

Pierce Expects Session Battle

Fight on Administration's Trade Agreements Seen by Lone Democrat

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—A bitter fight on the administration's reciprocal trade agreement program was predicted today by Rep. Walter M. Pierce, Oregon's only congressional delegation democrat.

In discussing the approaching congressional session, the congressman expressed the hope the budget bureau would not cut reclamation and irrigation funds. "I am very anxious that some adjustment be made of the trade agreements as far as apples, pears, lumber, livestock, poultry and other of our products are concerned," he said.

"The former Oregon governor said he could see no reason for aiding reclamation project appropriations. "The money for these projects does not come out of general funds but from a special fund created for the reclamation bureau," he explained.

"Oregon farmers are anxious, Pierce said, that the government continue the farm program and allow again this year \$500,000,000 for soil conservation. "Personally I am in favor of Secretary Wallace's certificate plan giving farmers parity for their products," he continued.

"If the plan is adopted he will insist upon approval of his resolution requiring that every loaf of bread sold be wrapped in paper marked with the amount of tax paid so the consumer will know exactly how much of the price is tax.

The northwest wants the government to pass a constructive forest policy, the congressman declared. He has just completed a trip across the country and back with a reforestation committee.

"We want a program that comprises better fire protection," he said, "as well as selective logging and croppng and not wiping out of entire stands as has been done in some states."

He added that congress will insist upon the United States remaining neutral. "It is the sentiment of Oregon where the people are against any participation in the European conflict which would involve sending troops. The feeling, however, is one of hope for a victory by the Allies."

He will push a resolution for a house investigation into the origin, management and use of political and other polls.

Former Linn Man Dies in Eugene

ALBANY—Robert Lee Devaney, 77, a resident of the Seio community for many years, as well as of Albany, died in Eugene, where he has recently made his home, Sunday, December 24, as the result of injuries sustained the night before when he was knocked to the pavement by a car driven by Mrs. DeWitt Dormer of Eugene. Devaney was said to have been at the C. N. Allen residence and had started across the street to where his own car was parked.

DR. CHAN LAM CHINESE MEDICINE CO. 181 S. Court St., corner Liberty and Commercial. Office open Tuesday & Saturday only, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. & 7 to 9 p.m. Consultation, blood pressure & urine tests are free of charge.

Hitler's Christmas Eve



Radiophoto from Berlin shows Adolf Hitler spending Christmas Eve with his old regiment on the western front near Saarbrücken. He is shown second from right, dining against a background dominated by a Christmas tree and a swastika banner.

Seal Sale Total Over Last Year

A report from the Marion county health department last night revealed the total money received this year from the sale of Christmas seals exceeds that of last year and there is fair promise of meeting the required quota of \$5000.

The health association issued an expression of thanks to the hundreds of volunteers and the organizations that have assisted in the sale. Officials stated that 38 organizations bought health bonds.

Wintry Weather Covers East US

(Continued from page 1) Sleet hampered travel in Virginia. Back of this newly invaded territory of winter, the west and midwest were digging out of snowfalls ranging as deep as 16 inches in the canyon east of Salt Lake City.

Snow was general in Iowa except in the northeast. Leon, in southern Iowa, had 13 inches. Temperatures were in the 20s. Indiana put 200 plows to work clearing snow which was eight inches deep in the south central area. Bizzard conditions caused suspension of air service through Indianapolis.

There was four to 10 inches of snow over the southern three-fourths of Illinois. Snow continued falling in South Dakota, where the western section had five inches but the weather bureau predicted a breakup in the storm last night. Temperatures fell to 10 above.

New US Citizens Will Be Honored

The 46 members of the citizenship class who recently received their citizenship papers will Friday night at 7:30 be guests of the Federated Patriotic societies of Salem at a dinner and program to be held at the chamber of commerce.

Announcement was made yesterday by Mrs. C. C. Geer, member of the DAR, who was named chairman of the event by the president of the federation, and will preside at the dinner.

Chemeketans List Nelscott Outing

Chemeketans are inviting members and friends to usher in the New Year at Nelscott, where a two-day outing will be held. Sunday morning at 10, cars will meet in Kerville and a five-mile hike to Emero mountain will be made.

Toll of Quake Is Over 8000

Panic-Stricken Persons Rush to Open Fields for Most Safety

(Continued from Page 1) The torches of rescue parties provided eerie illumination for their scenes of devastation.

Whole villages were destroyed. Although broken communications prevented a complete appraisal of the loss of life and damage, officials said such information as they had indicated a major catastrophe had taken place.

Heavy Damage Reported At Black Sea Port A heavy damage was reported at Samsun, a Black sea port of 33,000 population; Sivas, an inland city of 34,000; Ordu, Tokat, Amasia, Yozgat and other places.

Apparently centering in quake-scarred Anatolia along the Black sea coast, four severe shocks were felt between 2 a. m. and 5 a. m. (4 and 7 p. m. PST Tuesday).

Aid was dispatched by the government and other agencies to the stricken zone, 100 to 250 miles east and northeast of this capital. Although the force of the quake indicated serious damage had been done, observers pointed out that the loss of life might not prove great because of the light construction of dwellings and the rush of quake-wise people to flee to the open country.

Recent Quake Third To Cause Damage Anatolia has suffered severely in three recent quakes. In April 19, 1938, a series of shocks lasted more than a week and 800 persons were estimated to have lost their lives.

Subsequent earthquakes on September 29, 1939, near Smyrna on the west coast, and on November 23, 1939, in Anatolia killed 200 and 50 persons respectively. Sixteen villages were destroyed in the latter shock.

Today's quake was registered at numerous observatories, including the West Bromwich seismograph in London, the Neuchatel and Zurich observatories in Switzerland, and the Uclue observatory in Belgium.

Metropolitan Los Angeles Gets Severe Shock LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Los Angeles metropolitan area got the biggest earth shock today since the devastating quake of 1932, but little damage was done.

Electric wires were short-circuited in a Santa Springs oil refinery, starting a \$1000 fire. There was a brief flurry of excitement in which numbers of frightened persons ran into the streets or gathered at doorways.

A justice of the peace court trial in suburban Gardena was interrupted by the shock, which occurred at 11:29 a. m. Cracks appeared in the ceiling of the courtroom and nearly everybody scurried outside.

The earthquake apparently was strongest in the Compton-Long Beach sector, center of the heaviest damage in the tremor of 1932, which took 120 lives. Anaheim reported the shock was the strongest felt there in several years, but in San Bernardino, 70 miles east of Los Angeles, there was only a faint disturbance and Santa Barbara, scene of a damaging quake in 1925, was skipped altogether.

The California Institute of Technology seismological laboratory said the 10-second shock was "not large enough to do material damage."

Astorian Named OSTA President

(Continued from page 1) urer, was fined \$500. Justice department officials said that Hylin was less involved than Nikolsky. Both are Russian citizens. They were turned over to United States Marshal John B. Colpoys pending collection of the fines and carrying out of the sentence.

The extreme penalty under the act is a fine of \$1000 and two years imprisonment. Marion county's total sales have been \$4238.54 to date, against \$3847.07 last year at this time. The increase has largely been in rural areas, which have totaled \$1600. It was stated in the report that some 2000 persons who received the seals in envelopes have neither returned nor paid for them thus far.

Burning of Busses Creates Problem

BEAVERTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—The transportation problem for Beaverton schools was grave today. Five busses were lost in a Christmas holiday fire. The school principal estimated the flames, starting in the repair shop, destroyed 48 busses, causing a \$200,000 loss. He placed the value of each vehicle at \$3200 and building damage at more than \$3000.

Finland Declared Able to Hold Off Invading Russian Armies Until Late Spring, Early Summer of Next Year

By DEVON FRANCIS NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Finland's small army will be able to hold off Russian forces at least until the late spring or early summer of 1940, say spokesmen for the 20,000-odd Finns living in the New York metropolitan area.

Ever since the close of the World war, from which Finland emerged with its independence, the nation has been preparing for "the next war," they pointed out. The nature of those preparations is an index to the stubborn resistance put up by the Finns, as detailed in Finnish communications since the start of the fighting with Russian forces on Nov. 30.

Training and terrain are the cornerstones of the Finnish defense. The land itself, cupped with lakes and studded with forests, forbids large-scale troop movements, especially in the winter and spring, except with almost overwhelming difficulty. It is no place for the use of mechanized and highly motorized equipment, employed so effectively by the Germans in Poland.

Knowledge of the rugged and dry terrain will mean, no Finn will hazard a guess. Finnish fighting bears remarkable similarities to that in the Indian wars of early American history.

For 20 years 20,000 Finns have been inducted into the army annually for training. Every five years they have returned for a month's "refresher course." They have been taught marksmanship, the use of skis and, most important, the use of orientation to prevent their becoming lost in the forests.

Every Finnish officer knows the location of iron deposits and just how many degrees they will deflect a standard compass from true north. He has a working knowledge of astronomy to find his way by the stars.

Of paramount importance to the Finnish defense has been the methodical photographing and charting of all frontier areas. Along the Manneberg line, which has been fortified in depth like the Maginot and Siegfried lines, every sector has been blocked out in numbers. That, say Finnish residents here, is responsible for the remarkable accuracy of Finnish artillery.

The Finn who devised the army's system of artillery fire, Lt. Gen. Vilho Peter Nenonen, is now in the United States on a military mission.

Jews, Protestants Join Peace Move

United Effort of Churches Sought by President in Consultations

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—(AP)—President Roosevelt invited leaders of the Jewish and Protestant faiths today in furtherance of his plans for bringing the united influence of religious groups to bear for peace.

In the words of Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, and one of the White House visitors, Mr. Roosevelt went over "the usual obvious" involved." Dr. Cyrus Adler, president of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, called upon the president with Dr. Buttrick.

Mr. Roosevelt's invitation to the two churchmen was part of the general plan for sending Myron Taylor, retired head of the United States Steel corporation, to Rome as Mr. Roosevelt's personal representative to the Vatican. He will coordinate the peace efforts of Pope Pius XII with those of the United States.

Dr. Adler, aged and leaning on the arm of his Protestant colleague, told reporters on leaving the White House that all were in agreement on Mr. Roosevelt's approach to the problem. Similar conferences were planned for the future, they said, adding that both were "on call."

Browder Blames Allies for War

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Earl Browder, general secretary of the American communist party, blamed the ruling classes of Great Britain and France for the present European conflict in his address to the American Student Union convention here tonight.

Browder was one of the speakers who took the rostrum at the University of Wisconsin memorial union during a symposium on evaluation of the Soviet Union. The meeting, attended by about 1000 persons, progressed without disorder and with only occasional heckling. Earlier the memorial union house committee had demanded a \$2000 bond to insure payment for any damage which might be done to the building as a result of the gathering.

Browder declared the meeting at Munich between Prime Minister Chamberlain of England, Adolf Hitler of Germany and Premier Daladier of France was held only to discuss a plan sponsored by the ruling classes of Britain and France to have Germany exterminate the Soviet Union.

"In the course of the negotiations the only crime the British and French ruling classes refused to forgive Hitler was the non-aggression pact signed between Germany and Soviet Russia," Browder declared.

Science Problems Less Than Social

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 27.—(AP)—All the scientists in the country put together do not know enough to solve many of the problems that democracy faces. This was the declaration today of Dr. Wesley C. Mitchell, Columbia university, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. He addressed several thousand scientists meeting in the country's largest science convention here tonight.

Sprague Urges Buying Power

Larger Return From Natural Resources Asked in Speech

(Continued from Page 1) cently would report directly to him on matters concerning industry, conservation and resource management. "And you may know," Governor Sprague said, "vast forest areas have been denuded and a primary objective of my administration is a program for forest reclamation and forest management. I feel the council will be very important in the solution of these forestry and other land use problems in Oregon."

He urged Oregonians "to pad their own canoes and solve their own problems," without depending on the federal government. "A prosperous, progressive state will always be free," he said. "A stagnant state loses its backbone and will be forced into receivership and become virtually a colony of Washington, DC."

Salem Officers In ONG Forces

Several Coast Units Will Take Part in Mock California War

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Several national guard units on the Pacific coast will be represented in the army-navy joint training exercises January 15-22, it was announced here today at headquarters of Lieut. Gen. John L. DeWitt, commanding general of the fourth army, at the Presidio.

The announcement said a composite battalion of the 250th coast artillery, San Francisco, will be stationed initially in the Camp McDowell area, a part of the 151st coast artillery (anti-aircraft) from San Diego, Long Beach and San Pedro, will be stationed initially in the Moffett Field-Mills field area.

General DeWitt has invited the following twelve national guard officers to participate as observers, in the Pacific coast exercises: Maj. Gen. George A. White, Salem, Ore.; Brig. Gen. Carlos A. Pennington, American Lake, Wash.; Brig. Gen. Thomas E. Riley, Saffron, Ore.; Brig. Gen. Albert H. Beebe, Edmonds, Wash.; Lieut. Col. Walter J. DeLong, Spokane, Wash.; and Lieut. Col. Cecil C. Bagley, Seattle, all of the 41st division; Maj. Gen. Walter P. Story, Los Angeles; Brig. Gen. Richard E. Mittlesteadt, Sacramento; Brig. Gen. Harcourt Herve, Los Angeles; Lieut. Col. Marvin C. Bradley, Los Angeles; Lieut. Col. Carl H. Belt, San Marino, Calif.; Lieut. Col. Edward V. Orr, Alameda, Calif., all of the 40th division.

"I was afraid my dolly would get hurt," Robin explained as officers took her to an emergency hospital for treatment of her minor bruises. The entire population is depending on coal creek, small mountain stream, and a few small wells for water supply in the emergency. All available men were recruited for an attempt to thaw out the frozen headgate and mains with steam boilers.

Judge Dismisses Accident Charge

ALBANY, Dec. 27.—The manslaughter charge against Robert O'Dell, St. Helens, which was a filed shortly after the accident in which Robert Kukendall, Portland, lost his life in an automobile accident near Albany, has been dismissed by Judge L. H. McMahan in circuit court here. O'Dell had been indicted by a grand jury after Kukendall, an Oregon State college student, died at the Albany General hospital.

The case was dismissed by Judge McMahan at request of District Attorney Harlow Weirick, who explained that a settlement for damages had been made, that all eyewitnesses to the accident were more or less injured in the crash, that chances for conviction were slim, unfavorable and as a result, to prosecute would involve a probably futile and unjustified expenditure of funds.

Wheeler Backed For Presidency

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 27.—(AP)—Formation of a Wheeler for President club of Montana was announced today by J. Burke Clements, Helena, chairman of the state industrial association, who will serve as president. "Realizing the impetus of the movement for Senator Wheeler as a candidate for the democratic nomination for president of the United States, and in view of the senator's home state determined to launch this organization," Clements, a close friend of Senator Wheeler, said upon his return from Washington.

In Washington, Clements said, he spent several days conferring with the senator. HELENA, Mont., Dec. 27.—(AP)—The Valley Box & Lumber company, whose manufacturing plant was destroyed in the fire that razed the Ivan Stewart & Co. warehouse building in West Salem December 18, in about one month will be reopened for production at the former warehouse near the state school for the deaf, Tom Allen, proprietor, announced yesterday.

Allen said his plant last year fabricated a majority of the berry hammers utilized in the harvest from Salem to the California line and he had contracts for similar production this winter. GOP Leaders Seek Congress Nominee

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—(AP)—Republican leaders said today the ranks of party members eligible as candidates for congress were reduced by the appointment of Robert M. Duncan, state senate president, as circuit judge of the 9th district. Duncan had been one of the principal republican "hopes" for the contest against Representative Walter M. Pierce, second district democrat.

Party leaders said Earl Snell, secretary of state, might consent to run despite previous denials. Other possible names were seen in Ernest Flatland of Condon, speaker of the house, and State Senator Rex Ellis of Pendleton. Brooks to Remain Until War's End

Russell M. Brooks, United States consul at Johannesburg, South Africa, and son of County Recorder Mildred R. Brooks, will not be able to return to this country until the European war is over, his mother said yesterday. Brooks was scheduled for a vacation at home in 1940, but perils of travel in the South Atlantic and the added duties caused by the war made it impossible for him to return.

Mrs. Brooks said letters from her son, which were formerly seven weeks in transit, are now about eight to 10 weeks in arriving. Home Destroyed By Fire, Monmouth

MONMOUTH, Dec. 27.—Nicholas Nelson's six-room frame house 5 miles northwest of Monmouth burned to the ground about 3 o'clock Wednesday morning. A defective flue was believed to be the cause. Insurance was carried on the house, but the furniture of which only the dresser was saved, was not covered. Mrs. Nelson's diamond engagement and wedding rings were among personal effects lost.

Oddities ... in the News