

## VISIT BY BUDD IS SIGNIFICANT OF RAIL MOVES

Conference With Meier and Thomas is now Wholly Social, Revealed

Recent Developments Point To Possible Linking Up Of Northern Lines

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The recent conference at the state capital between President Ralph Budd of the Great Northern railroad and Governor Julius L. Meier and Public Utilities Commissioner Charles M. Thomas has given new life to speculation concerning projects contemplated by the Northern lines in Oregon. Conjecture on the subject among those who are interested in development of the state and who are familiar with railroad history has relegated politics far into the background during the past week.

The visit, first declared a social one on the part of President Budd, proved to be more than that. It has since developed. The exact business discussed during the hour's session in the governor's office, has not been divulged by any of the participants, but it has been learned that Budd was anxious to ascertain the attitude of the new public utilities commissioner on railroad supervision.

Rail Activities in Oregon Forecast

A friendly public utilities commission would prove a big asset to the Northern lines if established. New construction would be started. There are now no petitions of any kind before the commissioner by any railroad, which has led observers of railroad activities to believe Budd was here to pave the way for several projects long in mind.

In connection with Budd's visit, four important events and situations during the past few years strengthened speculation concerning two proposals involving the northern lines as well as consideration of new construction in the western part of the state. They are:

### Common User Right May Utilized

1. Common user with the Southern Pacific over the Natron cut-off. At the time the interstate commerce commission granted permission to the Southern Pacific to construct the route from Eugene to Klamath Falls, it was stipulated that common user privileges must be granted to any other road if such were desired, or ruling to that effect.

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The Kiangching river railway bridge of the Tsaoan-Anghachi line, following its repair by the Japanese forces now in Manchuria, since the Chinese soldiers and engineers had failed to fix it. The first engine to cross the bridge since its destruction is shown. The repair of the span cost 250 lives, what with Chinese firing on the Nippon repair gang and Japanese troops retreating on the Chinese. In upper left, Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang (left) deposed Manchurian governor, and President Chiang Kai-Shek, the national leader, are depicted. General Charles F. Sumnerall (lower left), retired, former United States chief of staff, may lead the international commission which the League of Nations is suggesting as a solution of the Manchurian crisis.

## CLAIM CONSPIRACY OF ILLEGAL ENTRY

Seventeen Arrested Upon Charge of Assisting Alien Admittance

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.—(AP)—A huge conspiracy which resulted in a steady, illicit parade of aliens into the United States, was revealed by federal officials to have been smashed with return of 31 indictments today against 17 lawyers, consular employees and members of the immigration and naturalization forces.

The indictments grew out of an investigation begun four months ago by United States Attorney George Z. Medaris, assisted by Murray W. Garsion, special assistant secretary of labor.

The inquiry spread to Chicago and other lake cities, where indictments already have been returned.

Medaris refused to estimate how many aliens had been smuggled into the country by the alleged conspiracy of the 17 men, but 60 aliens questioned by the grand jury admitted they were "clients" of the indicted group.

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## Colder, and No Signs of Moderating

BITTER! And it's still getting colder. More bedroom windows were closed in Salem last night, and more blankets were taken out of the closets and put into use as the mercury continued to flirt with marks on the thermometer below the freezing point.

Salem and its environs shivered Friday when early in the morning the mercury dropped to 22 degrees above zero, the second coldest temperature of the winter. Early Monday morning the mercury dropped to 21 degrees.

Snow has fallen on all high places in the county. Large, white flakes made their appearance in Silverton Wednesday night at about 8 o'clock, but not enough to be discernable on the streets.

The forecast for today is fair and colder. It might not be had idea to oil up the ice skates or get the old toboggan out of the basement, if the depression in the mercury continues.

## GAIN IN UTILITIES VALUES REPORTED

The assessed value of public utilities, as apportioned to counties for tax levies purposes is \$186,952,707.60, this year, as against \$184,342,313.28 in 1930. This was announced Friday by Earl Fisher, veteran member of the state tax commission.

Actual value of public utilities in Oregon for 1930, as determined by the state tax commission, is \$329,491,423.18. In 1929 it was \$316,298,223.28.

Principal increases in the apportionment this year resulted through changes in the valuations of electric, power and telephone companies. The Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company's increase aggregated \$5,600,000.

### THE TAX LEVY FOR 1932, BASED ON THE VALUATIONS FOR THIS YEAR, WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY THE STATE TAX COMMISSION EARLY IN DECEMBER.

A summary of the valuations of the various properties, segregated by counties, probably will be announced early next week.

## EUROPEANS KILLED IN TIENTSIN FIGHT

MUKDEN, Nov. 27.—(AP)—An unconfirmed dispatch reaching Mukden tonight said at least six Europeans had been killed in Tientsin during the firing between Chinese marauders and foreign troops in the last two days.

General Honjo's headquarters were unable to confirm the reports and said the only message received from the Chinese city since this morning indicated the wireless outfit in the Japanese concession was out of order.

It was reported in other sources that every male between the age of 18 and 45 in the Japanese population of about 30,000 had been called out to assist in repelling the Chinese attacks.

### Coaster Killed As Sled Crashes Into Automobile

KELLOGG, Idaho, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Jimmy Ladd, 7, was fatally injured and Billie Hayes, 11, was gravely hurt as their sled crashed into an automobile here today.

Mrs. Jack Simpson, driver of the automobile, said she attempted to swerve out of the sled's path, but it struck the right fender. Ladd's head was crushed, and he died in two hours. Hayes' skull was fractured, but hope was held for his recovery.

## CREATING JOBS IS PURPOSE OF GROUP FORMED

Dancy Heads Committee of Community Service to Find Relief Work

One Proposal is Leveling Of Auto Park Ground, Filling big Hole

W. H. "Jack" Dancy Friday night accepted the chairmanship of a new Community Service employment - creation committee when the members of the relief creating organization held a special meeting at the chamber of commerce.

After being given full authority to sponsor any sort of employment activity and to appoint other members to his committee, Mr. Dancy outlined to the group a number of possible ways of creating jobs. One project, if the city park board will sanction it, is to level the municipal auto park grounds and filling the hole excavated when the South Church street bridge was constructed.

Other projects considered were tearing down old buildings for the firewood in them, cleaning out of alleys and improving eye-sore vacant lots. Starting at once on his new task, Mr. Dancy stated that he would immediately survey the city to see what work was needed to be done and might be put to the Service's purpose of providing employment.

Following the employment discussion, E. Ellis Purvine, chairman, (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

## RUTH BRYAN OWEN WINDS UP TRAVELS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Representative Ruth Bryan Owen, democrat, Florida, returned to her office today with a large sized record for distance covered during a congressional recess.

Since March 4, when she helped finish up the last congress in traditional style by singing "Pack up Your Troubles," Mrs. Owen has traveled extensively in Europe and intensively in America.

With a party of young people, including her son, Bryan, and daughter, Helen, she took a freighter to Copenhagen. Then came a trip by motor-trailer through Denmark, Prussia, Saxony and Bavaria, and a light across the Alps to Italy. She saw Scandinavia by train and passenger boat, and returned home with no attempt to calculate a diversified mileage.

A 1,500 mile political auto tour of her 550-mile long district followed. She spent a week in Key West in exactly one month.

This particular trip was topped by an 8,000 mile lecture tour for the purpose of financing a trip to Washington next spring for one boy and one girl from each of 18 counties in her district—another yearly event.

## MISBRANDING MILK CHARGED TO CURLY

Hans Hofstetter, proprietor of Curly dairy, arrested Friday on a warrant sworn out on information filed by J. E. Blunkhorn city milk inspector charging the defendant with misbranding milk offered for sale.

The allegation of the complainant is that milk of grades B and C was being sold and labeled as Grade A Pasteurized, which, it is asserted, is contrary to the city milk ordinance.

The warrant was served Friday and Hofstetter will report before the police judge some time early in the week.

"It is a trumped charge," declared Hofstetter last night, "and I can prove it."

## Child Despairs At Accusation Takes Own Life

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—(AP)—"I didn't take the dollar out of the purse—honest."

Writing this message to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Culver, and heading it "death note," Mildred Culver, 15, shot herself under the heart and was in a critical condition tonight.

Mrs. Culver wept as she told how she had missed a dollar bill from her purse and reproved Mildred, bullying the girl and a younger brother had taken the money to buy candy.

"I know you won't believe it, but it's true," the note continued. "There's no use living any more."

## Japanese Halt Drive Toward Chinchow; to Withdraw to Mukden

Agrees to Neutral Zone Between There and Great Wall of China, With Proviso That no Outbreaks Occur

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Nov. 26.—(Saturday)—(AP)—The Japanese drive toward Chinchow has been halted, it was announced here today. The announcement said all Japanese troops will be withdrawn to the east side of the Liao river, 30 miles southwest of Mukden.

By JAMES P. HOWE (Copyright, 1931, By The Associated Press)

TOKYO, Nov. 27.—Japan's thrust at the last Chinese stronghold in south Manchuria has been stopped, it was announced today, and she has agreed to the creation of a neutral zone between there and the great wall of China—both with conditions.

A spokesman for the war office said orders had been relayed to Japanese troops advancing in a southwesterly direction along the Peking-Mukden railway not to proceed farther toward Chinchow, and they probably would be withdrawn to Mukden. The advance guard was about half way between the two cities when the orders were issued.

This concession was with the reservation that the Japanese army would not be harassed by bandits, renegade soldiers and other disturbing groups which have been nipping at its flanks. A large force of Chinese soldiers was said to be centered at Chinchow and a sanguine encounter had been feared.

The Japanese government promised to observe the zone of neutrality except in the event of a serious clash between the opposing armies at Shankaiwan, Tientsin or Peiping, all south of the zone, in which case the right to transport reinforcements through the area was reserved.

The southward march of the Japanese legions violates directly an unqualified assurance given the American government by Tokyo only three days ago. Japan is moving on this last remaining Manchurian stronghold fully aware that the development will be regarded here as casting serious doubt on the validity of her repeated pledges against permanent aggression in Manchuria.

A swift American protest is expected to go forward. Its exact form has not been determined and the action taken may be agreed upon beforehand in conferences with the League of Nations.

Withdrawal of diplomatic representation from Tokyo has been suggested.

## FARM BOARD HEADS DEFEND THEIR ACTS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Two farm board field generals today defended their tactics on the wheat and cotton battle fronts.

E. F. Greekmore, \$75,000 a year general manager of the cotton stabilization corporation and the American Cotton Cooperative association, told the senate agriculture committee the farmers' withdrawal from stabilization was worth its cost.

Before the same committee, George S. Milnor, \$50,000 a year general manager of the grain stabilization corporation and the farmers' national grain corporation, testified to the financial success of the cooperative movement.

Meanwhile another demand for abolition of the board came from Senator Bulkley, democrat, Ohio. On his return to the capital today, he described the board's stabilization operations as a "dismal failure."

## RICKY COMMUNITY AIDS CHARITY HERE

Rickey community was first to respond to the appeal for contributions of foodstuffs by Community Service. A truck from that neighborhood was driven in Friday, fully loaded with potatoes, squashes, onions, cabbages, turnips, apples and other vegetables.

The produce will be stored and used to provide food for needy families this winter.

The appeal has gone to other communities and they are expected to respond likewise. The Salem charity organizations reach out into the country to extend aid where needed, so these supplies will help to meet the winter's requirements.

## Alleged Soviet Spies Must Die

BARANOWICZ, Poland, Nov. 27.—(AP)—Seven alleged soviet spies were sentenced to death today by a court here.

Counsel for the defendants appealed to the president of the court for mercy. The trial was speedily conducted and details were suppressed by the government under the terms of a decree which authorized "accelerated courts."

## HIGHWAY FIGHT IS LOOMING

Demand for 30-Foot Road To Oregon City Stressed At Woodburn Meeting With big Crowd Present

Division of Association to Promote Improvement is Organized; Heavy Traffic On Route Mentioned

Opening bargains in what promises to be a determined drive to bring the state highway commission to adopt at least a 30-foot highway between Salem and New Era were fired in rapid succession at an enthusiastic meeting of interested leaders of nine highway projects, held last night at the Woodburn armory.

Delegations were present from Salem, Silverton, Mt. Angel, Gervais, Hayesville, Aurora, Oregon City, Canby, Hubbard and Woodburn.

The whole sentiment of the meeting seemed to be expressed in the semi-humorous declaration of Colonel William A. Ald of Canby that "Any engineer who recommends a 20-foot highway should be examined." His statement drew instantaneous response.

Highway Association Division Formed

Following several direct, factual speeches, the body unanimously proceeded to organize a Salem-Portland division of the Pacific highway association, naming Dr. Gerald B. Smith of Woodburn president and F. S. Perrine of Oregon City secretary. An executive committee of one from each highway town and two "feeder" towns was named.

The committee in brief session, named a committee of three to draft resolutions and arguments thereto to present to the state highway commission at its meeting in Portland Thursday, December 3. Colonel Ald is chairman of this committee, with Harry Crain, Salem, and E. J. Moore, Hayesville, the other two members.

As large a delegation as possible will be mustered to go before the highway commission on that date in interest of the movement.

History of Highway Moves is Recited

History of the highway moves and counter-moves which led up to the meeting last night was sketched briefly by Dr. Smith, Harry Crain and O. D. Eby, president of the Oregon City chamber of commerce.

Seldom did the discussion deviate from the dominating theme: A 30-foot or more highway. The question of manner of construction of the 30 feet cropped up once or twice, but the consensus of the meeting seemed to be that the fight should be for the width, and to let engineers determine the advisability of five-foot shoulders, single strip or the whatnot of actual construction.

"If we can get the highway commission to accept a 30-foot road—and we can if we fight hard"—(Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## Santa Claus Here; Opens Christmas Buying Season

A clear, cold night with frost nipping with persistence at toes and fingers, brought realism to the first official visit of Santa Claus to Salem Friday night. The Salem Ad club was acting as host but Salem's younger generation took charge and kept Santa so busy with questions and suggestions for his Christmas stocking that the official hosts had to busy themselves looking after the crowd which was looking after Santa.

Doors of Salem stores were open between the hours of 7 and 8:30 o'clock, and the public was received and shown about by the working staff of each business house. Suggestions were given out for remembrances for each person on the list of "those to be remembered for Christmas." With almost a month yet to go before Christmas is here, this idea of viewing the stock of available gifts offered by many hundreds of Salem residents.

Table linens, dress accessories, household furnishings, gifts to meet personal and individual tastes in literature, art, music, jewelry and many other suggested gifts were viewed with "ohs" and "ahs" by men, women and children. The crowd was so large that a special high or golf stick came in sight, or a slight automobile accessory was viewed.

The big feature of the Christmas opening was when several hundred people stood before a Commercial street business house,



22 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS

## Oregon Briefs

### WILL OPEN DEC. 6

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—The new 127-foot inlet bridge, spanning the upper harbor here, will be opened to traffic December 6. On the same day the county will discontinue operation of the ferry which has operated there more than 25 years.

### MILLER DEFENDANT

EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 27.—(AP)—Sheriff Harry L. Brown said today evidence against Ray Miller "wou" be presented Monday to the Lane county grand jury in its investigation of the shooting of Kramer Deal, Florence barber, last Friday.

Tom Marshall arrested with Miller at Marshfield last Saturday, was released by Coos county officials today after authorities became satisfied he had nothing to do with the shooting.

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