

Australians Attack Bardia, Capture 5000

Grave Problems Faced As Congress Convened

Subdued Mood Seen as Unity Plea Sounded

Fight Over Involvement in War Is Forecast in Upper House

Garner on Hand; Rayburn Is Relected Speaker; Message Awaited

By RICHARD L. TURNER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—In subdued mood, the 77th congress convened today for a session of heavy responsibilities and history-making decisions.

Quickly and solemnly, each house organized, elected officers, disposed of routine business, and then adjourned to meet again on Monday and hear President Roosevelt detail his views on America's place in a world at war.

References to the world situation "cropped out from the very start. The Rev. James Shera Montgomery, house chaplain, prayed for the survival of democracy and Rep. Sam Rayburn of Texas, in a short and simple speech after he had been reelected speaker, emphasized a need for national unity.

President Roosevelt's plan for leading war supplies to England, immediately shaped up as one of the biggest issues of the congress. Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the senate majority leader, made a known that legislation to implement it would be introduced soon and that it would probably contain no limitation on the amount to be expended for the purpose.

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

It appears that January 2 was a bad day for the "never say die" boys. Three of them died. We submit the following evidence garnered from the press dispatches:

At Columbus, Ohio, Dode Flak, an old circus man, was buried today while he played "The Music Goes Round and Round" and signs directed the "mourners" to "Talk! Walk! Paul H. Hauser, Jr. around and have a good time."

At Toronto, Albert Perry died at the age of 87 from accident injuries. Twenty years before he was blown through a brick wall and doctors found no pulse, no heart beat and gave him up.

At Sarnia, Ontario, Stephen Kiyoshik, a Chippewa Indian, was hanged for slaying a fellow tribesman. In 1915 Kiyoshik was sentenced to hang for shooting two Indians, but on a new trial on the eve of state execution and was acquitted.

Well, we thought you'd like to know anyway.

It is reported that Mr. David Eccles, the aide of the treasury, has knocked an ax out of the state budget for an elevator at the penitentiary, apparently figuring the second story men can take care of themselves.

One thing the ending and starting of congress did—it located the vice-president again. If they don't watch out they'll lose him again, too.

As the 77th session of Congress starts we are reminded of the words of an old song which went, "I don't know what this war's about, but I bet, by gosh, I'll soon find out."

Named Justice, Salem District



—Kenneth-Elms photo
JOSEPH B. FELTON

Felton Appointed To Court Vacancy

New Justice of the Peace Formerly Assistant to District Attorney

Joseph B. Felton, who came to Salem to attend Willamette university and remained to become deputy district attorney, will succeed to the office of justice of the peace for the Salem district on Monday, day on which Miller B. Hayden, present justice, becomes district attorney.

Felton's appointment was announced yesterday by Governor Charles A. Sprague following receipt of Hayden's letter of resignation from the justice's position. Hayden defeated Axyr Thompson for the district attorney's post at the November election.

Mott Named to 2 GOP Committees

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—Rep. James W. Mott, Oregon, was selected for membership on two republican committees in the house of representatives today.

With Henry C. Dworshak, Idaho, and Jeanette Rankin, Mont., he was named to the republican committee on committees, which will assign their party's congressmen to house committees.

The trio also was chosen for the republican national committee. Selections were made by the republican caucus in the house.

LeGarie Sworn in

Mrs. Hannah Martin, Salem city recorder who took office yesterday, did her first swearing Thursday, the giving of the oath of office to Lloyd F. LeGarie, newly elected councilman from ward two.

Portland to Get Shipyards; Building Speed-up Planned

PORTLAND, Jan. 3—(AP)—The Portland Oregonian, quoting unidentified sources, said today that a "powerful Pacific coast organization" was preparing to establish a large shipyard here.

Some Changes At Courthouse Likely Monday

Mrs. White Expects to Be out; Engineer's Fate Uncertain

Health Office Will See No Change; Recorder Names His Staff

By WALLACE A. SPRAGUE
A feeling that change is the order of things, and that, after all, most things are temporary has thinly pervaded the Marion county courthouses during days just past, and has shown signs of becoming as permanent a fixture as the odors of jall cooking, at least during the next few weeks.

The source of the feeling is a general belief that following the installation of a county court comprised of two new members and only one holdover member from the present regime, the administrative axe will fall on the necks of one or more officials now in the service of the county.

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Final Testimony Given by Unions

Ousted Official Tells of Talks He Had With Organizer

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3—(AP)—Testimony in the suit of the CIO International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's union to oust officials of local No. 1-25, Portland, was concluded today in circuit court.

Judge James W. Crawford heard Burt Nelson, who served a time as an ILWU organizer, deny that he had attempted to induce Neil Griffin, deposed secretary and business agent of the local, to join the communist party.

Nelson declared that his talks with Griffin were principally concerned with "red baiting," which he said was causing some dissension among union members.

Griffin previously testified that Nelson urged him to join the communist party, and Georgia Lawrence, stenographer in the office of the local, asserted that Nelson also had approached her with the same suggestion.

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Treasurer Borrows to Finance Public Aid

The state treasurer yesterday borrowed \$150,000, to meet public assistance demands in Oregon during the next month.

These certificates of indebtedness against the liquor fund now aggregate \$142,000.

Pinball Games Found Without Any Sleuthing

Reason for No Arrest Is Not Clear if Law Is Being Violated

One-Ball Machines Are in Majority; Payoff Evidence Lacking

By RALPH C. CURTIS
Pinball machines are operating in Marion county outside of Salem. Concerning these machines, one of two things is true: Either the law is being violated, or it is not being violated.

If the law is not being violated, there is no work for Sheriff A. C. Burk's unalarmed deputy, H. O. Saunders, to do.

If the law is being violated, one of two things is true: Either Deputy Saunders has failed to detect the violations after more than a month on the job, or he is not doing his duty. There have been no reports of arrests.

Deputy Saunders contends that the one-ball machines are illegal. If he is right, only one thing can be true: Deputy Saunders is not doing his duty.

No sleuthing skill is necessary to determine that dozens of pinball machines are operating in roadside refreshment parlors and in similar establishments in the cities and towns other than Salem—and a majority of these machines are of the one-ball variety, dispensing "hickies" to anyone willing enough or lucky enough to make a winning wager.

If it violates the law, there is wholesale violation in Marion county. If there is a question whether it violates the law, Sheriff Burk should long ago have ordered his deputy to make an arrest and take a test case into court.

Concerning the "hickies" dispensed by the pinball machines, one of two things is true: Either they are useful only for playing the machine again, or they are being traded for cash or merchandise. If the latter is true, the law is being violated although there may be a technical question whether the pinball machine is involved in the violation, or only the person who cashes the tokens.

As a representative of The Statesman, making an independent survey of the pinball situation in recent days, found no direct evidence that the tokens were being exchanged. In one place there was a sign on a one-ball machine saying "Pay \$1 in trade."

It is questioned that the management would take the tokens in exchange for merchandise but indicated that it was a rare occurrence.

Proprietor Explains They're "For Fun"
At another place the proprietor, questioned about the mechanical operation of a machine, volunteered the information that "they" (Turn to Page 2, Col. 3.)

George Coleman Dies of Wounds

Death last night culminated the suicide attempt of Thomas George Coleman, 18-year-old Salem youth, after two vain blood transfusion attempts to save his life. Coleman placed the muzzle of a stockless .22 caliber rifle against his left breast Monday night, December 30, at around 9:15 p.m. and pulled the trigger. He was discovered by his mother and taken to the Salem General hospital by first aid officers, one first aid driver, Arthur Bloom, giving an immediate transfusion.

Parents are Mr. and Mrs. John Coleman of 1844 North Commercial street. Funeral arrangements are being made by the W. T. Rigdon company.

Lear Injured in Furnace Mishap

Dwight Lear, 555 North 20th street, received first and second degree burns of the hands and face yesterday afternoon when a gas furnace he was turning on at his home blew up. His physician said his condition was favorable at the Deaconess hospital. He suffered abrasions and considerable shock.

Officials of the gas company said the furnace was of the automatic type, normally turned on by a company service man. They said Mrs. Lear had telephoned for the service man and he was on the way to the Lear home when the accident occurred.

FIRE DESTROYS WELDING SHOP AT DALLAS



Plume-wrecked welding shop of the Willamette Valley Lumber company, above, ruined by an early Friday morning fire. Fog, and exploding acetylene tanks, such as those below, made fire-fighting difficult.—Statesman photo.

DALLAS, Jan. 3—Fire completely destroyed the welding shop at the Willamette Valley Lumber company plant early this morning, at an estimated financial loss of \$7000. Cause of the fire is unknown, officials said.

The Dallas fire department was called out at about 1:35 a. m. when fire broke out in the shop, which had also been used as a storage place for electric motors and other equipment by the company since the fire of the night of October 3 which burned to the ground the planing mill, dry kiln and four dry sheds.

Exploding acetylene tanks, the location of the shop, on the bank of a pond south of the mill, and a heavy fog made fire fighting operations difficult.

The building was of a frame construction about 40 by 20 feet in dimension.

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Naval Airmen Land Seaplane Safely in 3 Inches of Water

EDINBURG, Tex., Jan. 3—(AP)—Two naval airmen who rode out a blinding snowstorm in an ice-weighted bomber after five other members of the crew bailed out—one to his death—were safe here today after bringing their 13-ton plane down in three inches of water.

Lieutenant Murray Hanson, 30, pilot of the bomber, and Ensign Robert B. Clark, co-pilot, set their big ship down last night on a lake described by cattlemen as a "puddle of water" on the huge Santa Fe ranch near here after bucking snow, ice, fog and blinding rain for 150 miles across rugged western Texas.

Hanson had ordered the other five to bail out near Big Spring, Tex., yesterday afternoon, when ice began forming on the wings. The big plane momentarily went out of control in a window smash-up of the bomber, which was flying 1500 feet, largest crowd at the season here.

SEATTLE, Jan. 3—(AP)—Washington's varsity basketball team was definitely "hot" tonight in trouncing the Pacific Lutheran "giant killers" 57 to 39 to avenge the upset setback at the hands of the Lutes a week ago.

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Weather
Unsettled today and Sunday; light local rains; snow in mountains. Max. temp. Friday, 50, min. 30. West wind, 10 to 20 mph. River 4.5 feet. Frost.

Irish Identify Attack Planes As Nazi Craft

Italians Hear Bad News Also From Albania; Greeks Advance

Tanks, Aircraft Used in Libya Assault; First Line Said Broken

(By the Associated Press)
Bad news for Italy rolled today from the battlefronts in Libya and Albania.

The British announced capture of more than 5000 Italian troops in continuing Australian assault on the 20,000-man garrison at Bardia. Libya, and authoritative Greek sources said the Italian defenses in central Albania had been pierced to open the way for "an important development."

At home, the British battled a hail of fire-bombs hurled in almost "Coventry" style on two towns, one in southwest England and one in the midlands. Hundreds of volunteers aided firemen. London itself had light raids.

The Australian thrust in Libya, climaxing an 18-day siege, was preceded and supported by the heaviest royal air force bombardment yet, inflicted in the desert warfare, authoritative sources said.

Tanks also aided the charge, which earlier dispatches said breached the semi-circular ring of concrete blockhouses and pillboxes which has shielded 20,000 Italian troops in an 18-day siege.

RAF headquarters said not a single plane was lost in the operations, and the British command indicated Bardia would be taken "in 48 hours" if the same pace was maintained.

Some British military experts who sought a reason for the bombings said they might be the result of a last attempt to invade northern Ireland.

But in Berlin an authorized German spokesman declared "German bombs are English, or they are imaginary."

A single bomb fell in Dublin this morning, and in the excitement of the open machine-gun and rifle fire on what they mistook for a hostile plane flying over the capital at noon.

Hours later, the government said the craft was a "recoil plane" on route from England to Dublin which had wandered off its course—although there was no immediate explanation of why the plane, in broad daylight, dropped flames which were taken for incendiary bombs.

Nevertheless, feeling ran high in the Irish capital, with crowds shouting defiantly.

"Ireland's army will exact punishment!"

Prime Minister Eamon De Valera held a secret cabinet session while rumors circulated in informed Dublin quarters that the German minister would be handed his passport if bombings continued to violate Ireland's neutrality.

An official statement declared: "Fragments of explosive and incendiary bombs" dropped at four outlying points in Ireland have been examined and found to be German in origin.

Prime Minister Eamon De Valera has been instructed to make an energetic protest to the German government, and was further instructed to claim full reparations and insist that effective steps be taken to avoid recurrence of such happenings.

Site Is Purchased By Chemical Firm

Tract at Vancouver Taken but No Revelation of Plans Made yet

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 3—(AP)—Purchase of a 13 1/2-acre industrial tract here by the General Chemical company of America was revealed today with filing of the deed.

The tract, just outside of the city limits on the lower river road, was purchased following negotiations between city officials and James O'Shaughnessy, western representative of the chemical firm.

O'Shaughnessy, at Wenatchee, Wash., said in a telephone conversation that he "couldn't say definitely what was in the offing."

However, he added that "all indications are there will be a plant (erected) in Vancouver. We don't ordinarily buy a tract of land unless we expect to make use of it."

O'Shaughnessy said he would come here next week and would have "further announcements to make." Meantime, he declined further comment although business leaders here said they believed the initial plant would be comparatively small.

There was no indication what the firm expected to manufacture here. The General Chemical company is affiliated with the Allied Chemical company and has plants in many sections of the nation, including two in California.

Civilian Aviation Training Favored

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3—(AP)—Civilian flying instructors from western Oregon and Washington urged tonight that the civilian pilot training program be continued as an important national defense asset.

The instructors met to join the National Aviation Training association, composed of fixed-base flight operators and ground schools. Purpose of the association is to work for the civilian training program as against rumored military control.

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