

Some Changes Likely Monday

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

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any appointive position, but as president member of the court does have significant influence in determining who shall draw county checks and who shall not.

In the particular court to be installed next Monday, Judge Hewitt will find himself in the company of one new commissioner, Ralph Girod, and one hold-over member, the court, Commissioner J. E. "Jim" Smith.

Speculation over personal line-ups to be forged among the three officials in deciding personnel matters has been rife, but has also been generally sterile. It will probably remain so, courthouse observers believe, until the court goes into action on particular problems.

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Penitentiary Record Is Inconvenient; Especially When You Are Innocent

LEBANON—Alverson Lytle, now serving a 60-day sentence for maintenance in Lebanon, has admitted having done time in the state prison in Nebraska, but insisted that he was the victim of mistaken identification. Deputy Sheriff Clay Kirk investigated the story and Warden J. M. O'Grady of the Nebraska state prison corroborated it in every particular.

In 1923 Lytle was employed as chef in the Goodhue hotel in Superior, Neb. Late in December of that year a lone bandit held up the bank in Minden, Neb., 90 miles from Superior and got away with \$5000.

A policeman in Superior saw the description of the robber and thought that it fitted Lytle. He had him arrested and officers and employees of the bank testified that he was the man.

The trial lasted three days. Lytle had 13 witnesses who testified that he was not at the hotel where he was working at 4 p.m. on the day the crime was committed. As the robbery was at 2:15 p.m. he would have had to travel 90 miles in 45 minutes, before the one of those likely to find herself without a job in the immediate future, most likely next Monday night.

The probation officer deals with juvenile delinquents, and functions under the supervision of the county judge, in whose hands rests final jurisdiction in juvenile cases. The position, in consequence, is peculiarly amenable to the judge's direct authority.

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Nation Drives Pinball Games To Fill Orders

NEW YORK, Jan. 3—(AP)—The nation's industry will make a new year start from record or near record production levels in a drive to reduce billions of dollars in unfilled orders before the defense program requires more factory capacity, business reports indicated today.

Expected to act as a spur to output in the next few weeks was the question whether "business as usual" long could be maintained as a wartime slogan, a doubt raised in President Roosevelt's recent broadcast.

Many purchasing agents, according to business reports, have been ordering raw materials and goods to hold in reserve against the possibility government defense planners might act to divert mill capacity into war industry.

After record-breaking production in the final quarter of the old year, the busy steel and motor industries were expected to keep up the pace for some weeks, anyway.

Steel and automobile plants were considered the focus of the "business as usual" emphasis. In even demand, planners decide on closer control of the flow of materials to give war industry the right of way, steel and motor production may be among the first to feel a turn toward "war economy" on a big scale.

The real test of industry's ability to handle both war supply and ordinary business was expected to come in the spring and summer when "bottlenecks" in tools, airplane motors and incomplete factories are removed sufficiently to permit acceleration in output of fighting materials.

Only a minor part of the steel industry's great capacity at the finish of 1940 was reported engaged directly in turning out materials for war industry, domestic and British. Much of the output was believed in trade circles to represent stocking of reserves as precaution against price rises on deliveries and higher prices.

State Rests Case In "I Am" Charges

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 3—(AP)—The government has closed its case against Mrs. Edna W. Ballard and nine other leaders of the "I Am" movement, on trial on mail fraud charges, with a statement by Mrs. Ballard concerning receipt of money through the mails.

Previously government attorneys read from "I Am" publications, claims of power to heal numerous diseases and of "28 ascensions in one day" declared to have been made by followers of the movement.

They also read from "Unveiled Mysteries," one of the writings of the late Guy W. Ballard, founder of the movement, the author's account of various adventures he declared he experienced in company with St. Germain, an "ascended master."

Mexico Might Furnish Bases For Fleet in West

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—New safeguards against a surprise attack from the west upon the Panama canal are in the making now that anxiety concerning the eastern approach has been eased by the agreement to lease British base sites.

The plan to strengthen the navy's means of detecting in time any enemy plane carrier that might try to slip within bombing range of the fleet's lifeline link into the Caribbean from Central American air and naval bases now being forged by the American republics.

Just where the additional facilities would be provided for the canal's protection was not disclosed, but defense sources said the ideal arrangement would include the right to base United States submarine and seaplane tenders on the west coast of Mexico, Cocos island and the Galapagos islands. These tenders are filling stations and perhaps recharging stations for their respective air and sea facilities.

Watch for Sabotage, too

As outlined by these experts, the only real dangers to the canal are sabotage and a surprise attack from the air. The army is taking extensive precautions against sabotage and air attack, but on the water front the patrol craft in the Caribbean are being obtained from Britain.

Even though it may take some time to develop these bases to be leased from the British, the advantages there are obvious. The tenders necessary to maintain plane and submarine patrols.

On the west, the canal is protected by the great expanse of the Pacific, but the most serious danger is from the east. The effectiveness of the latter would be multiplied greatly, if officials said, if anchorages for the tenders and perhaps recreational facilities for their crews were available nearer the scene of operations than at present. In other words, the patrol craft would not have to spend half their time going to and from their stations.

Harbors Well Located

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Conditions Break Rumors Hint Changes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—The "Don't tell war secrets" placards used widely in England now have their counterparts in the US war department.

New posters adorn the army's central offices here. Decorated with cartoons, they bear only the words: "Don't tell Auntie and Uncle . . . or Cousin Jane . . . and certainly not your girl."

MILWAUKEE, Jan. 3—(AP)—Jack Shon, principal clerk in the comptroller's office, was in danger of being promoted—to a lower salary.

Shon, who receives \$2200 a year, was slated to fill the vacant head bookkeeper's post which carries an \$1800 to \$2100 annual stipend. The position, prior to adoption of a city salary ordinance last month, had paid \$2150.

The city comptroller said that because Shon had such a conscientious and hard worker—he would not be promoted.

TROY, N.Y., Jan. 3—(AP)—It was an even bet in Troy police headquarters today that the thief who stole the clothing of James Carroll, 17-year-old CCC enrollee, is going to have a red face.

The garments, police said, were stolen from a clothes line where they were airing while Carroll was in a Troy hospital with scarlet fever.

Ford Is Manager Again, La Grande

LA GRANDE, Jan. 3—(AP)—The city commission reappointed E. H. Ford as city manager at its first 1941 meeting today. J. L. Sinden replaced B. A. Van Worner as commission president.

T. H. Galtner was the only new member of the commission. He succeeded H. J. Leonard, retired. C. M. Humphreys was renamed municipal judge.

Meanwhile, it became clear that the Roosevelt foreign policy would face an organized challenge. Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.) said there was a "roost bottom list" of 15 senators who would speak against administration methods which they believe are tending toward war, and that an effort would be made to "organize the country."

The senator that a little before noon, Feb. Vice-President Garner making one of his frequent appearances on the rostrum. At 10 o'clock the old session ended and the new began. The terms of members defeated in last year's elections expired at that hour. Senator Milton (D-Iowa) arose and took a seat at the end of the chamber. Senator King (D-Utah) another who was beaten, stayed at his desk throughout the brief session which followed.

In groups of four, the senators elected in November were escorted to the rostrum and received the oath of office. Senator Harrison (D-Miss) went up with Senator Bilbo of the same state, thus publicly acknowledging the end of a famous senate feud. Senator Johnson (R-Cal) walked to the dais alone. His colleague, Senator Dewey (D-Cal), offered to escort him. Johnson merely shook his hand, and brushed him red-faced but smiling aside.

Langer Seated but Challenge Awaits

When the name of Senator-elect Langer (R-ND) was called, Senator Barkley announced that protests against seating him had been received accompanied by charges which, if true, would seriously affect his qualifications for a senate seat. He asked and received permission that Langer take the oath "without prejudice," his continuance in office to be subject to the results of a later investigation.

The house meanwhile was similarly engaged in the formalities of getting the session started. Rayburn's name and that of Rep. Martin (R-Mass) the republican leader, were placed in nomination for the speakership. Rayburn received 247 votes to Martin's 159. A committee escorted him to the speaker's chair, while the membership arose and gave him a loud and prolonged ovation.

Thanking his colleagues for electing him to a post which, he said, it had been his life's ambition to fill, Rayburn swung quickly into a plea that pertinently be forgotten in dealing with the important pending problems of foreign policy. He recalled that during the World War "the center aisle did not divide the patriotism of the membership," and asked that such be the case again.

Subdued Mood Marks Opening

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—The 67th Congress opened today with a subdued mood. The session was marked by a sense of uncertainty and a focus on the upcoming year's challenges. The Roosevelt administration's foreign policy was a central theme, with many senators expressing concern over the potential for conflict. The session began with the swearing-in of new members, followed by the election of Rayburn as Speaker and Martin as Republican leader. The atmosphere was tense, reflecting the nation's position on the world stage.

Irish Identify Attack Planes

Irish identify attack planes, Italian's hear bad news. The French admiral Jean Darlan, reputed bitter foe of England, would emerge as the new "strong man" of France.

RAF bombers pounded the big German naval base at Bremen for the second successive night, striking from 8 p.m. to nearly dawn yesterday and leaving reported "incalculable" damage.

Nazi raiders reported a successful assault on Cardiff, the bustling Welsh coal port on the Bristol channel, in which German pilots said they started fires visible 80 miles away. Last night the Germans returned to the assault on London and towns in the midlands and western England.

Two submarines, one Italian and one French, were reported sunk.

The French admiral noted the torpedo-sinking of its 1800-ton submarine Afox and oil tanker Rhone off the coast of Casablanca, with the loss of 74 crew members; while the British admiral reported that an Italian undersea raider had been sunk by HMS Thunderbolt, the resurrected submarine which sank on a trial run in the Mediterranean in 1939, carrying 30 men to death. The Thetis was later raised, reconditioned and renamed.

Italy would be a heavy additional blow for Mussolini. There are 300,000 French troops fully equipped and as yet unbloodied in this war, in North Africa. They are strongly anti-German and anti-axis.

They are primarily loyal to General Weygand who organized the defense of France. He is in personal command as old Marshal Pétain's trusted agent, and beyond doubt burning to avenge against the axis the defeat he suffered as allied generalissimo in France last June.

A break between Hitler and Pétain might lead to an occupation of all France. That of itself would be a boon to Britain. It would further disperse Nazi armies in the west, so recently pictured by Hitler as girding to leap across the channel at England's throat.

"Shreds and Tatters"

Re-entry of French troops in Africa into the war would drive a decisive nail, however, into the coffin of Italian empire dreams. It probably would mean swift realization of Prime Minister Churchill's threat to rip that empire "to shreds and tatters."

From this standpoint it has seemed probable all along that it was use of French naval ships in the Mediterranean by Germany and Italy that was urgently sought by Berlin in the recent Hitler-Laval dealings. That would have been a serious matter for Britain, at home as well as in the east. It would have forced retention of heavy British naval forces in the Mediterranean—forces that could be ill spared from Atlantic bottle-necks.

Now it is indicated that important British naval units are being transferred from the east front to protect England's own North Atlantic sea lanes. That is an immediate result of British army victories in Egypt and Libya and Greek successes in Albania.

London reports that, instead of an increasing tonnage toll by enemy action in the dangerous Atlantic waters. It has also disclosed that the heavy cruiser Berwick, which beat off the most recent Nazi surface raider attack there in murky weather, had been shifted from the Mediterranean to Atlantic convoy duty.

Re-entry of French African forces and French warcraft into the conflict alongside Britain certainly would release further British navy and air forces in the east for use in the west. It would be a major gain for the British and plans in the west, whatever they are.

Portland to Get Shipyard, Report

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3—(AP)—The administration contemplated steps to help Britain solve the critical problem of getting bottoms to take war equipment and food across the Atlantic.

The president said the ships would be of the "standardized" type, resembling oblong tanks, more than craft in whose lines a lover of ships, like himself, could make pride.

The ship will displace approximately 1,000 tons and will cost \$1,600,000 to \$1,750,000.

He indicated they would be built in inexpensive new yards, arranged so far as possible merely as assembly plants for steel and other pre-fabricated parts and steel plates.

Presumably, under his plan to lease or lend war materials to Britain, American ships might be turned over to the British and be sent back or replaced when the war ended.

To get the shipbuilding program under way, Mr. Roosevelt drew from a defense fund granted him by congress, \$26,000,000 for the construction of yards.

Final rites for Earle Van McMechan, 60, who died of a heart attack at the DeLoe hospital Thursday night, will be held this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. from the Clough-Barrick chapel, Dr. W. Irvin Williams officiating. Interment will be in Belcrest Memorial Park.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the home of Mrs. Frances A. Evans and Edgar T. Pierce.

McMechan, a graduate of Williams law school, married Lola DeLoe, Salem girl, in 1916 and had lived in this city since that time.

He was assistant secretary of Hawkins & Roberts at the time of death.

McMechan Rites Scheduled Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—Harry Hopkins, long-time friend and perhaps the most intimate adviser of President Roosevelt, prepared tonight to leave for London on a special mission believed to be for the purpose of revealing the innermost plans of the administration to supply Britain with the aircraft industry.

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Pearson Leaves Board for Senate

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Governor Charles A. Sprague thanked Pearson for his "splendid cooperation in handling the state's business."

Pearson was chosen state senator from Multnomah county at the November election.

The new board of control will be composed of three republicans. Pearson is a democrat.

MINISTERS PROTEST THEIR EXEMPTIONS

A number of Oregon ministers, names withheld, have written Lieutenant Colonel Elmer V. Weston, state selective service director, protesting against that official's refusal to exempt them from active service in the nation's armed forces.

These ministers charged that the present law was discriminatory in their favor.

The great majority of ministers in Oregon are not asking for any special favors in connection with the national defense program, one minister wrote.

Several ministers indicated they would file a written protest with the selective service boards and later ask the federal government to amend the law.

LOCK IS PICKED, BUT STOCK OK

CANYON CITY, Jan. 3—(AP)—The men who picked the lock of Druggist Terry Bell's store were fast practitioners. Bell decided today.

He found the store door open and the night light out after two unidentified men telephoned the tip to him—but neither stock nor cash was disturbed.

Pinball Games Easy to Find

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

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would not let him pay off and that the machines were "just for fun."

In still a third establishment a winning player handed his tokens to a clerk, asking him to save them for him until he returned.

It is common gossip, in Marion county as elsewhere in the state, that in some establishments the tokens are exchanged for merchandise or even for cash. If this is the case, Deputy Saunders has had more than a month to obtain evidence and make arrests. If the sheriff is determined to curb such practices, use of "under cover" men is not an option.

Deputy Saunders has not been working "under cover" and there is therefore no substance to charges by friends of Sheriff Burk that the newspapers hampered his activities by "tipping off" the pinball operators. Long before the St. Louisan published his first story on the subject, Saunders personally interviewed most of the operators, making no effort to conceal his identity.

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McCloskey Quits As Representative

SECRETARY OF STATE EARL SWELL has set next Wednesday, regular meeting day of the Coo county court, as the time for electing a successor to State Representative J. H. McCloskey of Coo county, who has resigned. He is a democrat.

McCloskey's resignation was received at the state capitol yesterday.

He suffered a broken leg in an automobile accident and was in a hospital for several weeks.

McCloskey first was elected state representative in 1912 and served three terms. He lives at Norway.

Under the law, McCloskey's successor must be of his party affiliation.

LONG WORK HOURS ON DEFENSE BASES

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time and one-half rates, one said, for work in excess of eight hours.

Suspension of the hours limitation for workers building army and aviation facilities on the sites being acquired from Great Britain extended a policy applied previously by the navy in Alaska and on Midway, Wake, Palmyra and Johnston islands.

Congress authorized the navy to suspend the limitation in the construction of these Pacific bases.

The eight-hour rule has not been lifted in the continental United States, or on the island of Oahu.

Mr. Roosevelt said in his executive order that an act of 1892, as amended in 1913, provided that mechanics and laborers employed by the government should not be worked more than eight hours a day, except in an extraordinary emergency.

Soldier Dies of Pneumonia in Car

ASHLAND, Ore., Jan. 3—(AP)—Pneumonia caused the death of Private Rex Mason, 18, March Field, Calif., who died while sleeping in an automobile returning him to his post from a Christmas vacation, coroner's Deputy Will DeLoe said today.

The soldier, who spent the holidays at Astoria, Wash., went to sleep the night before and was snoring early yesterday, but was dead a short time later when his companion, Private Holt Brown, 24, also of March Field, stopped his car on a road.

In the rear seat of the car with Mason were piles of Christmas presents from his father, critically ill in a Seattle (Marina) hospital.

Ship Inaugurates Cargo to Hawaii

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 3—(AP)—The Matsuo line steamer Walpole loaded cargo here today for the inaugural trip of a direct general cargo service from Portland to Honolulu.

No intermediate calls will be made outside the Columbia.

The Walpole, commanded by Captain J. H. Hansen, will carry 2300 tons of general freight and 4,000,000 board feet of lumber on the initial trip. She recently was fitted with 11,000 cubic feet of refrigerated space for carrying frozen shellfish perishables.

The Kobale will alternate with the Walpole on the run, making the voyage in 10 days and offering sailings every three weeks.

Ammunition Fails; Greek Gets Plane

ON THE SOUTHERN FRONTIER, Jan. 3—(AP)—A Greek pilot claimed that he downed an Italian bomber with the propeller of his plane ramming one of machine gun ammunition and captured his crew of three at pistol point.

His story as related by military sources said he exhausted his ammunition in a dog fight, then streaked for the mountains and veered away just in time to avoid a full collision.

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Bomber Assembly In Texas Planned

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3—(AP)—A plan to build thousands of bombers with the help of the automotive industry took definite form tonight with the selection of Fort Worth as the site of a fourth assembly plant.

In a compromise of a contest between rival cities, a previous allotment of a similar plant to Tulsa, Okla., was confirmed.

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Veterans' Board Income Increases

Cash receipts from loans and state-owned properties of the World War Veterans state aid commission during 1940 increased collections for other 1935 to 1939, Terrell Owen, secretary, reported to Governor Charles A. Sprague here yesterday.

The commission received \$2,226,074 during 1940 as compared to \$2,156,143 in 1939. The average monthly receipts for the past year reached \$199,532.

DANCE Hazel Green Every Saturday

Wayne Strahan's Band

Embezzlement Is Charged, Portland

PORTLAND, Jan. 3—(AP)—Deane Curtis, 44, Portland, was arrested by Detective Roy Bowen last night on a warrant charging embezzlement of \$4100 from the Marine Engineers' Beneficial Association.

Curtis is secretary-treasurer of the organization for 31 months. Bail was set at \$10,000.

Lehman's Daughter Elopes

NEW YORK, Jan. 3—(AP)—Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt's daughter, Ethel, has eloped with her fiancé, Boris DeVostsky, of this city, according to reports from Belmont, N.Y., on December 1 and were married.