

Steel Production in NW Held Feasible

Raver Report Sent to Ickes

Establishment of Mill to Supply Local Market Held Advisable

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Production of iron and steel in the Pacific northwest, recently advocated by President Roosevelt if found feasible, was declared commercially possible today in a report to Secretary Ickes by Paul J. Raver, administrator of the Bonneville project.

"Establishment in the Columbia river area of a small iron and steel plant with a rolling mill to produce iron and finished steel products for the local market," Raver said, "is believed to be feasible at this time, especially in view of the availability of low cost power at such plants as Bonneville and Grand Coulee and ready availability also of the essential raw materials."

Ickes, in announcing receipt of Raver's report, said the Bonneville project was actively negotiating with several iron and steel concerns interested in the prospect.

Raver reported in detail a study made in the Pacific northwest to determine if ores were available in productive quantities. "Success of such a plant would be doubly assured, and the capacity could be increased, if the operation were tied into the national defense program and could depend upon contracts for steel for merchant marine and naval ship construction in this area, or for the manufacture of army and naval ordnance and munitions for the Pacific coast," Raver said. "Feasibility of a large operation integrated with pig iron plant, steel works, rolling mill and castings plant is subject to various uncertain factors."

"Most of these uncertainties, however, would disappear if a financially strong company, interested in establishing a plant in this area, would consider installation of equipment for one or more of the heavy tonnage products required by the navy, marine, and navy, and the substantial supply by rail or water shipments from eastern plants."

Raver said the ores available were principally magnetite but a few hematite and limonite deposits were known. He said coals were within a few miles of the distance to various points along the Columbia river. He said a large tonnage on Vancouver Island and Crownsnest, B.C., and in Pierce county, Washington, was being graded suitable for metallurgical coke.

Britain, US at Outs Over Zone

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Inter-American trade, affording the reach a profitable foreign exchange fund with which to purchase war supplies abroad.

4. Britain must be certain the zone would not be used to deprive the allies of their fruits of superiority at sea.

5. If Britain foregoes the opportunity of capturing the large number of German merchantmen refused in American harbors, it will be necessary for the American to intern the ships for the duration of the war.

Unless such conditions are worked out, the British note observed, there would be an "accumulation of belligerent ships" in the zone and this in turn would "bring the risk of war" nearer the American shores.

Citing actions of the Admiral Graf Spee, the British concluded so far had been found to eliminate the "disadvantages" of the zone.

Expressing sympathy with the objective of the Americans to prevent belligerent acts near their shores, Britain denied her navy had in any way imperiled the American continent, but rather had contributed to its security.

WPA Government Class to Mull National Problems

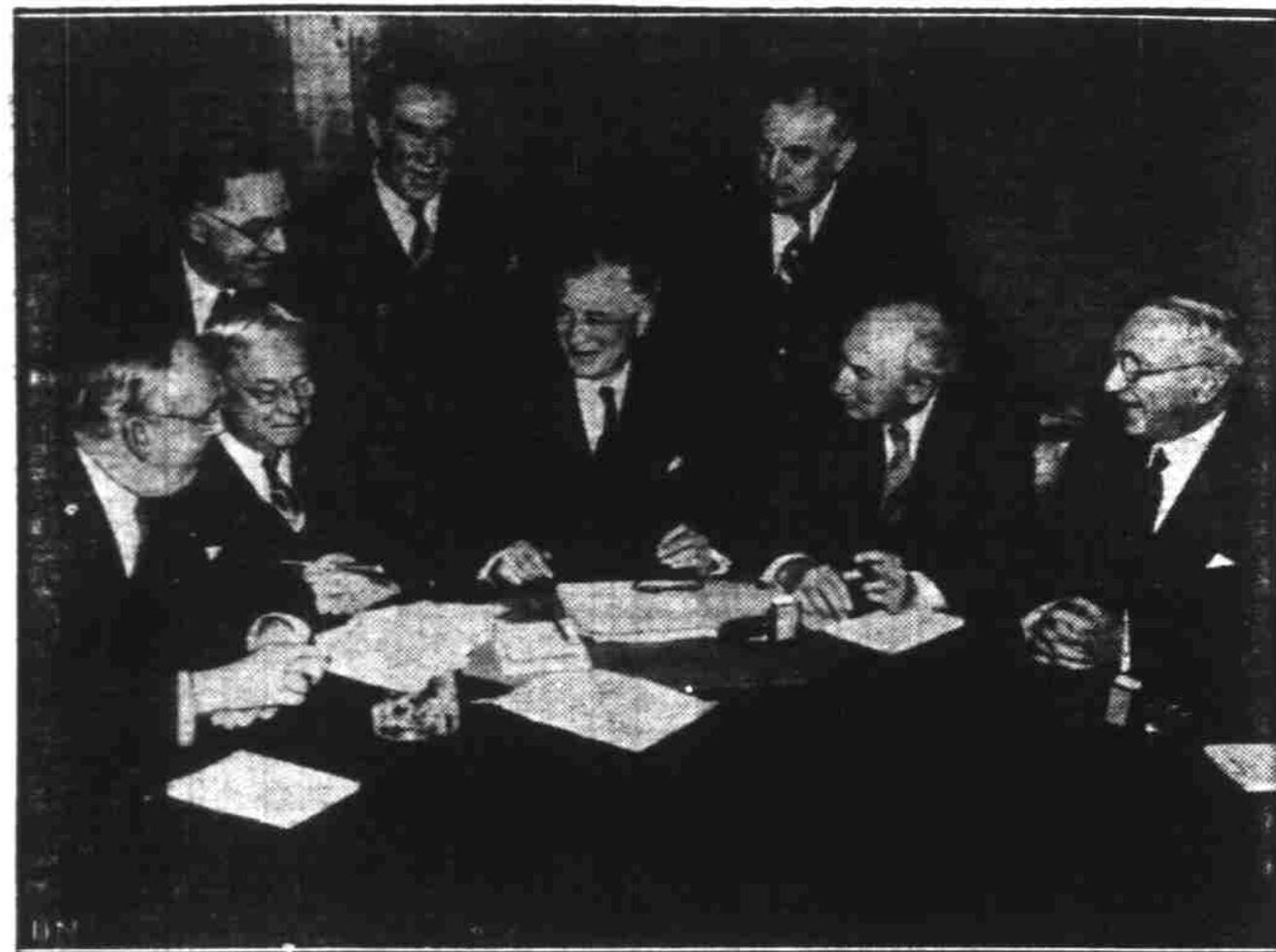
Is the United States a true democracy? If not, just what form of government do we want, and where did it come from? Why are there more than five times as many members in the house of representatives as there are in the senate?

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Senate Foreign Relations Committee Meets



Here is the senate foreign relations committee meeting in the capital for the first time since the present session of congress opened. Seated, left to right, Senators Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, Pat Harrison of Mississippi and Walter George of Georgia. Standing, left to right, are Senators Lewis Schwellenbach of Washington, Theodore Green of Rhode Island and Joseph Guffey of Pennsylvania.

Spitzbart Bills Fair Revue Acts

Manager of State Display Views Entertainers in California

A revue type of entertainment, along the lines of the hit at the 1939 state fair will be one of the attractions for the 1940 fair, reports Leo G. Spitzbart, manager, who was back at his desk yesterday afternoon after a two weeks' trip to California.

Spitzbart attended the Western Fairs association's annual meeting at Stockton and then went on to Hollywood to negotiate for special acts for the 1940 fair.

He arranged with Mark Smith, outstanding horse trainer in America today and now trainer for the Kellogg horses at Pomona, for a special feature act for the night horse show.

He also witnessed a variety of other acts, including some given by famous movie personalities, and from the tone of these presentations, he says he looks forward to giving the public some exceptional entertainment at the state fair next fall.

The revue will be managed again by Larry Allen, former Portland man and now president of Consolidated Radio Artists, San Francisco.

The most important thing that developed at the Western Fairs association was organization of the horse show groups so both the sponsoring fairs and the exhibitors will have uniform protection against violation of rules on the part of judges or exhibitors. Under the new setup, the management of any fair at which infractions are found will report same to other fairs in the organization and the judge or exhibitor will be barred from participating in the other shows in the circuit.

Fear of German Invasion Wanes

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Anxiety over the possibility of invasion waned tonight in Belgium and The Netherlands, but the two nations maintained at war strength the armies which they massed along the 300-mile German frontier over the weekend.

In Brussels, a government spokesman said that official tension was easing, but declared Belgium's armed forces would be maintained in a state of semi-alarm for several days.

The Netherlands, which stepped on its defenses by canceling all army leaves, appeared outwardly calm and authoritative sources said there was no "acute danger."

Although there were no official figures on the number of men under arms in the two countries, it was estimated unofficially that close to 1,000,000 troops were stationed along the German border.

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Committee's Okeh Given for Murphy

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The senate judiciary committee stamped "OK" today on the nomination of Attorney General Frank Murphy to be a member of the supreme court and indications were the action would be confirmed promptly by the senate, perhaps tomorrow.

Committee approval also was given the nominations of Solicitor General Robert H. Jackson to be attorney general and Francis Biddle of Pennsylvania to be solicitor general.

Pedestrian Killed
BANDON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Gilbert Weston, 43, pedestrian, was killed by a car last night on the highway two miles south of here. Keith Leslie, Coquille accountant and member of the University of Oregon's 1939 Rose Bowl football team, said he was driver of the car.

Log Raft Handling Shows Huge Gain

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Nearly seven times as many board feet of logs were rafted down the Willamette river through the Oregon City locks in 1939 as in 1938, Major C. R. Moore, US district engineer, said tonight.

The footage was 142,112,000. The total for 1938 was 21,817,000 feet. More than one-third of the total, 51,912,000 feet, were started from Salem; 41,410,000 feet from Canby; 30,335,000 feet from Dayton, the remainder from scattered points as far up-river as Corvallis.

Inquiry Started in Slaying Case

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as though the murderer were looking for papers.

"Do you think the murdered was looking for anything?" Krause asked John P. Gillespie, first police officer to reach the Law home following the slaying January 5.

"No," Gillespie replied. "Do you think the scattering of papers and clothing from drawers could be a cover-up?"

"It could be," the officer replied. Krause objected to Goodman's use of the word "ransacked" because he said it implied the Law's home was looted after Mrs. Law was slain.

Dr. M. F. Fuller, afternoon witness, corroborated testimony given previously by three other physicians.

They agreed Mrs. Law's death resulted from blows delivered to her head by "a heavy, blunt instrument," that she was stabbed seven times with a "stiletto-type weapon" around her left breast after she was dead, and that 11 bruises, apparently suffered after death, were found on her arms and legs.

To the four physicians, Goodman put the same question: "Isn't it possible that more than one person—several persons perhaps—inflicted the death wounds?"

The four doctors, all of whom had performed autopsies, declined a positive answer, replying it "was possible."

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—US Attorney J. Charles Dennis said today he would submit to the attorney general a full report on the numerous charges of civil rights violations in Aberdeen arising from the death of Mrs. Dick Law and the December mob raid on a workers' hall.

He said his action was prompted by the numerous requests for federal intervention. He explained, however, that the federal government "has no jurisdiction whatever so far as the murder case is concerned."

JUNEAU, Alaska, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The Alaska convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific paid a silent tribute today to Mrs. Dick Law, wife of an Aberdeen CIO union leader, who was killed in her home 10 days ago. Delegates referred to the killing as "organized murder by vigilante groups" and denounced the Aberdeen city administration for alleged "negligence."

85 Indicted on Monopoly Count

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The government's coast-to-coast campaign to reduce construction costs by attacking suspected trade restraints in the building industry reached a new peak today with the indictment of 85 labor leaders, contractors, manufacturers, unions and other organizations.

A federal grand jury here indicted 25 individuals, 14 companies, a contractors' association and a union on charges of violating the anti-trust law. The 41 defendants were accused of conspiring to suppress competition in the tile business in the Chicago area.

High Line to Get Tests This Month
Emerging of the Portland-Salem-Eugene Bonneville power line has been delayed pending final determination of engineering details, it was learned here yesterday. Initial testing of the two 110,000-volt circuits under power will be undertaken before the present month ends.

Use of the line to supply the Portland General Electric company with power from a temporary substation being built at Eola is scheduled to start some time in February.

Japanese Cabinet Takes Over Posts

Political Parties Given More Representation on New Board

TOKYO, Jan. 15.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—A new government considered by Japanese and foreign observers alike to be of stop-gap caliber was invested formally today at the Imperial palace.

The cabinet was completed last night by the new premier, Admiral Mitsumasa Yonai.

A striking feature of the new cabinet, expected to carry on negotiations with the United States for a new trade agreement to replace the one expiring January 28, is the greater representation given political parties than has been the case in the immediate past.

Yonai filled four portfolios with strong party men, emphasizing an evident increase of party influence in Japanese affairs.

The new cabinet, considered a moderate group, includes eight ministers with previous cabinet experience but Japanese sources declared that none of the ministers was of sufficient caliber to direct a strong governmental policy.

Yonai is known to be an advocate of closer cooperation with the United States and is expected to direct a pro-American policy, although his foreign minister, Hachiro Arita, a veteran diplomat, is known as the foreign minister, under whom Japan signed the anti-comintern pact with Italy and Germany.

Leaders Discuss Big Finnish Loan
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It is in the question of help for Finland. Almost everyone was anxious to give that nation assistance, but some legislators were fearful that to vote a direct, and unrestricted loan might put them in an inconsistent position with respect to their previous stand on neutrality, or be used later as a precedent for loans to Great Britain and France.

This being an election year, the question was examined from the point of view of its possible political repercussions. Although the nation seems overwhelmingly in favor of helping the little Baltic state, the possibility of unforeseen political consequences was not discounted.

Bay Region Feels Light Earthquake

BERKELEY, Calif., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The second earthquake within 24 hours was felt in the East Bay region shortly after 10 o'clock tonight.

Newspaper offices in Oakland received reports a terrific explosion had occurred east of the city, while residents here and in nearby Albany felt the tremor. Police expressed the belief the earthquake occurred along the Hayward fault, inasmuch as most telephone calls came from the vicinity of the fault. There were no reports of damage.

A slight tremor was recorded on the University of California seismograph at 4:22 a. m. today. Dr. Perry Byerly, seismologist, said it centered along the fault.

Mary Hendricks Dies at Gervais

GERVAIS.—Mrs. Mary Hendricks died Sunday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Eder, Gervais, after an illness of several months.

She was born in Germany November 28, 1854. Her husband died in 1933 and one daughter, Mrs. Peter J. Etzel, died in 1938.

Surviving are Mrs. Mathilda List of Gervais, Joseph Hendricks of Stayton, August Hendricks of Sublimity, Sister M. Mechild of St. Mary's, Beaverton, Mrs. Emma Baker of Sublimity, Mrs. Cella Cramer of Portland, Mrs. Veronica Eder, Gervais, Louis Hendricks and Lawrence Hendricks at Sublimity. Twenty grandchildren and five great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral arrangements are in charge of the Weddie & Sons funeral home in Stayton.

Sharp Protest Sent to Soviet

Infringement of Zones By Red Warplanes Remonstrated

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reinforcements gathering on Finland's frontiers led to belief that Soviet diplomatic pressure on the Finns' Scandinavian neighbors was timed to coincide with quickened military activity.

The Finnish capital heard reports of fresh Russian troops concentrating particularly on the far northern front while Soviet bombers paid another series of visits to southern Finland.

Publication of Notes Held Custom Violation
Swedish newspapers said Russia's publication of the notes violated international custom and was strikingly similar to treatment accorded Finland shortly before the Russian invasion started.

Sweden and Norway both told Russia that their sympathy with Finland was only natural, that any volunteers went to Finland unofficially and that any material aid was of private character.

In Oslo Foreign Minister Halvdan Koht issued a statement reiterating Norway's neutrality and declaring that the Norwegian reply "must be fully satisfactory to the Soviet government."

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Another resolution requested owners of property south of Trade street between Liberty and High streets to petition for paving of the unpaved half of the street. Property owners were listed as the Southern Pacific railroad, the Salem water commission, Paul Wallace and Paulus Brothers.

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Justice Lectures To Class at WU

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Other leading governmental officials who have lectured to the class during the first semester are David C. Eccles, state budget director; LaVerne Young, assistant state budget director; Daniel J. Fry, state purchasing agent; Fred H. Paulus, deputy state treasurer; Robert Utter, personnel technician; Alvin O. Mark, director of the training program, of the state unemployment compensation commission.

First of the series, a 1 cent of Washington Irving, will go on sale January 29 at Fairview, N.Y., and a 2 cent of James Fenimore Cooper, the same day at Cooperstown, N.Y. The rest of the schedule follows:

Three cent, Ralph Waldo Emerson, February 6, Boston; 5 cent, Louisa May Alcott, February 5, Concord, Mass.; 10 cent, Samuel L. Clemens, February 13, Hannibal, Mo.

Eagles Will Hear National Leader
More than 200 members of the Salem Aerie, Fraternal Order of Eagles, expected to go to Portland Monday night to hear an address there by the national president, John Able, of Kansas City. Fifty candidates also will be taken from here for initiation into the order, which has increased its membership by 130 new members and 62 transfers since July 1.

Officers of the lodge include A. Warren Jones, president; A. C. Friesen, vice-president; L. A. Hamilton, secretary; Dr. Floyd Brown, treasurer; and L. N. Brown, A. L. LaBranch and Frank Marshall, trustees.

Bar Meets Wednesday
James C. Desendorf, Portland attorney, will address the monthly meeting of the Marion County Bar association at 10 p.m. tonight at the Marion hotel at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday night. J. Ray Rhoten, secretary, announced yesterday. His subject will be "Federal Practice." Members of the Polk and Yamhill associations also will attend.

Ward 3 Place Handed Brown

Group Assignments for New Member Same as Predecessor's

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O'Hara said, "I'm not defending the mayor-council form of government for Salem alone. . . . I would defend it for any city in this country—Seattle or New York or Chicago or any other—because it is the traditional system of municipal government. Twenty-seven per cent of American cities are governed by this system."

O'Hara said that in 35 or 40 cases cities have adopted city manager ship and later abandoned it.

Pointing out that the plan was rejected in 1936, at the polls, O'Hara said, "I'd like to see this go to the people and I'd like to see it go right away."

Alderman C. F. French and E. B. Perrine agreed with O'Hara that the question should be put to the people in May, but Alderman S. B. Laughlin protested that an investigating committee, such as the mayor will appoint, would be unable to give thorough research into the problem in that time.

The committee, to be appointed later this week, will investigate possible changes in the governmental system termed "cumbrous, unwieldy and unadapted to the needs of the city" in the resolution forming it and report to the council on its findings.

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Enters Contest



MISS GLORIA COTTEW

Salem Girl Seeks Festival Honors

Gloria Cottew Only Capital City Candidate for Portland Court

Gloria Cottew, pretty 18-year-old Salem girl, will represent the city in the contest for royal court of the Winter Sports festival in Portland February 19 to 25, according to the announcement last night of Dave Goldman, representing the Sam Slocum promotional interests, in charge of the contest.

Miss Cottew is not inexperienced in contests, having served as queen of the West Salem water regatta in 1937, and having been chosen Salem high school sweetheart by her class of 1939. She also was a princess of the Salem Cherrist pirate float in the 1939 Rose Festival in Portland, a awarded honorable mention.

Members of the Winter Sports "royal court" will select their own queen and will be given an all-expense paid, 17,000-mile good will tour which will include Cuba and eastern cities.

The brown-haired Salem girl will be the only contestant from this district, and will have no particular organization as sponsor, depending on the support of the entire community. She was born in Burley, Idaho, but came here with her parents 14 years ago, where she lives with her mother, Mrs. L. H. Cottew, at 633 Ferry street.

Local Committee For Jobs Favored

Although more than 4000 Oregon World War veterans were provided either permanent or temporary jobs in 1939 through the diligence of the state employment service, there is need for active local committees to assist in this program, Richard Smurthwaite, state placement officer of the American Legion, told members of Capital Post No. 9 at their Monday night meeting.

Discussion at the meeting brought out some complaint that veterans are not receiving due consideration from WPA, especially in view of the requirement that men accepted must be wholly able-bodied, which bars employment of partly disabled men even though capable of doing the work the project calls for.

Announcement was made of the joint Silverton-Mt. Angel legion program at Mt. Angel tonight, which Salem legionnaires are invited to attend, and the county council meeting at Silverton, February 9.

Both Capital post and the auxiliary had large attendance for Monday night's meeting which were preceded by a club dinner and followed by a program which consisted of two well-appreciated short plays by the Salem Civic Players.

Evangelist Meet Draws over 200
More than 200 men from Oregon and Washington congregations attended a dinner meeting of the First Evangelical church brotherhood here last night at the five district superintendents of the denomination's northwest area spoke.

The speakers, presented by Walter Lamkin, secretary-treasurer of the Oregon-Washington conference brotherhood, were Rev. W. A. Krueger, Regina, Saskatchewan; Rev. J. H. Gehring, Billings, Mont.; Rev. George Zech, Aberdeen, SD; Rev. A. W. Heindinger, Fargo, ND; Rev. H. E. Mueller, Minneapolis, Minn., and Rev. Carl Heimnoller, Cleveland, O., secretary of the church extension society and executive secretary of the mission society.

Brotherhood President Howard Cuiver presided.

Albany Pastor to Give Burns Talk

Dr. D. J. Ferguson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Albany, will be the speaker at the Robert Burns program January 25 at the Cherry City Library hall in Salem. William McGilchrist will be toastmaster.

The banquet will start at 8 o'clock, but doors will open at 7 so that those who wish to inspect the bakery may do so. A dance will follow the banquet.

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