

New Congress Will Convene

Issues Will Be Few but Weighty; Old Senate to Adjourn Today

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Speaker Rayburn and Rep. McCormack (D-Mass.), house majority leader, got a verbal outline from President Roosevelt today of the chief executive's "state of the union" message, to be delivered to congress Monday. Rayburn said, after conferring with Mr. Roosevelt at the White House, that the message would be "very interesting."

While the issues before the new congress are less numerous than

usual they are of far more than ordinary importance.

First of all is the question of the administration's foreign policy, and the president's proposal for helping England—when her cash is gone—by lending war supplies paid for from the United States treasury, the supplies to be repaid later in kind.

Involvement Issue to Be Headlined

A preview of what might be expected in the new session when this issue is raised developed today in the dying hours of the old.

Representative Cox (D-Ga.) told the house that Mr. Roosevelt's speech of Sunday night was "in effect a declaration of war" and that further assistance to Britain meant "active participation in war." Rep. Fish (R-NY) disagreed with that interpretation and approved the president's speech.

In the senate, meanwhile, Senator Lee (D-Ohio) said Adolf Hitler was "making war on us economically" and "politically." England, he asserted, was "the only barrier against the raging flood of war" and the United States should "utilize every means to keep England afloat." Questioned by Senator Taft (R-Ohio), Lee said that he was not thinking in terms of the United States going to war.

In addition to the war issues, more billions must be provided for national defense. The army, for example, is ready to ask for \$1,000,000,000 for the production of 3,500 bombing planes, \$1,600,000,000 for guns, tanks, planes and other material, and \$400,000,000 for the construction of additional munitions plants.

The perennial problem of appropriations is intensified for the coming session by the big defense outlays. President Roosevelt and congressional leaders have been urging that non-defense items be whittled to a minimum. Meanwhile a new tax bill is in prospect, intended to produce enough revenue to cover non-defense outlays, at least.

Barrier to Inflation

Asked Reserve Board yesterday threw a new—and yet old—issue into the bubbling congressional cauldron. It asked for action to avoid inflation and skyrocketing price levels as a result of the defense expenditures.

Among its recommendations were several that republican leaders have urged for years, including principally the removal of the administration's power to devalue the dollar and issue greenbacks.

The 367-day session just closing was the longest in history, exceeding by a few days one of the protracted sessions of the World war. It was long because house republicans, backed by enough democrats to give them a majority, insisted that in the present troubled state of the world, congress should stay in session to deal with any arising emergency.

Because of the big defense outlays a peace time appropriations record of nearly \$17,000,000,000 was established and future contracts for more than \$8,600,000,000 were authorized.

A total of \$918,603,000 for soil conservation and parity payments to farmers, and a total of \$1,187,711,357 for WPA and other relief activities was approved.

Leaders of Scout Activity Organize

District Chairman Choices Announced, Committee Heads Are Chosen

An early start on 1941 plans and activities was obtained by the Cascade Area council, Boy Scouts, here last night at an executive board meeting at which chairmen of operating committees were appointed by President Harry W. Scott.

New chairmen are Dr. B. F. Pound, organization and extension; A. C. Haag, finance; Gardiner Knapp, camping and activities; W. L. Phillips, advancement; Rev. George H. Swift, leadership training; and W. M. Hamilton, health and safety.

Scott, announced the results of recent district chairman elections, as follows: Linn, J. T. Veatch of Albany; Santiam, W. K. Shepherd of Lebanon; Marion, Grant Murphy of Stayton; Silver Falls, W. D. Harris of Mt. Angel; Polk county, V. R. Boydston of Dallas; Cherry City, Charles S. McElhinny of Salem.

Council officers for 1941, elected at the recent annual banquet, are Scott, president; McElhinny, first vice-president; J. Deo McClain, second vice-president; T. A. Windishar, treasurer; Glenn T. Morris, commissioner; and Ronald R. Ruddiman, executive.

'Happy Days' Dode Fisk Rites' Music

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"When Dode was seven years old in Wisconsin," the minister explained, "he was pronounced dead, and his body was prepared for the funeral. Just before the services began Dode startled everyone by arising from his casket and walking alive."

A couple of mourners glanced apprehensively at the coffin. "Doggone!" exclaimed one. "Dode never told me that before."

"It turned out," the minister continued, "that our friend was just in a coma, but he always liked to tell about the beautiful things he dreamed then."

Vancouver Licenses to Wed 2nd Only to 1936

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The Clark county clerk issued 4487 marriage licenses in 1940, he revealed today.

Vancouver, the Gretna Green for Portland and other northwestern Oregon communities, recorded a higher number of licenses, 4545, only in 1936.

At Community Hall

LIBERTY—The Marion County Farmers Union convention Saturday will be held at the Liberty Community hall rather than at the Grange hall as erroneously announced.

Pianist Levitzki Dies, New Jersey

AVON-BY-SEA, N.J., Jan. 2.—(AP)—Misha Levitzki, 42, prominent concert pianist and composer, died today of a heart attack at his home.

Levitzki, born in Russia on May 25, 1898, of naturalized American citizens, made his debut in Antwerp in 1906 and his American debut at Aeolian hall, New York, on October 17, 1916.

Levitzki made concert appearances in numerous cities of the United States and toured every country of the world.

Comet Is Failing Its Press Agents

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The antic of the Cunningham comet—or better, perhaps, the lack of them—have Harvard astronomers "mystified," Dr. Fletcher G. Watson said tonight.

Billed at one time as the first comet worth crowing about since Halley's in 1910, the newcomer, said Watson, "is not behaving the way we had anticipated" and is rapidly disappearing from naked-eye view without having put on any kind of a real show.

Instead of developing a tail some 50,000,000 miles in length as had been anticipated, the comet's streamer is only 10,000,000 miles long and has been just like that for about a week. There have been other comets since 1910 that have been of "comparable brightness," Watson said.

It still has a chance to perk up, become brighter and develop something more than a comparative bob-tail, because its maximum brightness, as far as astronomers are concerned, will come on January 16 when it is closest to the sun. But, at that time, it will not be visible in this part of the world.

Demand Apology, Marines' Arrest

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of such incidents and that those responsible for the arrests be punished.

He presented these three requirements in an interview with a representative of Lieutenant General Hayao Tada, the Japanese army commander for north China.

The American version is that the five marines were insulted and threatened in the cabaret by armed and drunken Japanese civilians; that they were innocent of any wrongdoing and were unjustly arrested; that all four of them were injured by grenades. Japanese military authorities maintained silence tonight.

Realtors to Install

Installation of 1941 officers headed by W. G. Krueger as president, will be the feature event of the Salem Realty board luncheon today noon at the Quella.

Owner Confesses To Auto "Theft"

Vehicle Causes Mystery at Reedsport After Being Burned

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Acting Detective Captain Peter Olson announced tonight that the owner of a car which was found burned over an embankment of the Oregon coast highway confessed to having hired a stranger to "steal" it so he could collect insurance for his equity.

The owner, Sterling Keehn, 35-year-old mechanic, was held in the city jail on an open charge. Keehn reported the theft of the car last Sunday.

REEDSPORT, Ore., Jan. 2.—(AP)—The mystery of a pool of blood and an intentionally burned automobile bearing Arizona license plates baffled state police today.

State Police Sergeant Eric Tucker said the car, a 1938 model sedan bearing Arizona license B-2177, had been saturated with oil and unquestionably burned deliberately beside the Oregon coast highway near here.

The car, he added, was reported stolen at Seattle Saturday. It was driven or pushed over an embankment, apparently after being fired, and near the point where it left the highway officers found a large pool of blood. A sample was sent to the state police laboratory.

Tucker said the car apparently had not been in a collision before it burned.

Dentists Extract Film Star's Tooth

BALTIMORE, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Dental surgeons who pulled a tooth for Clark Gable today found an infection that they believe is partly responsible for a shoulder pain from which the screen star has been suffering.

Dr. Louis Hamman, who examined Gable, said he believed the decayed root had been poisoning the actor's system, aggravating a shoulder injury suffered while filming a picture some time ago.

Bonaparte Scion May Rule France

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would not be a puppet ruler. He now lives quietly in Switzerland.

Since Petain took office, it was learned authoritatively, the supporters of the Count of Monfort, as he is called, have been seeking to have the Vichy government abrogate the law forbidding the return to France of any male descendant of a French ruling family.

Abrogation of the law would be the first step in restoration of the young prince or the Count of Paris.

Chimneys Blaze up

Salem firemen were called out to extinguish two chimney fires last night, one at 130 North 24th street, and the other at 1776 First street. Little damage was reported.

Ex-Nazi Minister Of War in Prison

Von Blomberg Ordered Held by Hitler Radio Says

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—(AP)—The British radio, in a broadcast heard here by NBC, declared tonight that Marshal Werner von Blomberg, one-time German minister of war, is imprisoned in a Bavarian fortress by personal order of Adolf Hitler.

This deepens the eclipse into which von Blomberg fell because of his marriage on January 12, 1938, to a carpenter's daughter named Erika Grohn.

Hitler himself attended the wedding about which the German high command was distressed. It was said von Blomberg's fellow staff members felt he had married out of his class.

He resigned almost immediately as war minister and went with his bride on a honeymoon to Capri.

Hitler chose the incident as the occasion for a thorough housecleaning in which he ousted 13 high officers and took personal charge of all the German armed forces.

Von Blomberg's whereabouts have been unknown generally since.

The British radio said the marshal, now 62, was imprisoned with four other officers and all last night, one at 130 North 24th street, and the other at 1776 First street. Little damage was reported.

Baptist Ministers Meet at Corvallis

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Oregon Baptist state convention headquarters here announced today that the mid-year conference of Baptist ministers would be held Monday through Wednesday at Corvallis.

Speakers will include Dr. Frank Eden, Pacific coast director of evangelism and Dr. W. W. Cathwood of Riverside, Calif.

IWA Delegates to Discuss Saturday

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—(AP)—CIO International Woodworkers of America lumber union delegates will discuss 1941 wage negotiations here Saturday at a meeting called by IWA President O. M. Orton.

CIO mills now are operating under a 5-cent hourly wage increase recently granted, but it will be up for renewed discussion March 1.

Body Found in Lake Identified as Logger

KLAMATH FALLS, Jan. 2.—(AP)—Coroner George Adler said today a body found in Klamath lake by three young boys had been identified as that of Gus Berg, 47, logger missing since Monday. Dr. Adler said there were no marks on the body and he believed that Berg fell into the lake Monday night.

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