

American Freighter Safe at Home After Adventurous War Episode

City of Flint Returns to US

113-Day Voyage Finished by Unassuming Little Commercial Ship

By DALE CLARK
BALTIMORE, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The City of Flint, an unassuming little freighter catanqued by war into the center of an international drama, moved into the safety of US waters tonight and toward a gala welcome befitting a hero coming home from the war.

Nothing more sinister than a stiff north wind and occasional ice floes remained to be conquered as she steamed up Chesapeake bay—at the end of a "six weeks" voyage that took 113 days to complete.

Captain J. A. Gairdner and his crew of 46 will arrive tomorrow morning, ending a fiction-like journey that saw them seized by a German crew, held captive in a Russian port, headed through the gun-sprouting British blockade and, at last set free, turned for home with an unromantic cargo of iron ore. She was expected to reach quarantine sometime after midnight, and dock after daylight tomorrow.

Families and friends of five Baltimoreans in the crew planned joyous receptions, and promised a crowd "and maybe a brass band" would be on hand when the 1933-ton freighter ties up at Sparrows Point, several miles from the city's center.

Home after a cold, gale-swept voyage during which they held to the circuitous but comparatively safe northern route, the crewmen probably will plan celebrations of their own, for they have been without pay since Oct. 3. Officials of the United States Lines took heavy pay pouches aboard at Cape Henry today.

It was the City of Flint's cargo of tractors, fruit, wax and leather that set the Deutschland's crew on her Oct. 9; they labeled it contraband and took her over. With Danish flags painted on her sides and the name "Alph" on her bow, she pushed through northern waters, arriving finally at Murmansk, Russia, on Oct. 20 with a Nazi flag flying at her mast.

While headlines blossomed at home and diplomats fired round after round of cables, she stayed there six days and was headed for Germany. Coastal storms punished her and she put into Haugesund, Norway. The Norwegian government stepped in to help the German crew off and returned Captain Gairdner's command.

After a long delay the doughty little freighter took on her ore cargo at Narvik, Norway, and headed for home. Fate dealt just one more round; a harbor collision with a British steamer held her up two more days.

Hour Limit Urged By Business Men

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the meeting that on a recent trip to Eugene he found merchants quite satisfied with meters, but recently installed there.

That the double-parking problem is not the headache it once was seemed to be the consensus of the merchants present. Chief of Police Minto reported that since the city's double-parking prohibition went into effect it has not been necessary to make an arrest under its provisions.

"If you let them go on a Saturday," he said, "you couldn't get through the streets on a bicycle."

P. H. Holm asked the chief of police if it is legal to park in the driveway space of a service station and was assured that it is legal as long as there is room left for the entrance of cars.

Also brought before the hearing was the proposal for formation of a police reserve to serve without pay and to be on call in case of emergencies. Malcolm Mitchell, radio station salesman who originally proposed the plan in a letter to the council, outlined the intent of the proposed organization.

Chief Minto said he favored its formation and Alderman O'Hara indicated he would favor it provided the list of members were published and given sufficient publicity so that they would be known to the citizens at large.

City Engineer V. Harold Davis said such a group could save the city considerable money by preventing damages resulting on Halloween and other holidays.

"Russ Can't Win"

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Three thousand miles from Europe's war and war, Berndt Balchen, noted aviator, arrives at New York after making a survey of Finland's air power. Here to make purchases for the besieged republic, he says, "Russia will never take Finland."

Her War Romance Ends Safely in US Port



An unassuming little freighter five months ago, the City of Flint was plunged into the world spotlight October 9 when the German pocket battleship Deutschland decided she carried contraband of war and took her as a prize. Last night she docked at home after taking 113 days for a "six weeks" voyage.

Finish of Treaty No Bar to Japan

Army Officials Still Hold to Formation of "New Order" in China

SHANGHAI, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Japanese army officials in China say that the ending of the United States-Japanese commercial treaty today can not alter their program for the establishment of "a new order" in this country.

They assert that no matter what economic pressure the United States may bring in the treatyless period ahead their program, which has meant harm to Americans and infringement of the treaty rights, must go on even if this means frontal conflict with the United States.

Since 1931 the Japanese army has dictated the empire's policy respecting China. If its attitude is unchanged, experienced observers here see little chance for a Japanese-American agreement to replace the old treaty, since there would be no assurance that promises made by the Tokyo government to respect American interests would be carried out by the army in China.

The treaty's last day passed without any notable Japanese-American developments here.

Army officers freely discuss the possibility that gradual tightening of the economic screws on Japan by the United States might lead to war between the two countries.

On the other hand, however, the more conservative Japanese navy, which would have to do most of any fighting, dismisses the question of a Japanese-American war as extremely unlikely.

And in the middle of the tangled situation is the third party, China, whose department for victory over Japan now rest to a large extent on the possibility of a split between Japan and the United States.

If the United States and Japan reconcile their apparently irreconcilable difficulties, it would be a severe blow to China and possibly would mean the end of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek's resistance against the Japanese.

Welfare Workers Begrudge US Plan

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last year was \$4,216,932, or 46 per cent of the \$9,260,000 allocated for the biennium. Goudy said the budget was not exceeded but that no margin of safety was left for 1940.

Fourteen child-caring agencies were granted certificates of approval by the commission. All receive state aid.

Money Orders Are New Bank Service

Money orders are now available at the Salem branch of the First National bank of Portland, according to C. M. Howard, manager.

"This is a new bank service," Howard said. "It has been introduced for the convenience of persons who wish to mail money, pay bills and make installment or mail order payments at a nominal cost. This new service, offered by all of our branches over the state, is open to all persons whether or not they use any other service of the bank."

Credit Body Asks Marion Lake Road

Approval of the proposed construction of a road into Marion lake was registered yesterday by the Salem Retail Credit association, which passed a resolution favoring the project.

A letter will be sent by the organization to Rex Sanford, president of the Hunters and Anglers club, advising him that the credit association members believe the lake would make a suitable resort spot for Salem residents.

Douglas Senator Will Run Again

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Charles W. Clark, Roseburg, Friday filed in the state department here for the office of state senator from the 5th senatorial district, Douglas county, at the primary election.

The Day in Washington

(By The Associated Press)

President Roosevelt conferred with two men whom John L. Lewis once denounced on the grounds that they had "secret plans to launch a third term boom." They were Norman Littell, assistant attorney general, and Marshall Dimock, second assistant secretary of labor.

With the expiration of the United States-Japanese commercial treaty, the idea of giving the state department discretionary authority to restrict or ban trade with Japan gained support in some senate quarters.

Representative Jenks (R, Ohio) told the house ways and means committee that many manufacturers had not testified against the administration's reciprocal trade program "because they were afraid of reprisals."

The state department reported that munitions exported from this country in 1939 totaled \$204,655,730. This was two and one-half times the 1938 total.

Answering a press conference question, President Roosevelt said that no foreign nation legally could maintain an embassiment service in the United States. He added that no American enlisting in a foreign army would lose his citizenship unless he took an oath of allegiance to a foreign government.

Claims Rich Share

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Charles Telfer, above, of Chicago, and his sister, Mrs. Alice Telfer Huntzinger, go to court in Chicago seeking a share in an estate estimated in excess of \$30,000,000, claiming they are the only legal heirs. The estate was left by Charles D. Farquharson, San Francisco multi-millionaire, who died 50 years ago.

Major Hugh N. Fraser, divorced owner of the 1000-acre Syl ranch here, said today he "will try and not marry" again, despite the terms of his father's will, which the legacy was to be held in trust for him until his marriage.

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Known as the "squire of Okanagan Falls," he was divorced several years ago.

Convention Set

CORVALLIS, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The annual convention of the Association of Western Forestry clubs will be held at Oregon State college February 22 to 24.

'Fog Trap' Reveals 2 Dead in Plane

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Missing two days, a splintered private airplane containing the bodies of two Oakland, Calif., business executives, was found recently in a death trap of thick fog over rolling hills of Altamont Pass, near Livermore, Calif. En route from Boulder City, Nev., to Oakland, Paul L. McMullen, wealthy sportsman-pilot, and his companion, Paul D. Smith, apparently lost their way, crashed in the mist-bound foothills. Nearby ranchers found the wreckage.

Coast Lumbermen Oppose Treaties

Greeley Outlines Stand of West on Reciprocal Agreements

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—(AP)—The stand of Pacific coast lumber men against the reciprocal trade agreement program was outlined Thursday by Senator Holman (R, Ore.) by W. B. Greeley, secretary-manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association.

Holman said he was opposed to the program on constitutional grounds and that dropping of the negotiations for an agreement with the Argentine had not changed his stand.

"The trade agreements have sacrificed the markets of the Oregon country," Holman said, "for things we do not produce."

Greeley said he believed the west coast lumber industry was "fairly well unified" on a program he outlined in four sections. They were:

"1.—That protection of our domestic lumber market and domestic labor costs must come first. We declined the proffer in the lumber declaration attached to the Canadian agreement of 1933, that further concessions from the preferential tariff of the United Kingdom could be obtained if the American excise tax on imported lumber were completely abolished and urged congress at the last session to reenact the lumber excise tax. This is our continuing position."

"2.—That, if the foreign trade act agreements are renewed, section 336 and section 516(B) of the tariff act of 1930 should be restored to full effect as to tariff items covered by trade agreements. That is, the tariff commission should be restored to its former and normal function of providing for adjustments in duties to equalize foreign with domestic costs of production—within limits of existing law."

"3.—That the state department should not be permitted to bind the United States against the imposition of countervailing duties to equalize differences in foreign cost of production brought about by variations in exchange. We believe this will be a very difficult and menacing situation during and following the present European war."

"4.—That the 'star chamber' nature of foreign trade agreements, as now conducted, be cured by some form of publicity prior to ratification. This would, of course, be accomplished by a requirement for senate ratification. At the very least, a proposed trade agreement should be published 60 days prior to its final acceptance by the government. During that period, affected industries or labor groups would have opportunity to correct errors before its final commitment to an agreement."

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The institution, located on the third floor of the city hall, is giving the usual two meals and one night's lodging to from 25 to 30 men a day, Charlton said. Each "guest" is required to cut and carry up an armload of wood and to take a shower bath before being permitted to eat and spend his allotted one night.

Asked if there were many inhabitants of the "jungle," Charlton answered in the affirmative, explaining that a "lot of them won't take a bath."

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Charter Group Begins Studies

Find Weaknesses, Devise Remedy Is Program of Mayor's Committee

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divide itself into three working groups, one to study modification of the present charter and system, another to look into the council-manager form and the third to con the commission-manager plan.

Alderman Chandler Brown urged that first the committee examine the defects of the present type of city government here in order to decide toward what goals charter revision should be pointed.

Agreeing with Brown, Robert Utter, personnel officer for the state unemployment compensation commission and another adviser to the committee, declared "we should first study the present charter and discuss the deficiencies of the present system, then compare the systems of this and other cities on the basis of tax dollar to services rendered."

Present Ward Plan Gains Support

Two committee members, F. J. A. Boehringer, representing labor, and Alderman Gertrude F. Lobdell, spoke in favor of retaining the present ward system of council representation regardless of the general plan of government determined upon.

That form of government may not after all be the important factor in obtaining efficient government was suggested by Alderman C. F. French.

"I've been at the library two or three nights reading about various plans," French explained. "I find the articles usually start out praising some particular form, such as the manager system, but generally get back to the citizenry."

Whether or not the committee proposes a change in city government, "one thing we can do is get the people more interested in their government," Chairman De Witt added.

While the active committee members are checking up on the workings of the present city government, it was decided, the advisory committee, of which Chris J. Kovits, former city attorney and councilman, was designated chairman, will prepare charts by which to compare the functional plans of the various forms to be considered.

Other members of the committee are D. W. Byrne, who was president last night, John H. Carson and Former Mayor Douglas McKay and V. E. Kuhn.

Appointment of the charter revision committee was authorized by the city council in accordance with a recommendation made by Mayor W. W. Chadwick in his annual address early this month.

Canadian Would Rather Be Single Than Get Legacy

OKANAGAN FALLS, B.C., Jan. 26.—(CP)—A middle-aged man, weighing a \$1,500,000 heritage against marriage today—and turned down the money.

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Army Pursuit Plane Burns at Air Field



As it was being warmed up for a squadron flight recently at San Francisco's Mills field, a \$83,000 US army pursuit plane backfired, suddenly shot into flames as pictured above. A total loss, the ship was one of a squadron of 17, others of which were wheeled out of danger. During the army's coast war maneuvers, Mills field has been used as a defense base.

Fate of Soviet Troops Sealed

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Week-long attack without quarter tonight found company after company of the red army cut to pieces northeast of Lake Ladoga, the Finnish command announced, with Finnish redoubts "everywhere retained."

With soviet dead declared by the Finns to have been "counted in the hundreds" the furious assault penetrated the eastern shores of the lake itself. Under a heavy artillery barrage, the Russians were sent in waves against the bastions of Fort Manti, island stronghold commanding a coastal corner of Finland.

Like the other attacks, the Finns said, these were repulsed, "the enemy leaving more than 100 dead before our positions."

A Finnish communiqué told the grim story of the destruction of long Russian cavalry columns. It drew a terse word picture of the carcasses of more than 400 horses sprawled in the snow.

It is in this area that the Russians, in attacks at various points, have tried all week to cut a flanking swath behind the Mannerheim line.

Up just above the Finnish waistline, north of the Arctic circle, dispatches from the field described a sudden hush in Russian artillery fire combined with unusual activity on the highway east of Markkajärvi. It was to this town that 40,000 Russians retreated after abandoning a drive to cut Finland in two.

Shepherd Clear

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—A federal grand jury set aside charges against Ivan Gerberding, Robinette shepherd, in a not true bill today. Gerberding was accused of writing a letter threat-

Wheeler Backs Idea of Labor

Montana Senator Goes to Bat for Relief of Jobless

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ing him as "an eminent statesman and the friend of the American laborer and the common man and woman."

While some observers have predicted Lewis will endorse Wheeler, his failure to do so today was not considered significant in view of his recommendation Tuesday urging the convention refrain from expressing any presidential preference.

Blaring bands and loud applause greeted the Montana liberal as he appeared before the convention. Senator Accorded Rising Vote of Thanks

He received a rising vote of thanks after finishing his speech with Lewis, smiling, at his side. Wheeler in a press conference earlier disagreed with Lewis' Wednesday criticism that the new deal democrats failed to keep "faith" with labor, but observed "they have not solved the unemployment situation and a lot of other economic questions yet."

A smile was Wheeler's only answer to questions whether he would seek the presidential nomination, but he said "I would be happy to have the support of Mr. Lewis and anyone else interested in preserving democracy in this country." He knew of no republican or democrat presidential aspirant who would not welcome such backing.

Wheeler declared an immediate showdown by President Roosevelt on the third term issue is necessary to prevent party disaster before the democratic national convention.

Two Youths Admit Breaking Windows

Two Salem youths have admitted they were the persons who broke a series of windows and theatre signboards the night of January 21, the city police department announced yesterday. Officers were awaiting return of Carl Porter, Warner Bros. theatre manager, from Portland today before determining what action would be taken. The pair are not being held.

Posters and sign windows at both the Elsinore and the Capitol theatres were torn down and windows in a barber shop and shine shop broken.

Warm Rains Melt Ice From Valley

Heavy rains melted snow and ice from most of western Oregon yesterday and temperatures rose appreciably to relieve the short-lived cold snap. Associated Press reports from eastern Oregon indicated that many sections were still registering subzero temperatures and new snow was falling in several sections.

Salem weather bureau measured .6 of inch of precipitation for the 24 hours.

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Watkins, Raver in Row on Bonneville

PORTLAND, Jan. 26.—(AP)—Circulation of a Bonneville questionnaire among house and senate appropriations committee members and other congressmen was announced today by Elton Watkins, Portland, former congressman.

Watkins, returning from Washington, said he had no quarrel with Paul J. Raver, Bonneville administrator, Harold Ickes, interior secretary, or President Roosevelt.

However, he added, "I'm sick and tired of seeing the administration building power dams and letting the public companies run away with them and leaving the people to hold the sack."

"I'm for a Portland people's utility district," he continued, "and I don't like the fact that the private companies are being given the same wholesale rates that PUDs get."

Raver answered through Ickes that "it is unfortunate that false statements should have been publicly circulated as a result of the activities of Elton Watkins, who as far as I know does not represent any public body and certainly does not represent the Bonneville power administration and is not in position to speak on its policy whoever he represents."

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