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EIGHTY-NINTH YEAR

In One Ear...

—Paul Hauser's Column

Yesterday was an important anniversary, yet it passed by with less observance than we deem right and proper. It was the anniversary of an event which had far-reaching effects upon the whole world, civilized and otherwise.

Oh, the banks closed right enough and the state offices closed, but they Paul H. Hauser, Jr., close on any excuse. Did anyone of those who took the day as a holiday know the true significance of the day? No, we say, it passed by unhallowed and unthought.

It was the anniversary of such a day as may not be hoped, occur again. It brought forth into this troubled world more groans of troubled souls than all the lamentations of the old Hebrews.

Yesterday was the 100th anniversary of the invention of the saxophone.

The saxophone was invented by a man by the name of Antoine Joseph Sax, or Adolph as his friends called him. He was a man otherwise of good character. His father was a Belgian manufacturer of musical instruments and that made A. J. (or Adolph) a Belgian, too, and that is the only thing we have against Belgians except the Congo incident of 1873.

Adolph got all wound up in his saxophone and pretty soon he introduced it at the Brussels conservatory of music. This was the signal for the making of jokes about the saxophone, many of which will also celebrate their hundredth anniversary this year.

The saxophone has come a long way since 1840. Some people say it has come too far. Anyway it's got to Carnegie hall, where all the good jazz bands go in the movies. Just last year a fellow named Sigurd Rascher played a solo saxophone with the New York Philharmonic there and everybody seemed to like it.

So you're ok, Mr. Sax.

Mayor Rossi of San Francisco has appointed a man named Wobber as police commissioner. Cops and wobbers, Mr. Wobber?

German Freighter Scuttled by Crew

Three British Warships in Sight at Time; Fate of Men Unknown

RIO DE JANEIRO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Crewmen from the British cruiser Hawkins declared tonight the German freighter Wakama was set afire by her own crew when three British warships overhauled her and presumably she sank.

The seamen said the Hawkins and the cruisers Shropshire and Dorsetshire were close by when the torch was put to the Wakama. One told this story:

"We were proceeding toward Rio, expecting to arrive at 8 a.m. Monday, when I suddenly realized we were going rapidly in the opposite direction.

"One of the officers told me, 'We must be chasing the Wakama.' Then we saw her. But soon we saw fire coming from her, and we turned around and came back. I found out that the Dorsetshire which has planes aboard sent one of them over the Wakama and told the German ship to surrender.

"She didn't surrender, but the crew got into lifeboats, and the ship went down. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

FDR Is National Peril Says Solon

BALTIMORE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Senator Arthur Capper (R-Kan.) described President Roosevelt tonight as "the most dangerous man to the welfare of America today."

Capper, in a Lincoln day address prepared for delivery before the Alexander Hamilton Republican club, asserted "the most dangerous leader of any people is the leader who believes that he, and he alone, is qualified for leadership."

"And that is why Franklin D. Roosevelt, with all his charm, with all his genuine desire to better the lot of the people... is the most dangerous man to the welfare of people of America today," he continued.

Third Term Query Is Put to Dewey; Has Ready Reply

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Thomas Dewey, New York republican presidential possibility, tried to forget politics for a few minutes today but an 18-year-old high school newspaper reporter had other ideas.

Approaching Dewey timidly the young interviewer asked:

"Are you going to run for a third term, Mr. Dewey?"

"That's the most academic question I ever heard," Dewey replied.

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New Economic Gains Made by Nazis, Britain

Reich and Soviet Agree to Speed Trade; Pact Made With Turkey

Anzac Troops Arrive at Suez; Russians Aver More Forts Taken

(By the Associated Press)
Germany and Great Britain scored new economic triumphs Monday while the British bolstered their manpower in the Near East by landing thousands of troops from Australia and New Zealand at the strategic Port of Suez.

The German success was disclosed in the announcement that the Reich and Soviet Russia had signed a new pact designed to speed up their mutual trade. Germany and Russia started the world last August by becoming friends, a step which opened the way for the German invasion of Poland and the resulting European war.

Patching up her Near Eastern fences with her new ally, Turkey, Great Britain announced a new trade accord with the Turks which would become effective February 19. Britain hopes to displace Germany as the leading salesman and customer to Turkey.

Troops Transported With Loss of Only One

The feat of transferring the Australian and New Zealand troops 10,000 miles from the Antipodes to the Near Eastern keystone port with the loss of only one man—and he died of a heart attack—ranked in the news with the stout resistance of the Finns to a new Russian offensive launched against Summa, on the Karelian isthmus.

Istanbul advices said 30,000 men had been landed in Egypt, bringing the British and French forces in the near east to at least 570,000—and heightening fears that the belligerents might make southeastern Europe a battleground this spring. Britain, France and Turkey are estimated to have nearly 1,000,000 men ready in the near east.

In Helsinki, the Finns said Russia had thrown several divisions into the Summa battle after the weekend lull which followed 10 days of bitter fighting. Long-range Russian artillery began shelling the Finnish port of Viipuri, 20 miles north of Summa.

The Finnish communiqué, which was usual did not estimate Russian casualties, said the Russians had suffered "heavy losses" on the isthmus, and that 1800 red army troops have been killed in recent futile attacks northeast of Lake Ladoga.

Champion Distance Runner Is Killed

One of the Finnish casualties, however, was Gunnar Hockert, who set world's records for the mile and 1000 yards.

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Girl Has Narrow Brush With Death

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Miss Jerry Brun, 19, of Oregon City, narrowly escaped death yesterday when her automobile skidded down the Pacific highway near Tangent and went into a flooded 6-foot ditch.

State Police Sergeant Earl Houston said the girl, knocked unconscious when the car rolled over, revived when the vehicle went under water, and managed to open a door and get her head above water.

A motorist rescued her. At a Salem hospital she was found to be suffering only from shock and leg cuts.

Hewlett Scheduled to Take Stand in Drager Case Today

Special Prosecutor Francis E. Maish is expected to rest his case today soon after the trial of County Treasurer David G. Drager opens at 9:30 a. m. after a three-day recess.

With most of his evidence in, Marsh indicated before adjournment last Friday that testimony by Roy Hewlett, former county commissioner, would complete his case against the county treasurer.

The way will then be clear, following the resting of the state's case, for Defense Attorneys Custer E. Ross and George A. Rhoten to introduce their own witnesses in an attempt to refute assertions already made in testimony for the state.

Exactly what lines their defense will take are not known, though it has already been apparent in cross-examination of witnesses that the defense has considered important allegations that the defendant was not the author of asserted false entries in county books and that he has consistently disclaimed knowledge of shortages in county funds until the lack of some \$25,000.

Economy Drive Opened In NY State

ALBANY, N.Y., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Aroused taxpayers from Wall street, Main street and rural roads joined today in an anti-spendthrift drive to force a "drastic" cut in a proposed \$396,700,000 state budget and demand a "breathing spell" from taxation.

A minority-parent-teacher representatives, labor leaders, auto club spokesmen and state workers—counted with pleas to keep the contemplated spending program intact. In some cases expansion to afford greater education facilities, improve highways and continue mandatory increases for state employees was urged.

Opponents of the proposed budget-tax agenda leveled a bulk of their criticism at mounting relief expenditures. They demanded elimination of relief "for persons who can but won't work"; rising state aid for education and mandatory state employees' salary increases. Their recommendations for appropriation slashes ranged from \$10,000,000 to \$50,000,000.

The proposed budget, drafted by democratic Governor Herbert H. Lehman with the aid of republican majority legislative leaders during a "political truce," would be the second highest in state history and \$35,000,000 (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Peace Sentiment Poll, Youth Plan

Resolution Against Wars Will Be Sent to 52 Nations, Stated

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Groundwork for a national poll of peace sentiment and a Latin American youth conference in Havana to keep the western hemisphere out of war was laid today by the leadership of the American Youth Congress.

Concluding its session, the assembly of the congress also sent a 400-word "message of the world," swearing "that we will not rest until the slaughter of our generation is stopped."

Congress officials said the message would go to world youth congress committees in 52 nations, including all belligerent countries except Germany and Finland. These two nations are not represented in the world congress.

The assembly voted to establish an office in New York to organize the Havana meeting, suggested by Louis Perez, president of the Brotherhood of Cuban Youth. It would be held about September 1.

In connection with a country-wide demonstration April 6, anniversary of the nation's entry into the world war, the 100 assembly members voted to put ballot boxes on every possible corner in America for a war-or-peace referendum.

Raver Denies Aim To Control Rates

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Bonnieville Administrator Paul J. Raver told the chamber of commerce today he had no desire to exercise arbitrary control over re-sale rates and financial policies of public distribution agencies buying Bonneville power.

He said he favored non-profit operation of publicly-owned electric systems which would pass on cheap power benefits to the consumer.

Stag Party Cause Of 4 Suspensions

BALTIMORE, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The suspension of four social security board office workers for their part in a Sunday evening stag party that was raided by police was announced tonight by Joseph L. Fay, head of the office.

In a statement, Fay said the suspensions followed an intensive investigation.

"All other employees found to be in any way connected with the stag party," the statement said, "will be queried within the next 24 hours and any others found to be in any way associated with the promotion of the affair will be suspended immediately."

First Freezing Weather In Two Weeks Recorded

The mercury at the airport weather bureau fell below freezing Monday for the first time since January 24, to give a low for the day of 29 degrees.

The weekend's cold, with rain and sunshine alternating, is slated to change to warmer, but still with rain. Heavy snows are forecast for over the mountains.

Anti-Military Bloc Is Vocal In Tokyo Diet

Army Budget Details In Demand but Minister Will not Supply

Wang Ching-Wel Army Is In Action on Japan Side Says Report

TOKYO, Feb. 12.—(Tuesday)—(AP)—Outright criticism of the army broke out in the Japanese diet today, with a member of the house budget committee assailing bitterly the secrecy surrounding the military expense account and demanding a detailed explanation.

War Minister Shunroku Hata bluntly refused.

The controversy became so heated at one point that Hata ordered stenographic recording of the proceedings to be halted.

"The people are uneasy," the questioner, Ryozo Makino, a yukai party member, said. "They want to know what the government is doing to remove that uneasiness. It is necessary that the armament plan must be explained concretely to some extent. The people are barred from making political criticism, but they are criticizing the government in other ways. They still want to know why Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye had to resign."

Hata replied that army estimates were based on "common sense" and reiterated that hostilities were continuing in China on a large scale. He said the army budget was designed to meet the international situation "for three or four years hence."

"We can not discharge our duties if the army continues to make such vague replies regarding this enormous expense," Makino retorted, "nor do I consider the war minister is discharging his. We can not meet our tasks if all we have is the army's request to have faith."

Navy's Cooperation Cited by Makino

Hata then cut the stenographic record with a reference to the international situation.

The war minister's explanation is all wrong," Makino shouted, declaring that the navy had made a better explanation of its budget and therefore it was unnecessary for the army to maintain the most extreme secrecy.

"I cannot give further explanation," Hata replied.

The committee chairman then (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Brothers Held in Bank Holdup Case

ESPANOLA, N.M., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Two brothers, both of whom made purported confessions, were jailed today as the two young gunmen who held up the Espanola State bank shortly after it opened this morning.

Authorities recovered \$1,600 in cash, said to comprise the entire robbery proceeds.

Herb Rowe, 22, of Santa Fe, was arrested in Santa Fe and according to Police Chief Tom Delgado confessed the robbery. He led officers to an office building where they found \$800 of the bank loot hidden away.

A few hours later his brother, William, 20, was nabbed in Albuquerque and was quoted by Sheriff Adres Salazar as admitting his part in the holdup. Authorities found \$860 in his possession.

Two Basketeers Hit-Run Victims

CLEVELAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—An automobile struck seven high school basketball players from behind as they walked by the police station at suburban Euclid tonight, killing two and injuring five.

Authorities, who said the driver did not stop, arrested Anton Kuchich, 26, of Euclid, a short time later and charged him with manslaughter.

The dead are Arvine Thompson and John Montano, both 16-year-old sophomores at Euclid Shore high.

Albany Girl Badly Burned

ALBANY, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Eileen, 17-year-old daughter of F. E. Miller, Albany, was severely burned today when flames from a fireplace ignited her dress. Physicians said she would recover.

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Three Avowed Candidates on Day's Program

Taft and Bridges Voice Convictions; Hoover, Hamilton Orate

Wheeler Adds His Demo Voice and President Honors Lincoln

(By the Associated Press)
Republican notables celebrated Lincoln day Monday with speeches in many cities extolling the Civil war president and, usually, condemning the new deal.

The orators included three avowed candidates for the party's presidential nomination, Thomas E. Dewey of New York, Senator Taft of Ohio, and Senator Bridges of New Hampshire. While they refrained from pressing their candidacies, their expressions on current problems were searched with care by political observers.

Taft, at Greensboro, N.C., asserted that "if the new deal were licensed to proceed in the 1940 election," forces would be unleashed which would carry the nation inevitably to a "modern streamlined totalitarian dictatorship."

Bridges told an Oklahoma City audience that Lincoln would deplore "the economic power of the government over its citizens as a trend toward making the citizen ward of the state in the guise of benevolent paternalism."

Navy's Cooperation Cited by Jersey City Speaker

A democrat, and one to whom presidential aspirations are widely accredited, Senator Wheeler of Montana, made a Lincoln day speech at Jersey City, N.J. He said the country was engaged in "economic and social warfare," of a type that "destroys the souls and the moral fibre of a people."

The nation needs, he asserted, "to catch just a bit of light which was in the mind of Lincoln."

Former President Herbert Hoover laid down a series of ten "musts" for the country. "I must," he said, among other things, abandon a "national drift toward statism," adopt "the concept that it is only through steadily increasing productivity of the nation that we can make progress," turn from "government spending to national thrift," and "keep out of war."

"An alert, alive, and free people, primed with confidence, filled with initiative and free enterprise, will quickly increase the productivity of the nation," he (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Ohio River Gorge Ice Breaks Loose

CINCINNATI, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The last of the Ohio river's gorged ice broke free today and started westward, leaving in its wake scattered wreckage of small craft and signs of relief from men respectful of the stream's caprice.

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Slowly at first, then gathering momentum, the floes piled 15 feet high on the concrete esplanade of dam 39 and nearby shoreline as other ice swept along in the estimated four-mile-an-hour current.

Dislodgment of the smaller pack caused a momentary rise of 3 feet at dam 38, 23 miles west of here, but thereafter the stream (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3)

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School officials said the youth evidently had been in a third floor bathroom when the fire broke out. Most of the other 350 cadets marched out in order from the mess hall, and the remaining few who had been excused from mess checked in later.

Late Sports

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Nine Million Jobless Constitute Big Issue Racket-Buster Avers

Won't Oppose McNary in Oregon; Candidate Shows Stamina

By PAUL H. HAUSER, JR.
PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(Special)

Failure of the new deal to provide jobs for "nine million Americans" was tagged by Thomas E. Dewey, republican presidential nomination aspirant and racket-busting district attorney of New York City, as the foremost issue of the coming elections at a press conference at the Multnomah hotel here this afternoon.

"From Washington to Florida, from Maine to California," Dewey told the 50 newspapermen present, "the issue is the same."

His eyes sparkling and apparently not greatly wearied after meeting and conferring with big and small of Oregon's republican party, Dewey sat with one leg crossed underneath him and conversed informally with newspapermen, mostly from upstate weeklies and dailies.

Day Strenuous But No Sign of Weariness

Dewey met the newspapermen after an afternoon session of some 20 conferences on various public questions. He had been going full tilt since his arrival at 7:30 this morning and had a night of speaking and handshaking ahead of him.

Clearly and concisely Dewey told the newsmen that he would not run in the Oregon primary elections against Senator Charles L. McNary.

"Charles McNary is an old friend of mine, both politically and personally," he said, "and I wouldn't think of running against him." (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Small Craft Crushed but Residents Relieved as Menace Gone

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Fire GOP Guns On Lincoln Day

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National Unity Lack Deplored, Portland Talk

Overflow Crowd Listens as Republican Drive Opens, Northwest

"Erosion of Capital" Is Serious Decay Sign Says Candidate

PORTLAND, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Thomas E. Dewey charged in a Lincoln day address here tonight that the administration's strategy of "divide and rule" is "subtly undermining our national unity."

Five thousand persons crowded into the municipal auditorium to hear the New York candidate for the republican presidential nomination berate the new deal.

Dewey said the "divide and rule" strategy "may help the administration, but it can only hurt the country."

"At a time of crisis when national unity is most needed, we suffer from politically-inspired hostilities," he declared. "We resolve to keep out of the conflicts in Europe. But here at home we are embroiled in a dozen conflicts among ourselves. Government and business are in conflict. Labor and capital are in conflict. Labor is in conflict with itself. Collectivism has been pitted against individualism; centralization of power against local self-government; defeatism against courage."

Division Cause of Human Suffering

"These divisions in our national house have resulted in wasted opportunities, futile bickerings, lost energy and human sufferings."

Besides the 5200 persons who crowded into the auditorium, a large number were turned away and nearly 1000 more heard him by remote control at a downtown hotel.

The United States has undergone "constant erosion of capital," he said, "more than a billion dollars short annually during new deal years of making necessary capital replacements, the New York presidential candidate declared.

"We are giving much thought to the erosion of land," he said. "But what of the markets for the products of land? What of the erosion of the plant and equipment which provide the jobs for a nation's workers?"

Dewey estimated the annual erosion of capital at six billion dollars. In the six years from 1933 to the end of 1938, he added, "we need 36 billion dollars for replacement alone" but the "grand total of capital put into our productive plant... was only \$29,000,000,000—not even enough to make up for wear and tear."

This expenditure was "seven billion dollars short of even holding our own," whereas Dewey asserted "we need to expand our plant and equipment by an annual increase of nearly a million in population and provide jobs for the resulting half-million new workers."

Derides View That "Our Plant Is Built"

"The result of the steady rise in our standards of living," Dewey said the expansion must be made larger yet.