, Lieutenant Lester Maitland, San Francisco-Hawaii flier, Lieutenant Al Williams, naval pilot, William S. Brock and Edward F. Scheele, Detroit to Tokyo flier, George Haldeman, pilot for Ruth Elder, attempted Transatlantic hop, and a score of prominent army and naval aviators.

Various facing events. Lay Heath was forced to withdraw from events this afternoon by engine trouble.

PLAN BOY SCOUTS' COUNCIL CHANGES

A meeting of the executive committee of the Cascade Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held at the chamber of commerce rooms Wednesday night, January 16, at 8 o'clock. L. A. Payne, acting executive, announced Tuesday.

Reorganization of the Marion and Polk county council will be completed at this time and several matters of importance will be studied, chief of which will be reorganization of a new scout executive for the area, completion of the preliminary program for the year and election of the officers of the council.

PORTLAND REALTOR SUSPECTED SUICIDE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—E. H. Barnes, 65, Portland real estate dealer, was being hunted tonight by police who feared he had taken his life. Notes which Barnes is believed to have written intimating he intended to commit suicide were found in his room. Friends told police Barnes declared several days ago he was contemplating suicide.

Downtown hotels were being searched in the belief he would be found dead.

CONSECRATION TO BE EPICHALEVENT

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 8.—(AP)—Most Reverend John Gardner Murray, visiting bishop of the Episcopal church of Portland, has taken order for the consecration of Dr. Thomas Jenkins, of McMinnville, Ore., to be bishop of Nevada. Consecration will be held Friday morning. It will be the first ceremonial of the kind in Oregon.

FOUR DEFENDANTS ARE HELD ON RUM CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 8.—(AP)—Four men were indicted by the federal grand jury tonight in connection with the alleged operation of the Visitation valley liquor still, uncovered last Friday night when Police Corporal James J. Muldoon was wounded in a shotgun trap.

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