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Eccles Quoted Favoring Huge British Loan

Greeks Near Porta Edda Base; British Sea Losses Are Heavy

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

Paul H. Hauser, jr.

Now that the Christmas season is winging ever closer we suppose it is only poetic justice or something that eskimos and other denizens of the north pole regions, including one S. Claus, should be appearing in the news.

There was a report the other day about a Father Stephen Bazin, an Arctic missionary, who has just about worn himself out trying to explain to his parishioners that there's a war on between England and Germany. Although his parishioners are nominally subjects of the British Crown, they just won't believe it.

They can't reports Father Bazin, imagine people becoming angry enough to fight.

The other Eskimo report we have on tap doesn't come from the north pole or anywhere near it. Comes from Dubuque, Iowa, as a matter of fact, and right there in Dubuque there was an Eskimo baby born.

The Eskimo baby might have preferred being born inside the Arctic circle, but it had little choice in the matter since Papa and Mama Eskimo are students at a Dubuque university at present.

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The overseas cables also report that policemen in Milan, Italy, have been equipped with red tail lights, an idea which might well be applied to the Italian army.

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When that strange genius William Saroyan was first trying to break into print he sent stories to Story Magazine at the rate of one a day. When the editors of Story, amazed by such prodigious production, finally waded into the massed pile of manuscripts they realized they were face to face with a literary phenomenon. They immediately wired Saroyan to tell him how much they like his work. Back from Saroyan came a telegram:

"What do you mean sending me a telegram?" the wire said. "Don't you know I'm not supposed to receive telegrams? I deliver them."

Saroyan was working at the time as a Postal Telegraph messenger.

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It's only 18 more shopping days to Christmas and only 28 more leaping days until 1941, which ain't leap year.

Pupils With Colds Stay Home, Advice

A request that children with colds, especially if they come from a distance, not be sent to school was made last night by Dr. V. A. Douglas, Marion county health physician, following the report that absences due to colds in Salem schools had increased yesterday.

A special nurse will be added to the county staff this morning to care for duties necessitated by the epidemic, which kept over 300 senior high school students from their classes. Fifteen teachers in the system were absent yesterday, and whooping cough was reported to have hit several in Englewood primary classes.

Rest in bed was advised for the treatment of colds by Dr. Douglas. Anyone who has influenza should remain in bed for a few days after the sickness has left, he said.

Laborers' Union Strikes Against Pipe Company

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3—(AP)—The General Laborers' union went on strike today against the Collins Concrete & Steel Pipe company, which was working on a $15,000 order for boilers for Camp Murray.

The union asked a wage increase from 62½ to 75 cents an hour.

More Albanian Terrain Seized From Italians

At Least 18 Vessels Go Down but World War Rate not Reached

Christmas Truce Sought by Pope but Warring Nations Doubtful

(By The Associated Press)

Greek troops have hammered their way to within a mile and a quarter of Porto Edda, Italy's southern Albanian sea base, a Greek government spokesman said today. The town was named for Premier Mussolini's daughter, the wife of the foreign minister, Count Ciano.

Despite stubborn Italian resistance at some points, Mussolini's troops still were retreating all along the 100-mile front, he said.

One "choice" fascist company was decimated and the others captured in the central sector, he added, and the Greek high command claimed the capture of new heights around Pogradetz, the northern gateway leading to Elbasani, 45 miles away.

The latter mid-Albanian base city is only about 20 miles from Tirana, from which King Zog fled more than a year ago ahead of the invading Italians.

Britain strove to offset the "serious menace" of nazi submarine warfare on her shipping amid these announced successes of her little Mediterranean ally.

Destruction Greatest Of War, Is Claim

Adolf Hitler's high command claimed last night that nazi u-boats inflicted the greatest wholesale destruction on British shipping in the war—at least 18 vessels torpedoed and sunk in a single day.

Yet the nazi undersea raiders have still to attain the ferocity of

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Two Unions Agree, End Coast Strike

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3—(AP)—Agreements were reached today between the shipowners and negotiators for the two remaining unsatisfied unions in the two-months-old coastal steam schooner strike.

To end the tieup, it is now necessary only that the settlement plan be ratified by membership of one union, the AFL Masters, Mates and Pilots.

Captain C. F. May, head of the Masters, Mates and Pilots negotiating committee, said the union membership would hold meetings in west coast ports at 1 p. m. tomorrow to vote on the agreement his committee reached today with shipowners.

Earlier, Harry Lundeberg, head of the sailors union, announced the sailors had come to an agreement with employers.

Siam Intensifies Border Fighting

HONGKONG, Dec. 4—(Wednesday)—(AP)—Domei, Japanese news agency, said today in a dispatch from Hanoi, French Indo-China:

"The French authorities reported the most severe retaliation was taking place in the entire Mekong river valley, which is regarded by observers as a clear indication of increasingly widespread fighting by land and air along the frontier" (of Thailand).

Theft of Army Payroll Nipped

Smashing an amazing plot to seize a $400,000 army payroll at Fort Ord near Salinas, Calif., under cover of machine guns, Los Angeles police arrested James L. Allegretti, described by police as "key man" in the daring plan, Allegretti is wanted in Chicago for complicity in the near fatal shooting of a Chicago Tribune payroll guard and theft of $10,000 cash last July, police said.

Dispute Indicated Over House Seats

Manner of Reapportioning Automatic; Different Procedure Urged

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—A congressional dispute over which of two formulas shall be used to apportion seats in the house was indicated today following the publication of the new 1940 census figures.

These figures revealed that under present law ten states, largely in the east and the Mississippi valley, stand to lose a member each, with that number of seats added to the delegations of eight states, mostly in the west and south.

California would gain three, and one each would be added to Arizona, Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Tennessee. The states which would lose a seat each are Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

The present reapportionment law works automatically. Unless congress enacts legislation to the contrary the revision will take effect technically in March, but actually not until the new congress

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Rabid Dog Bites Nine in Portland

PORTLAND, Dec. 3—(AP)—A swing of a baseball bat today felled a mad dog which ran wild in a Portland school yard, biting a young woman and eight school children.

Dewitt H. Hanley seized the bat and inflicted fatal injuries after the dog ran into his house from the school yard.

Humane society officials said the dog had rabies.

The dog bit two children in the school yard, raced into the school building where it bit six more and then nipped a young woman walking along the sidewalk.

A quarantine was declared on several dogs also bitten.

Bridge's Crash Disastrous for Insurance Man

It Reveals He Sold Big Policy, Didn't Tell Company About It

So Firm Is Caught With Loss Which May Run High as $300,000

SEATTLE, Dec. 3—(AP)—A Seattle insurance executive, residing in an exclusive residential district and active in social life, was arrested here today on a charge of grand larceny on an insurance policy on the ill-fated $6,400,000 Narrows bridge at Tacoma.

Hallet R. French, 44, went from luxury to jail on a charge which Deputy Prosecutor Charles C. Ralls quoted French as saying he could have escaped if the bridge had held another week before its crash a month ago into Puget Sound.

Ralls filed a charge of grand larceny of $1,217.88, which was the premium, less broker's commission, on a $150,000 policy on the giant span. The deputy prosecutor said French also admitted keeping the premium of approximately $6600 on a larger policy of $650,000 on the bridge, but the charge was filed only on the smaller premium.

Of hopes of being "in the clear," Ralls quoted French as saying:

Planned to Cancel Soon, He's Quoted

"The brokers had notified me that the state considered the bridge so safe they were going to reduce the insurance to the amount of the bond issue. They were going to cancel the insurance in another week and write new insurance."

Ralls said French explained that, in such a case, his company, the Merchants Fire Assurance Company of New York, would not have discovered the irregularity because he could have made resti-

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Bill for Auditing Comes to County

Routine Task and Special Work on Shortage Is Listed in Charge

The division of audits of the secretary of state's office yesterday presented Marion county with two bills totaling $1777.37 for auditing services rendered in preparing the 1939 county audit and in assisting the special prosecutor in connection with the cases of D. G. Drager and W. Y. Richardson.

According to a letter written by Secretary of State Earl Snell which accompanied the two accounts, the larger statement, for $1187.94, covers the 1939 audit alone. An accompanying itemized statement shows the use of the services of an assistant supervisor, $109.80; senior auditor, $85.05; assistant auditor, $346.20; another assistant auditor, $4; a third, $95.63; stenographic service, $44.71 and $50.56, and travel expenses, $10.34.

The remaining bill for $589.43 is to cover services of state auditors rendered after September 30, 1939, in connection with shortages found in the office of the Marion county treasurer.

The itemized statement here shows $379.80 for the services of an assistant supervisor from the division of audits; $118.50 for senior auditor's work; $14.40 and $40.70 for work done by assistant auditors, $2.04 and $2.24 for stenographic services, and $31.75 for travel.

Payment of the second bill, county officials said, will complete payment for auditing services in connection with the discovery of shortages on the treasurer's books in 1938, and later prosecution of the treasurer and his deputy.

Would Coordinate "Cheer" Programs

Coordination of various organizations' Christmas cheer programs to avoid duplication has been undertaken by the Council of Social Agencies of the Salem Community Chest. The council will establish headquarters at the chamber of commerce where lists of intended beneficiaries will be compared on a confidential basis.

Organizations planning such programs are expected to have representatives at a meeting Wednesday night at the chamber.

Severe Cold Wave Extends Eastward but LA Swelters

(By The Associated Press)

A swift and severe cold wave whisked across the midwest and into the east yesterday while low temperature records for the date were shattered at many points.

Readings plunged to −33 in Pigeon Falls, −34 in Whitehall, Wis., −29 in Rochester, Minn., and −28 in St. Cloud, Minn.

Quick and general relief was in prospect in the midwest but the eastward movement of the mass of frigid air presaged colder weather along the north Atlantic seaboard.

Many communities in the tier of northern states from Lake Michigan to New York were burdened by heavy snow. Western and central Michigan measured a 13 to 16 inch fall. Jamestown, NY, had 20 inches in 24 hours. It was a foot deep in Rome, NY, while Watertown, NY, had a 17-inch deposit in 11 hours.

High winds whirled one to five inches of snow over Pennsylvania's mountains. Snowplows were brought out in northwestern Ohio to clear roads.

Three deaths were attributed to the cold in Minnesota. Work ceased at all outdoor WPA projects in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area. Some rural schools were closed.

Readings prefixed by minus signs were common in the midwest and a number of them were entered on the official record books as new low marks for the date or season.

Among the minima in various states were: Brainerd, Minn., −23;

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Ten-Year Plan Proposal Gets Attention Here

Civic Groups Will Study Need of Long-Range Public Program

Coordination Is Deemed Principal Benefit of Pooling of Ideas

Thirty eight representatives of Salem civic organizations and governmental units centering here heard speakers outline a proposed plan of studying and recommending planned public developments for a ten-year period at the first general meeting of Mayor W. W. Chadwick's Ten-Year Plan Coordinating committee at the chamber of commerce last night.

The listeners were urged to go back to their various organizations, explain the aims of a ten-year plan for the city's civic improvement and prepare to name members to a committee of 100 which would steer the planning effort.

Advance planning to meet the city's civic needs would make it possible for the taxpayer to know how much it would cost him each year to meet his share of the cost of projects such as a sewage disposal plant, new school buildings, a new city hall, playgrounds and similar developments, City Recorder A. Warren Jones, principal speaker, declared.

Jones cited Kansas City as an example of what may be accomplished by advance planning participated in by the general public.

Committee of 1000 Gets Voter Support

"There they were voting down $50,000 and $75,000 bond issues," Jones explained. "But when their committee of 1000 citizens called for approval of a $35,000,000 bond issue for the ten-year program, they voted for it 5 to 1."

Establishment of a ten-year planning program in Salem would make it possible for groups desiring to see some particular public improvement made, to propose it to the general committee, have it studied by lay and professional minds and finally included in a general program if it was found by a representative group of citizens to merit adoption.

The planning effort was described by Douglas McKay, state senator and former mayor, as a means of getting away from pressure tactics by individual persons or groups interested in one project alone and of coordinating the efforts of all citizens toward upbuilding of the city.

Mayor W. W. Chadwick and Fred Eley, chairman of the Salem chamber of commerce civic committee, also spoke briefly concerning planning.

Mayor's Committee Coordinating Body

Chairman Bert Ford emphasized that the mayor's committee was intended to be a coordinating body only and not a super-body that would make final decisions.

Members of the mayor's committee and members they have appointed to their respective subcommittees are as follows:

Legislative—Paul Wallace, chairman; Walter Minier and Wallace Carson. Finance—Fred Paulus, chairman; David O'Hara and Dr. H. H. Olinger. State correlation—Douglas McKay, chairman; Linn Smith and Frank Spears. County correlation—Harlan Judd, chairman; Guy Hickok and Leo Childs. Sanitation, water supply—Glenn Gregg, chairman; Harold Davis and C. E. Guenther. Traffic arteries and boulevards—Hedda Swart, chairman; E. B. Grabenhorst and Irl S. McSherry. Schools and public buildings—Dr. L. E. Barrick, chairman; Frank Bennett and Earl C. Bushnell. Parks, playgrounds and river frontage—V. E. Kuhn, chairman; Miss Elizabeth Lord and George Otten. Publicity—Gardner Knapp, chairman. Ten-year plan—Fred Eley, chairman; A. Warren Jones and Charles W. Crary.

Pastors Commend Newspapers Here

The Salem newspapers were commended by the Salem Ministerial association for their stands on moral issues in resolutions adopted by the pastors at their December meeting yesterday.

The association instructed its secretary to mail copies of the resolutions to all local papers, and no one newspaper was singled out for especial mention, Rev. Guy L. Drill, president, announced.

Rev. Drill said the association in particular went on record by unanimous vote to support all agencies in efforts to expose and force correction of conditions under which gambling and beer selling may be carried on contrary to law.

Dr. Will H. Houghton, president of the Moody Bible institute, Chicago, addressed the meeting.

Camacho Takes Over Presidency Amidst Unrest, Revolt Rumors

Mexico's new president, Manual Avila Camacho, is pictured as he took oath of office December 2 in Mexico City. In attendance at the rites was US Vice-President-elect Henry A. Wallace. Before the ceremonies, Mexico City bristled with guns, while the government hastily organized protective measures against an asserted communist plot to start an insurrection during inauguration.—IIN photo.

Defense Industry Census Advances

Promotion in Communities Is Designed to Reach More of Workers

Marion county's census of skilled workers incident to the statewide "mobilization for defense industry" entered a new phase Tuesday night when the county advisory committee arranged to make the questionnaire blanks available to all communities throughout the county so that persons employed in small business establishments, or self-employed, will be able to fill them out.

Heretofore the blanks have been distributed in industries or business houses with eight or more employes. It was reported however that only about 40 per cent of these firms had returned the completed forms to date, though the census is farther along than that, since most of the larger industries have complied. It was emphasized that these forms should be returned even though there were no skilled workers employed, in order that the record might be complete.

The county committee of which Ray Yocom is chairman, selected one or more persons or organizations in each community through-

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Admitted Slayer Gets Life Term

CANYON CITY, Ore., Dec. 3—(AP)—Ray Leroy Brown, 67, confessed slayer of Mr. and Mrs. Ira E. Martin, received a life imprisonment sentence today, less than two weeks after the Martins' shotgun-blasted bodies were found near their isolated cabin.

Brown pleaded guilty today to second degree murder charges. Earlier he had admitted shooting Martin, but had claimed Mrs. Martin was killed by her husband.

The Martins were goat herders near here, and Brown had worked for them a short while. He came from Wyoming and Montana, where he admitted escaping from an insane asylum.

Sheriff I. B. Hazeltine said he would probably take Brown, alias Charles Edward King, to the state penitentiary tomorrow.

Silverton Route Work Is Planned

Amount of Fund Available not yet Revealed; may Eliminate Curve

Indication that the state highway department is planning immediate steps to improve the Salem Silverton highway were received yesterday by members of the Marion county court.

A report was circulated that a large sum of federal money, in the neighborhood of $80,000, will be available in 1941 for continued improvement of the road beyond the Middle Grove school, five miles from the Salem city limits, to which it was improved with money from the same source last year.

County officials, including County Judge J. C. Siegmund, were unable to say late yesterday exactly how much the sum would amount to, or whether it would be sufficient to cover all planned improvements to the Silverton highway.

According to present proposals extensive relocation of the road to eliminate the lengthy double curve about seven miles out of Salem is contemplated. The exact method will be to extend the road toward Salem on a tangent from the curve nearest Silverton, a relocation which will leave a large triangular block of property suitable for improvement as a subdivision.

Changes are also planned at the Silverton end of the road. Among these is a plan to bring the Cascade highway directly into the Salem-Silverton road from the south.

Completion of the state highway department's survey is expected to place such anticipated changes in final form for approval of the highway commission and the Marion county court as well as federal spending agencies.

Oswego Girl Dies Of Crash Injuries

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 3—(AP)—Peggy Redhead, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Redhead, Oswego, died tonight of injuries suffered in an automobile collision Monday.

Dr. Dan P. Trullinger, Clackamas county health officer, and Donald Redhead, 16, brother of Peggy, were seriously injured.

Council of Sawmill Unions Favors Strike at Portland

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 3—(AP)—The Portland district council of AFL sawmill unions recommended tonight that five affiliated unions "take strike action" unless wage and vacation demands are met, Council President James Whallon reported.

The unions ask a 7½ cents an hour wage boost and one week's vacation with pay. Present contracts provide that negotiations continue until Sunday, after which strike action may be taken, Whallon said.

A strike would affect 800 men at the B. F. Johnson, Portland Lumber, Kingsley, Jones and Southeast Portland companies, he added.

The Portland district is the only area in the Pacific northwest fir belt that is not now on strike.

A meeting of representatives of the employes and managements is scheduled for Thursday night.

Whallon said the district council recommendation followed reports on conditions elsewhere in the fir belt by Earl Hartley, Tacoma, president of the Puget Sound district council of AFL sawmill unions, and Frank Hoyt, St. Helens, business agent of the Coast-Columbia district council.

Hoyt told the council the AFL representatives from Warrenton, Wauna, St. Helens, Vernonia and Rainier, Ore., would hold an "important" meeting Saturday at Astoria.

The local CIO sawmill union, claiming 1200 members, voted last Saturday to authorize its negotiating committee to take strike action.

SEATTLE, Dec. 3—(AP)—Union headquarters here reported the expanding Pacific northwest lumber industry strike spread to two additional small operations today, and a further extension was threatened.

The West Fork Logging company at Mineral, employing about 160 members of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers' union (AFL), and the Brewer Logging company, employing about 60 men near Morton, were reported closed.

Previously approximately 6000 men were on strike in mills at Tacoma, Everett and Snoqualmie Falls and in logging works near Morton.

Nine Top-Rung Officials Scan Finance Issues

Survey of Purchase by United Kingdom Topic Is Reported Later

Light on Needs Sought, Explained; Cabinet Is Represented

NEW YORK, Dec. 3—(AP)—The New York Herald Tribune said tonight it had learned that Marriner S. Eccles, chairman of the board of governors of the federal reserve system, had proposed to bankers, economists and industrialists that the US government loan $2,500,000,000 to the British government, secured by a lien on the British empire's gold production over the next five years.

The newspaper said Eccles, speaking in a personal rather than an official capacity, made the suggestion at a closed meeting of the national industrial conference board here last Thursday.

The Herald Tribune said Eccles mentioned as among the results of such a loan: Sterilization of part of the gold expected to flow into the United States; the prevention of inflation of the American banking system and modification of present easy money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—The whole question of British financial resources and ability to buy war materials in this country was reported authoritatively to have been the cause and chief topic of a meeting today of nine of the most important officials in the government.

According to this source, it was not a meeting to decide whether the United States should lend money to Great Britain, but more to take an accounting of the situation resulting from British contracts, now aggregating more than $2,500,000,000 and expected to rise to $4,000,000,000 in the next year. Another source, who seemed to have the same idea, said he understood all British purchases, present and prospective, were tabulated and analyzed.

It was, one indicated, the aftermath of the controversy stirred up by the recent statement of Lord Lothian, British ambassador, that Britain was running out of the means of buying American products and needed financial as well as material aid.

They Don't Talk Peanuts, Observed

The reported nature of the meeting also seemed to fit the news that came out here Saturday that the British shortly would send an official mission to this country to survey the financing problem.

The only certain thing about today's meeting was the attendance, which alone was significant because nearly every time a similar gathering of so many high officials has occurred in recent months, some important step in the "aid-to-Britain" policy has been announced very soon afterwards.

"These people don't get together to talk about peanuts," is the way one conferee put it, referring to the following who were closeted in the treasury:

Henry Morgenthau, jr., secretary of the treasury; Henry L. Stimson, secretary of war; Frank Knox, secretary of the navy; Jesse H. Jones, secretary of commerce and federal loan administrator; Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state; James V. Forrestal, undersecretary of the navy; Gen. George C. Marshall, chief of staff of the army; William S. Knudsen, production member of the national defense commission; Robert P. Patterson, assistant secretary of war; and Herbert Feis, economic adviser of the state department.

McNutt Defense Health Director

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3—(AP)—Paul V. McNutt was brought into the national defense setup today as director of all its health and recreation activities in a move which greatly enlarged the scope of his work as federal security administrator.

He was designated by the cabinet council of national defense, with approval of President Roosevelt, as coordinator of all health, medical, welfare, nutrition, recreation and other related fields of activity affecting national defense.

The assignment was described as a further step toward mobilization of all health resources of the nation in the preparedness program.

Preparations for Burial Made in 1915 Carried out

PORTLAND, Dec. 3—(AP)—Thomas Crenshaw of Hillsdale who prepared for his death 25 years ago was dead today.

He will be buried Friday in the cemetery lot he purchased in 1915. A tombstone selected at the same time will mark the grave.