

Convict Grilled; New Kidnap Case Suspect

Townsend Memorial Passes House; Pay Restoration Favored

Friede Is Lone Floor Battler Against 'Plan'

Fascism Fear Expressed; Vote Is 38 to 20 for Plea to Congress

Marion Delegation Takes Opposing Stand From That 2 Years Ago

By JOHN D. MINTO

Unaided, either by the men who joined him in the minority report or by the 19 other house members who voted "no," George W. Friede, new Malheur representative making his first speech from the floor, yesterday fought a losing fight against the adoption of the Townsend memorial by the lower house. The vote of approval was 38 to 20 with two members excused.

Friede, who with Representatives Fuhrer and Alber had signed a minority report that the memorial should not pass, attacked it as an economic fallacy which has already led many millions astray in worship of false gods such as Coughlin, Lemke, Smith and other and will eventually lead to fascism.

The majority report which recommended that the memorial should pass with minor amendments, was signed by Cady, Laird, Erwin and Leach. Speaking on the floor of the house for the memorial were Representatives Harrison, who introduced the memorial, Barnes, Olsen, Wagner and Bevans.

"True Liberalism" is espoused by Friede. "I have been told," Friede said, "that as a matter of political expediency I should not oppose this memorial, because it really means nothing. I am not willing to do that. I don't think that congress ever will pass the plan and I would rather lose votes—would rather not return here, than to have to know in my mind that I had not heeded to the line of true liberalism."

Aside from the consideration given to the Townsend memorial, the house did little yesterday. There were nine new bills dropped in the hopper to bring the total of measures introduced in the house to 24. For the most part they were local measures applying to county officers.

Measures to Help Bandon Launched. Among them were two measures to aid Bandon in rebuilding from the damages of the fire which destroyed the town last October. The bills, introduced by Representatives Carter, McCloskey, Fuhrer, Riddie, Grant and Alber and Senators Chaney and Staples would waive collection of (Turn to Page 9, Col. 7)

Dore Critical of G-Men's Tactics

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Mayor John P. Dore of Seattle criticized G-men tonight for their activities in the Charles Mattson abduction and murder.

"We could have caught that guy who stole the Mattson boy if it had been for the G-men," he said. "It was known 15 minutes after it happened and he could have been captured. Water ways could have been guarded and all the police and sheriffs could have closed the highways. It's a cluck the G-men are in Everett; we could have bottlenecked the scene of crime so he couldn't have gotten out in any direction." The mayor discussed the kidnaping before he addressed a labor meeting.

Narcissus Quarantine Is Necessary, Group Told

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Hamilton F. Gronen of Samweg, Wash., president of the American Narcissus Growers association, told the Oregon Narcissus association today it must oppose any move to break down quarantines on imported bulbs and plants. The quarantine is instrumental in preserving standards, he said.

River Takes Victim

OREGON CITY, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Emma Doherty, 47, lost her life in the Tualatin river today. Efforts to rescue her by J. W. Schuler and State Officer Richard Secant were unsuccessful. Secant said Mrs. Doherty had been dependent and probably committed suicide.

Committee Is Favorable to Restorations

Getting down to brass tacks the joint ways and means committee yesterday made some important decisions, reserved other questions for later action, and appointed subcommittees to consider separate divisions of the 1937-8 budget.

First, the committee opposed by unanimous vote a reenactment of the salary reduction law first passed in 1932 and extended at a lessened rate of cut in 1935. Chairman Walker thereupon declared: "The ways and means committee will proceed with the budget work on the assumption that the state salaries are to be restored."

The committee laid on the table Dickson's bill appropriating \$15,000 for purchase and maintenance of an airplane for state use.

Nothing Question Not Yet Settled. Action was postponed on the question of continuing the "tithing" law under which self-sustaining divisions are required to turn into the general fund a portion of their receipts. Representative Semon called the law unfair.

Announcing the subcommittees Chairman Walker warned them (Turn to Page 9, Col. 2)

Store, Residence At Turner Burned

Property of Lee P. Barber Total Loss; Spread of Flames Is Rapid

TURNER, Jan. 14.—Fire which broke out suddenly and spread so quickly that little could be saved from the buildings, totally destroyed Barber Grocery & Market and the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee P. Barber here this afternoon. Loss was roughly estimated somewhat in excess of \$5000, partly insured.

The fire apparently started in or beneath the floor of a store-room at the back of the store and quickly spread both through the business establishment and the adjoining residence. A piano, radio and bed were the only things saved out of the house and Mrs. Barber was able to get only the books and a money tin from the store.

The fire also spread to and virtually destroyed an adjoining building which formerly was a (Turn to Page 9, Col. 5)

Madison Indicted For Wife Slaying

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Multnomah county grand jury returned a first-degree murder indictment today against M. S. Madison, 48-year-old WPA orchestra player, in connection with the slaying of his wife, Frankie, 43. The bill said Madison killed his wife, whose body was found at the foot of a basement stairway, by striking her and then stabbing her with a file. Madison contended she fell down the stairs during a scuffle and struck her head on the file.

Conductor Is Killed

BAKER, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Charles Baxter, 52, of La Grande was crushed to death between the couplings of a railroad engine and the tobacco. He was conductor aboard the freight train.

Around The Lobby

DR. C. T. HOCKETT, representative from Walla Walla county, has had to practice a little medicine on the side for some ailing members who have been struck with the flu.

Dr. James A. Best, physician member of the senate, protested against the poor ventilation of the meeting place and requested a complete airing of the rooms during the night, with the view to keeping flu germs docile.

Miss Daisy Bevans made her maiden speech as a house member in behalf of the Townsend plan Thursday.

Ralph Hamilton, former speaker, listened to the debate on the Townsend plan Thursday.

The house tried out the loud speaker system. Most of those talking into it stood too close,

Two Architect Firms Offered Planning Task

Whitehouse-Church Will Direct Job If County Proposal Accepted

Proffer Tentative Since Building Not Assured; Ramage Objector

Two Portland architectural firms will prepare the preliminary plans for the proposed new \$400,000 Marion county courthouse if they accept a proposal adopted last night by the county's building committee. The two firms are Whitehouse & Church, to be senior architects, and Knight & Howell, associates.

This action represented recommendations of the majority members of the subcommittee on architects, Currier VanPelt, chairman, and County Commissioner Leroy Hewlett. The third member, John Ramage, Woodburn, declined to endorse the naming of Knight & Howell on any terms and outlined his reasons for this stand at length. He called the firm to assist, Decatur.

The subcommittee report as adopted by general provision also excludes designation of a Salem or other architect to assist in connection with the project and stipulates terms of the contract to be prepared in the near future. If the order to proceed with final working drawings is not given the architects by December 31, 1938, their remuneration will be limited to \$1800, for preliminary plans, and a 45 percent PWA grant application. Should the county go ahead with the building program, the architects would be paid 6 percent of the total cost of the courthouse exclusive of movable furnishings.

Although County Commissioner Roy S. Melson suggested revisions of the majority report to make the relative responsibility of the two architectural firms more specific, Ramage adhered to his expressed convictions by voting alone against both the amendment and the amended report. Joseph J. Kaber, Mt. Angel, Leonard Jordan, Stayton, Judge (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

De Valera Seeks Peace, Indicated

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—President Eamon de Valera of the Irish Free State, one of the British Empire's most outspoken political opponents, dropped in unexpectedly today ostensibly to make peace. De Valera received Malcolm MacDonald, British dominions secretary, at his hotel. The two talked for three hours. Tonight they met again.

There had been indications for some time that the tall, gaunt Irishman—who was born in New York city—had been mellowing somewhat in his attitude toward England, but he reportedly moved today was understood to have surprised even the foreign office.

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Eastman Opposes Shaddock Scheme

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Albert Eastman, Townsend 21st supporter, attacked a program of Dr. Ralph I. Shaddock today to create a Multnomah county unit to serve as a state organization. Eastman, dropped as an "accredited" lecturer after a dispute with state headquarters, said the move was contrary to the wishes of the national organization and would set up a conflict of authority. Recently Dr. Francis E. Townsend ordered abolition of state officers and creation of organizations in conventional districts.

Dr. Shaddock is state area manager.

Infant Smothers

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Thomas Christin, two months old, smothered to death as he slept on his stomach, the coroner reported today.

Late Sports

PORTLAND, ORE., Jan. 14.—(AP)—The Portland Duckeros defeated the Oakland Clippers, 5 to 3, tonight in a tree-scoring Pacific Coast Ice Hockey league contest. The Ducks tallied twice in the opening period, one in the second and twice more in the third while the Californians drove one over in the second and a couple in the final frame.

Courthouse Area Lease as Parking Lot Turned Down

J. D. Stevenson, Salem glove factory worker, presented the county court last night with his idea of a way to solve the capital city's congested parking problem temporarily and at the same time earn some money to be devoted to landscaping the grounds of the proposed new courthouse. But he got no farther.

The court promptly rejected Stevenson's proposition, which was that he lease the west end of the courthouse grounds during the construction of the new building and rent space to motorists for parking purposes. "Not on your life," County Judge J. C. Slegmund interjected, before Stevenson had finished his presentation of the idea. "You can find some other property to rent."

Terms of the deed by which the courthouse stands where it does would prohibit such a deal and, anyway, "we just couldn't do it," Slegmund explained. He said the property would revert to the Willson heirs if it were used for any other purpose than a courthouse site.

Piracy Complaint In Vessel Seizure

Canadian Boat Boarded at Anacortes; Officials File Formal Claim

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 14.—(Canadian Press)—The Vancouver Merchants Exchange tonight dispatched a telegram to Prime Minister Mackenzie King, protesting that an alleged boarding of the Vancouver tugboat Prosperative in Puget Sound by Americans was "tantamount to piracy."

The exchange, in the message sent to the prime minister, P. E. Burke, urged "that representations be made to the United States government."

It was said that the Prosperative, a Canadian tugboat, "was boarded last night by men from a launch carrying about 30 men who informed the captain he would not be allowed to proceed to Vancouver (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

Heaviest Snow in Years, La Grande

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—La Grande topped the state's "unusual weather" map tonight with the heaviest fall of snow in many years. Sixteen inches fell in 30 hours and great white flakes continued to drift down.

The motor association reported all roads open in that section. A mixture of sunshine and rain practically removed all traces of recent snow storms at Portland. Ice-covered streets stopped motorists on Astoria's hilly sections.

Rain shifted to snow in the Hood River area. Four inches of new snow covered Baker where the temperature struck a minimum of three degrees above zero. Two inches fell at Klamath Falls.

Rain drove away snow in many sections of Willamette valley and in the Tillamook country.

Haynes Clue Has Further Backing

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Sheriff Perkins today said he might have had ordered investigation of a report by Mrs. Melvin Smith, who identified a photograph of Fred Haynes, ex-convict sought for questioning in the Mattson kidnaping, as that of a man to whom she rented a cottage near Seattle two months ago.

Mrs. Smith, the official declared, said she rented the cottage on the Everett highway five miles north of Seattle, to a man and a woman last October. They deserted the cottage in December, she said, after unsuccessfully seeking lower rent.

Mrs. Smith, who recently moved here from the north said the couple did not use the name of Haynes, Sheriff Lyle was informed.

She reported the incident to Sheriff Lyle after viewing newspaper pictures of Haynes, former Portland convict sought for questioning in the case.

Peace in Worst Strike Held Near

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The outlook for a settlement of labor disputes at the Oregon Worsted company has improved, said Charles W. Hope, regional director of the national labor relations board, today.

Real Progress Toward Motor Accord Shown

Secretary of Labor Perkins announced she had been advised of "some progress" at a conference concerning the widespread automotive stalemate and had been informed of "real progress" in moves to end the flat glass deadlock.

The government's next move, she said, depended on the outcome of the parleys at Lansing, Mich. Gov. Frank Murphy of Michigan conferred there with General Motors spokesmen headed by Executive Vice President William S. Knudsen; President Homer Martin of the United Automobile Workers union and John Brophy, director of the committee for industrial organization; and three labor department conciliators. One of the latter, James F. Dewey, reported "some progress" to his chief.

Some 200,000 new jobs in the automotive industry—excluding those in 114,000 General Motors employes—watched these developments.

Reinforcements increased the number of National Guardsmen in Flint, Mich., to 2,300. They were mobilized to preserve order after 17 men were injured in a street battle Monday night.

Four more General Motors plants planned to suspend operations—the Fisher Body and Chevrolet units at North Tarrytown, N. Y., and the Chevrolet branches at Saginaw, Mich., employing 1,700 on next Saturday.

Members of the international union of mill, steel and smelter workers voted to quit the iron ore mines of the Tennessee coal, iron and railroad company at Birmingham, Ala. They were dissatisfied with the firm's wage plan.

Ralph A. Linn, regional director of the national labor relations board, consulted representatives of the federation of flat glass workers at Toledo and arranged a meeting with officials of the Libbey-Owens-Ford glass company at Washington, Sec. 2.

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Widow to Carry On

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. One Johnson, widow of Martin Johnson and an explorer in her own right, will carry on the lecture tour cut short by the airplane tragedy in which her husband was killed, her lecture sponsor said tonight.

Rehabilitation Program for Bandon Is Outlined by Gable

Gilbert E. Gable, rehabilitation agent for the city of Bandon, in Salem to appear before legislative committees in behalf of Bandon which was destroyed by fire over three months ago, has outlined the program for the city's reconstruction. State and federal assistance will be sought so the city may be rebuilt. Some bills were introduced in the house yesterday, and others planned.

In brief the program is this:

1. Relieving the city of state taxes for a period of seven years.

2. Authorizing the remission of delinquent county, city and school district taxes for Bandon.

3. Appropriating \$30,000 by the state to enable the school to continue in operation.

4. Securing federal aid which will permit the city to pay off its bonds at the rate of 70 percent and its warrants at the rate of 75 percent plus interest. This would amount to several hundred thousand dollars.

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Car of Man Well Known in Salem Stolen, Figures in Mattson Case

Verne Williams of Everett, Wash., who has visited frequently in Salem, is shown pointing to a stain on his automobile which is one of the indications that the machine, stolen from Elm last Friday, was used by the kidnaper to carry Charles Mattson's body to the lonely spot where it was found Monday.—International Illustrated News photo.

Roosevelt's Plan May Take Detour

Avoiding Byrd Committee Is Effort; Brookings Report Is Scanned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—President Roosevelt's plan to re-visit the government headed to-day on a path that will carry it around Senator Byrd (D-Va.) and his senate committee on government reorganization.

Senator Robinson (D-Ark), majority leader, announced that the president's recommendations would not be handled by the Byrd committee and said he planned to cooperate with house leaders in creating a new, joint committee to pass on White House plans.

Byrd wants to slash expenditures far deeper than Mr. Roosevelt proposes in connection with the drive to overhaul the governmental machine.

The Byrd committee, which includes Senators Robinson, O'Mahoney (D-Wyo), Townsend (R-Ind) and McNary (R-Ore), will start public hearings the week of Jan. 25 on a Brookings institution report suggesting that \$20,000,000 can be saved on one small part of the government alone—agencies concerned with lending federal government money.

Brookings, a research institution, proposed:

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Zone Change Near Capitol Is Sought

An ordinance proposing to change the zoning of the four blocks north of the state capitol grounds from 12th to Cottage from a modified zone to a residence-only zone will be brought up at the meeting of the city council, Mayor V. E. Kuhn stated yesterday.

The change, according to Mayor Kuhn, will be made to protect the district involved from any encroachments which might prove a hindrance to the acquisition of the property by the state should the legislature decide to acquire the property.

The proposal must be referred to the planning and zoning commission before final action can be taken by the council.

Former Senator From Baker Dies

BAKER, Jan. 14.—(AP)—William Smith, attorney who has been prominent in Baker county and state affairs for many years, died today of pneumonia.

Smith practiced law in Baker for nearly 50 years and presided as judge in the eighth judicial district from 1906 to 1913.

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Robber Caught At Bellingham Quizzed, Hours

Officers' Actions Point to Definite Clue in Mattson Murder

Others Arrested, Queried and Freed All Over West in Manhunt

BELLINGHAM, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Lee Haskell Fowler, 38-year-old convict who Tuesday was sentenced to 30 years in the state penitentiary for his daring holding of the Albers Bros. Milling company the night of December 17, was placed in solitary confinement in the Whatcom county jail late tonight after being quizzed for several hours by two department of justice agents and a Snohomish county deputy sheriff regarding the Mattson kidnaping-murder case.

The agent left here with a woman, said to be Fowler's sweetheart, who was also quizzed by them, but their destination could not be ascertained.

Following their departure the heavy iron, grilled outside door to the jailer's office was locked, effecting a complete blockade of the county jail, a precaution taken in few cases.

One of the federal agents who questioned Fowler was said to be C. C. Spears, described as directing the "G-men" manhunt in the field.

Fowler, it was learned from a reliable source, refused to account to the federal men for his whereabouts from the time of the kidnaping of Charles Mattson until the arrest at the home of his father near East Stanwood last Thursday.

This same source revealed the suspicions of the government agents were aroused when Fowler pleaded guilty Tuesday to the robbery charge in connection with the Albers holdup when he obtained \$900 in cash and checks.

Fowler, Chief of Police Ralph R. Reed said, served a forger's sentence in the state reformatory and two state prison terms for robbery at Everett and Olympia.

TACOMA, WASH., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Discovery by state patrolmen of a quantity of boy's bloodstained clothing and a sack of man's apparel in a shack near Everett, five miles southwest of where Charles' beaten nude body was found, tonight centered the widespread hunt for the abductors near Everett.

As suspects were jailed and others released throughout the west, there were several indications officers discarded the theory that a single person was involved in the kidnap-murder.

Today, the office of United (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

11 Injured When School Bus Dives

ROSEBURG, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Ten students and a bus driver received injuries today when a motor coach skidded over the slippery highway and rolled 30 feet down an embankment.

Willard Smith, the driver, and Florence Verts, Glide high school student, were most seriously hurt. Smith suffered internal injuries and the girl's arm was broken.

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allocation on an equitable basis when the city is rebuilt.

6. Preparation by the state planning board of plans for a strictly modern city of 1500 population, on the old site. This would be kept compact in order to hold down costs for improvements.

Mr. Gable anticipates success before the legislature and Congress. The state extended aid to Astoria where the business district was destroyed by fire. The federal government has also appropriated money for relief of stricken communities. The property pooling plan has met with approval—64 percent of the property having been put in the pool within a short time after it was announced. Bond and warrant holders have expressed themselves as satisfied with the provisions planned for their interest. Records of debt were destroyed in the fire but lists have been compiled in response to appeals for information (Turn to page 15, col. 4)

The Weather
Occasional rain today, unsettled and colder Saturday; Max. Temp. Thursday 45, Min. 26, river -2.3 feet, rain 1.6 inch, south-southwest wind.

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