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EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

House Votes Emergency Bill by Big Margin

Flag Line to Orient Topic Of New Group

Chairman of Economic Council Proposes Steamer Fleet

Sprague Sees Progress in Next Decade for Oregon

Envisioned by Governor Charles A. Sprague as an agency to speed Oregon's economic development in the immediate future, his newly formed state economic council yesterday as a first step resolved to promote establishment of a flag steamship fleet to ply between Portland and the Orient.

The council addressed its resolution introduced by Chairman E. B. McNaughton, Portland banker, to the United States maritime commission.

Revising Oregon's lagging industry is one of the early steps necessary in restoring improved business conditions, council members agreed.

Next few years to Widen Opportunity

Governor Sprague declared Oregonians stood "on the threshold of a new decade, with 10 years of hard times behind us and ahead of us years we firmly believe will widen opportunity for us."

The executive told the council it should plan the development of natural resources, improve marketing conditions, develop a coordinated program for industrial development, expand fisheries and commerce and adopt a sound forestry policy.

"The state might well develop new industries based on wood, including pulp and paper, rayon, wallboards and plastics," the governor said, and it may anticipate a bright future for the linen industry.

Governor Maintains Free Enterprise Best

Many persons believe the government should take over or at least finance enterprise but "releasing the energies of a free people under the stimulus of self-interest is the most effective means of restoring prosperity," Governor Sprague maintained.

Chairman MacNaughton presented a letter from the Portland chamber of commerce urging the council to investigate problems created by high property taxes. He indicated that this letter might have been inspired by the recent decision of the Aluminum company of America to erect its new plant on the Washington side of the Columbia river instead of in Oregon. He said he doubted whether there was any great difference in taxes in the two states.

Governor Sprague said he already had requested the state tax commission to prepare a statement showing the comparative taxes in Oregon and Washington.

Dean W. A. Schoenfeld, Oregon State college, wrote that a solution of agricultural problems in Oregon depended to a large extent on the tax situation.

Dread of Future Prompts Slaying

OAKLAND, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Worried by "world conditions" J. Harold Friedman, 36, killed his wife and 4-year-old daughter today and critically wounded himself in executing what he told authorities was a plan to save his family from the "uncertainties of the future."

Lawrence Dayton, deputy district attorney, said the motive for the triple shooting was given in a statement made by Friedman from his hospital bed. Attendees said hopes for Friedman's recovery were not bright. The child died this afternoon, a few hours after her mother, Pauline Friedman, was killed.

Dayton said Friedman, an insurance broker, blamed worry over world conditions for a plan he conceived several months ago to kill his family.

In a note which Friedman said he wrote yesterday at his office he complained life had "become too complicated. Our world is changing too fast. I'm worried about the future of my family, religion and country."

Sentence Set Up For Errant Clerk

GRANTS PASS, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Circuit Judge H. D. Norton said today he would postpone until Saturday passing sentence on County Clerk F. L. Coon, who pleaded guilty yesterday to larceny of public funds.

Coon was indicted by a grand jury yesterday for larceny of \$7,277 of public funds and entered an immediate plea of guilty.

Meantime, petitions were circulated asking leniency for Coon and appointment of Elizabeth Holcomb, deputy, as clerk.

Council Leader Asks Ship Line



E. B. McNaughton

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

When winter comes and icicles hang by the wall, as the poet had it, a young man's fancy turns, as Alfred, Lord Tennyson had it, to thoughts of radiators, especially if they leak, as Paul H. Hauser, Jr., the home mechanic, had it.

There are a good many old Pauls, the grease-ball, a-sayin' it, three ways of keeping winter out of your motor. You can fill it full of anti-freeze compound and quit worrying or you can follow one of the other two. They are: (1) the blanket system and (2) the puddle method.

We do not recommend the blanket system and have little to say in favor of the puddle method. The latter is a continual drain.

The better known draining experts (listed in the latest Gallup poll as 99.3 per cent successful) adhere to the black-out or fumbling method.

To those in the audience who are not familiar with the operation of the modern water-cooled internal combustion engine we explain at this point that there is a do-dad in the water-cooling system, the purpose of which is to let the water out. It is usually at a low point, the better to let the water run out, my dear. It is nearly always at a point inaccessible except by mule team.

The members of the fumbling school (among which we are proud to be numbered) attack this phase of the problem with zest. By rules of the game, use of flashlights, matches, or other means of artificial illumination is considered had form and is frowned upon by the rules committee.

An expert will probe into the innards of the horseless carriage with his right hand until he contacts a bare battery wire. The resulting sensation adds greatly to the thrill of the pursuit.

The next step is to get the hand caught between the fan belt and the pulley (or thimble) upon which it runs. Only the best players can attempt this difficult feat.

On the third try it is sometimes possible to turn the valve and set the rusty water streaming. This is where the expert gets his feet wet.

We will not here relate how, on the following morning, to refill the radiator with water (not the same water unless your bill was over five dollars last month), as that is a chapter in itself. We shall only note for the late comers that on such mornings it is not necessary to take a bath before entering the garage.

EX-SKIER'S LAMENT
I think that I shall never see
A thing immovable as a tree.

British jewelers keep up with international affairs. They are now advertising their wedding rings with statements that they are in "the enrichment business."

High Mark Set
ASHLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Winter term enrollment at the Southern Oregon College of Education passed 300 today, the highest mark since 1935.

Bizarre Story of Murder of Farm Family Related

FORT TOWSON, Okla., Jan. 12.—(AP)—An amazing story of how a farm family of three was killed by gun, axe and fire because of a dice game prompted state officials today to investigate prison camp conditions, including reports that convicts get drunk and go hunting with shotguns.

A frightened farmer, Houston Lambert, 28, signed a statement that he saw three convicts brutally kill Elmer Rogers, his wife and four-year-old son Dean, on New Year's eve in anger because Rogers had won money from one of the three camp trustees.

Informed of the statement, Warden Jess Dunn closed the Fort Towson prison camp, herded its

600 Delegates Methodist Enclave Here

Governor, Seattle Pastor Stress Ideals, Talks at First Meetings

Conference Continues on Today, Sunday With Special Services

Other Scandinavians Send Volunteers to Aid Finns

Youth of Methodist and other denominations thronged into Salem yesterday afternoon for the first Oregon Methodist youth conference, which continues today and Sunday at downtown meeting places, the First Methodist church and on the Willamette university campus.

When 600 delegates crowded into the Marion hotel banquet rooms arranged, at conference leaders' suggestion, for 500, Governor Charles A. Sprague was prompted to resort to Milton, the poet, and quote, "They also serve who only stand and wait." The governor welcomed the young men and women and urged them to pursue the ideals being outlined at conference gatherings.

Robert Johnson, Conference President, presided. Understanding, Faith Held World's Needs The world needs understanding, faith, worship, courage, sacrifice and love if it is to direct its present fast pace to a worthwhile goal, the keynote speaker at the assembly following at First church, Dr. James Bret (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

By WADE WERNER
HELSINKI, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Soviet Russia's airforce today subjected southern Finland to one of the heaviest bombings in the month-and-a-half of war, breaking Helsinki's telephone communications with the outside world and punishing a dozen other cities.

The violent attacks came a day after a soviet attempt to land paratroops on the Karelian Isthmus was reported to have ended in mass death in the air.

Lahti, 60 miles north of the capital, reported the heaviest damage. The radio station in this important railway junction was put out of commission by bombs. Elsewhere the damage was not so heavy, although there were some casualties.

Thirty planes raided Turku (Abo), southwestern seaport through which much foreign material and many volunteers for Finland are being shipped along the Gulf of Bothnia were likewise pounded.

Bombs which broke Helsinki's telephone connections with 30-mile lands fell on islands some 30 miles south of the capital. Vibrations were felt here. A railway junction 40 miles north of Helsinki, also was bombed. Telephone communication was expected to be reestablished shortly.

Air raid sirens screamed in Helsinki at 2:15 p.m. (4:15 a.m. PST) for an hour and 35 minutes. At least 10 planes were sighted over the city itself. However, the Russian bombers ranged over a wide section of southern Finland.

Finland's marksmen on the Isthmus were reported to have frustrated the attempt to land groups of the red army's vaunted parachute corps by picking them off as they dangled from "chute shrouds. Scandinavian newspaper correspondents said several groups of 50 in parachutes were (Turn to page 2, col. 2)

Army Contingent Halts in 'Screen' Fog as Thick as Smoke Greets Soldiers in Camp at Salem

Cold fog thick enough to resemble a carefully-laid smoke screen shrouded a motorized United States army company that made overnight camp at the state fairgrounds last night. The unit, the Third ordnance company from Fort Lewis, Wash., bound for the joint army-navy training exercises at Monterey, Calif., will leave at 7 o'clock this morning for Medford, its next stop.

Company equipment included two small-arms trucks, a machine shop truck, an automobile shop truck, two light repair trucks, kitchen wagon and five small supply vans. In addition, seven private cars belonging to officers who have gone south by troop ship, were in the caravan.

Captain Loren E. Gaither headed the 39 men in the unit.

Trade Agreement With Japan Urged

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—An equitable trade agreement with Japan to replace the 1911 document renounced by the United States would brighten the economic future of the whole Pacific basin, Robert Norton said today.

Norton, associate editor of the magazine China today, urged an embargo on war supplies, which he said would halt Japanese aggression in China. However, trade policies giving Japan equal rights with the United States in China would maintain this nation's "open door," he added.

"I have no idea that Japan can conquer all of China, but even if she takes only northern China she'll have enough to provide cut-throat competition and ruin Pacific trade," Norton said. "Besides, the resources would enable her to prepare for further conquests."

Dorothy Wheeler resigned as secretary to conform to the Hatch law, she having been appointed clerk typist in the district census office.

Late Sports

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Southern California's Trojans started their quest for the Pacific coast conference, southern division, basketball title tonight by outscoring the rangy University of California quiet, 49 to 25.

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Stanford university opened its 1940 Pacific coast conference, southern division, basketball season with a 53-to-33 victory over the University of California at Los Angeles here tonight.

TACOMA, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Moving out in front at the opening whistle, Pacific university hoopsmen led all the way to defeat College of Puget Sound, 41-36, in their northwest conference game here tonight. The victory gave the Badgers an even break in the two-game series.

Finland Battered by Russ Bombs

Fiercest Raid In All of War Strikes South

Attack Follows by Day Mass Air Death of Parachute Troop

Other Scandinavians Send Volunteers to Aid Finns

(Editor's Note: Wade Werner, now in Helsinki, for the Associated Press, knows the army and knows the Russians. He joined the United States army during the World War; he spent 1938 and part of 1939 as Associated Press chief of bureau in Moscow. One of Europe's best-trained American news correspondents, he covered the violent socialist suppressions in Vienna and the subsequent assassination of their director, Austrian Chancellor Engelbert Dollfuss, in 1934. Recently he has been chief of bureau at Copenhagen.)

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Heroic Effort to Rescue Buried Miners Is Abandoned as Failure



Ninety-two men died underground in the Pond Creek Pocahontas Coal corporation's Bartley No. 1 mine when an explosion ripped through the shaft Wednesday. Dogged efforts by rescue crews to reach the entombed men in time to save them proved fruitless. Above are shown several of the men who had come to the surface after toiling three hours to reach their comrades. All hope of reaching the men alive was abandoned last night. (AP)

Hopes for Entombed Miners Is Abandoned

Lack of Air Prevents Possibility That Any of 92 May Survive Result of Explosion in West Virginia Coal Operation

BARTLEY, W. Va., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Hope was abandoned tonight for the entombed men in the blast-swept Bartley No. 1 mine and company officials put the death toll at 92, the worst mine disaster in the nation since 1928.

Raymond E. Salvati, vice-president of the Pond Creek Pocahontas Coal corporation who had led rescue crews day and night in their efforts to reach the trapped men, issued this statement:

"We have penetrated far enough to justify our thoughts that there was no possibility that the men barricaded themselves (against explosion gases). They are all dead. They would be dead even if they had barricaded themselves. There is insufficient air."

The rescue squads found 30 mangled bodies in the wrecked corridors 600 feet underground, leaving 62 still missing. Only three bodies had been identified but relatives of the trapped men sadly started preparations to bury their kin.

The company at first had fixed the total of trapped men at 91 but a recount of work records showed 92 were caught when the blast ripped through the mine Wednesday. Forty-seven others escaped unharmed.

Not since 195 were killed in the Mather, Pa., mine explosion of 1928 has the death toll in a mine disaster been higher. The all-time record is 361 killed in the Monogon, W. Va., explosion of 1907.

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Patience Advised For OSC Co-Eds

CORVALLIS, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Patience, thoughtfulness and tenderness were recommended to Oregon State college co-eds today as ways to gain power over the opposite sex.

Dr. Frits Kunkel, German psychologist and lecturer here for a series of seminars, said girls using these characteristics gain more influence than those who are demanding, flighty and subject to displays of temper. He urged adherence to truth in human relations to avoid inhibitions.

Pickett Retires As Class Leader

EUGENE, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The junior class at the University of Oregon was without its two highest officers today.

James Pickett, Salem, retired as president and Genevieve Casey, Portland, did not return to school this term. Other class officers said a special election would be held to fill the vacancies.

Project Doomed

LA GRANDE, Jan. 12.—(AP)—La Grande's airport project apparently is doomed through inability to find a sponsor's \$3000 share, Dr. C. L. Gilstrap, state aeronautics board member, said today.

British Claim Scouts Inside Germany Lines

All Planes Reported Safely Back at Home Bases

Valuable Information Is Picked up by Reconnaissance

By EDWIN STOUT
LONDON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Great Britain disclosed officials tonight her air force had bombed and reconnoitered far inside German territory in the give-and-take aerial warfare raging back and forth across the North sea.

Apparently in retaliation for several successive days of flight by German planes over the British Isles, the royal air force planes dropped six bombs on a row of lights in Rantum bay on the island of Sylt, Germany's great sea-plane base in the North sea.

A British statement announcing the operation said all the planes returned safely despite anti-aircraft fire.

Lights Extinguished After Bombs Drop
The series of lights in Rantum bay, believed to have been (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

1 Dead, 2 Missing In Air Collision

Navy Torpedo Planes Crash in Mid-Air; 3 Pilots Are Reported Safe

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—One man was dead, three safe and two missing after a head-on collision of two navy torpedo planes over barren Borego canyon, 75 miles east of here, 11th naval district officials announced tonight.

A searching party of more than 50 ranchers and sheriff's deputies from San Diego and Imperial counties was spread fan-wise across the desert near the crash scene, seeking the two missing men, reported by survivors to have parachuted from the crashing planes.

Two of the survivors, Elmer Edwin Jackson, 22, Hendersonville, N.C., radioman third class, and another whose name was not given, were reported safe at a lonely highway repair station, 15 miles from the nearest telephone. In a canyon famed for its desert beauty.

The third survivor of the crash Charles W. Post, 24, Troutdale, Ore., radioman second class, was reported suffering from shock and a sprained ankle at Brawley, Calif.

The Bend police department will put its two-way radio communications into operation. Chief Everett Rambo said other preparations were complete.

The entire force soon will take the operators' examination at Portland, Rambo said. The Bend station operates on a frequency of 2442 kilocycles.

Hayden Predicts Economic Trouble

PORTLAND, Jan. 12.—(AP)—J. Raymond Hayden declared today that Filipinos have "sufficient capacity to govern themselves" but economic dislocations will follow complete independence for the islands.

Hayden, former vice-governor of the Philippines under Frank B. Rowan, and now professor of political science at the University of Michigan, told Reed college students that political disturbances also would follow independence in 1946.

The Day in Washington

(By The Associated Press)
The house approved a \$264,611,000 emergency outlay for the army, navy and coastguard.

President Roosevelt disclosed he had asked congressional leaders to get together on the problem of giving financial assistance to Finland. Senator Barkley, majority leader, and Senator McNary, minority leader, told reporters, however, that they did not want to act without the views of the administration.

A house committee received in evidence an affidavit quoting Homer Martin, president of the AFL-United Automobile Workers, as saying that Henry Ford had promised to give him financial help. The affidavit was sworn to by Harry A. Elder, former UAW organizer at St. Louis.

Secretary Wallace told a house committee that domestic markets were insufficient to absorb all American farm output and that foreign sales were necessary. He urged continuation of the reciprocal trade agreements program as a means to that end.

Talk that John L. Lewis may get behind Senator Wheeler (D, Mont.) for the democratic presidential nomination increased when Lewis praised him as a "most eminent statesman" and invited him to address a United Mine Workers convention.

Initial Test Shows Heavy Defense Edge

Outlay for Increase in Army, Navy Wins Favor

Only one Effort for Reduction Made on Measure

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The session's first test of congressional sentiment on defense appropriations resulted today in overwhelming house approval of a \$264,611,000 emergency outlay, principally for increases in army, navy and coast guard personnel.

The measure, providing funds to pay for the additions to the armed services already ordered by President Roosevelt under his declaration of emergency powers, rolled through the house with only a scattering of "noes" on a vote.

Only one major effort was made to reduce the total. Rep. Taber (R, N.Y.) proposing a cut from \$18,000,000 to \$9,000,000 in the fund for winter army maneuvers. His amendment was defeated 93 to 56.

Several real developments for Diversion to Farm
Because of the measure's nature, the house vote was regarded, however, as giving little indication of what congress' attitude will be toward the \$460,000,000 increase in defense spending asked by President Roosevelt and toward the navy's request for approval of a \$1,300,000,000 new fleet expansion program.

Already some sentiment had developed in the senate for diverting part, or all, of the proposed \$460,000,000 increase to farm payments.

The navy program has drawn criticism from Chairman Walsh (D, Mass.) of the senate naval affairs committee who asserted in a statement tonight that the navy was asking authorization for a huge, future construction program when it had not yet started to build a single combat vessel under the \$1,000,000,000 navy act of 1938.

The act of 1938 at the present time, Walsh said, is to get more ships actually under construction, rather than to increase a "paper" navy.

Meanwhile, the navy's chief of operations, Admiral Harold R. Stark, gave the senate naval committee new reasons why he said the \$1,300,000,000 bill should be speeded through congress.

Hinting that the navy may (Turn to page 2, column 7)

Aid to Finland Assumes Alphonse, Gaston Aspect

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—The question of extending financial aid to Finland became enmeshed tonight in controversy over whether President Roosevelt or congress should take the lead.

After the president told his press conference that he had asked democratic and republican leaders to work out the problem of helping the Baltic nation, both Senator Barkley (D, Ky.), the majority leader, and Senator McNary (R, Ore.), the minority leader, informed reporters that they would not wish to act without the views of the administration.

"President Roosevelt should not attempt to throw this question into the lap of congress," McNary said, adding that the chief executive had command of "all the agencies best fitted to deal with the question."

Barkley, a down-the-line administration supporter, declared: "Congress should not take the initiative unless its proposals meet with the approval of the executive and the department of state. After all, they (the president and state department) know how such a program would fit into our foreign policy."

There already are pending in congress proposals to suspend the existing Finnish debt to the United States and to grant Finland a \$60,000,000 loan from the reconstruction finance corporation.

At his press conference, Mr. Roosevelt said that the question of aiding the Finns should not become involved in partisan politics and that he thus had requested leaders of both parties to get together on it.

Minority Leader Martin (R, Mass.) of the house said that the president's proposal was new to him and that he felt that precedents should be studied carefully before any steps were taken.

Senator Borah (R, Idaho), a leader in the fight against the administration's neutrality bill, told reporters that he was unwilling to support any proposal for aid to the Finns "until we know all the facts."

"I don't propose to take any step to involve us in the European (Turn to page 2, col. 5)