

Billion Added Revenue Goal

Sen. George Avers Most of It Will Have to Be From Incomes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Legislative finance experts exploring the possibility of raising at least \$1,000,000,000 in new government revenue appeared agreed today that the bulk would have to be supplied by income tax-payers.

Senator George (D-Ga.) a veteran member of the senate finance committee, said some consideration should be given to broadening the excess profits levies on corporations, but that individuals would have to face higher taxes.

In the same vein, Senator La Follette (D-Wis.) a finance committee member, said there should be a thoroughgoing revision of the excess profits tax, asserting that it contained "grave competitive inequities" and raised only a "negligible" amount of revenue.

Would Raise Surtax

La Follette said he thought it would be necessary, however, to increase surtaxes on individual income. He would not advocate, he said, any lowering of exemptions beyond that undertaken by the last congress when it fixed \$800 as the limit of non-taxable net income for single persons and \$1,000 for married persons. That congress also tackled a 10 per cent defense "super" tax on incomes.

Inheritance taxes might be increased and gift and estate taxes made taxable to increase revenues somewhat, La Follette said, adding:

"The new congress ought to undertake a thoroughgoing revision of the tax structure, which has been growing like topsy for the last 15 years."

People Are Willing

A possibility that the administration might seek more than a billion dollars of new revenue was suggested by Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the majority leader.

Predicting that present taxes would bring \$1,000,000,000 more than the outgo expected to be allotted to "normal" government expenditures in the new fiscal year, Barkley said that from \$1,000,000,000 more in revenues, the money ought to be raised to help amortize defense costs over a period of years.

"The people are ready and willing to pay more taxes to meet these defense expenditures," Barkley told reporters.

World's Largest Tent Is Ordered

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—(AP)—A Seattle tent maker received orders today to rush completion of one of the world's largest tents which is scheduled to be suspended next spring over the site of the army's \$1,000,000,000 munitions dump near here in the White river canyon.

The core of the earthen, rock-filled flood-control dam must be maintained at a certain minimum moisture content while work is being done and such a moisture balance will be disturbed by rain and snow.

The tent will cost about \$35,000 and will be 328 by 196 feet. An added difficulty to its making is the provision that it must be made to grow with the progress of construction, to form the floor of the canyon. Becoming steadily larger the higher it goes, the tent sides must always tightly conform to the canyon walls.

Polk Sets Record In Tax Collection

DALLAS—The past year was a record breaker in the collection of taxes in Polk county, according to Sheriff T. B. Ho, who reported to January 1, 1941, the sheriff's office had turned over to the treasurer approximately \$462,000 of the 1940 tax roll. This includes interest collected during the year which amounted to \$3,187.87 and rebates allowed of \$8724.83.

The total tax roll for 1940 was \$511,127.47.

Delinquent tax payments during the past year were also exceedingly heavy, amounting to approximately \$210,775 additional. This made a total tax turnover by the sheriff's office to the county treasurer of approximately \$774,900 during the past year.

Oddities

POPLAR BLUFF, Mo., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Nimrod, here's something to read to your bird dog at the end of an unsuccessful hunt.

L. G. Kee went quail shooting eleven times this season, got the limit ten times and nine birds once. His "bird dog" is a bull pup.

ALTON, Ill., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Carroll Short spent the holiday season in his garage and he wasn't in the doghouse either. His 6-year-old daughter, Nellie, had snarled her way and the doctor ordered the father to stay out of the house if he wished to continue working.

BOSTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Miss Georgia Hill firmly believes in the axiom "it never rains but pours."

She caught \$5 in her umbrella. Came the rain. She raised the umbrella, forgetting that the money was in it. When she remembered it the "bank" was empty.

SCOTT'S BLUFF, Neb., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Burglars took a blue and white north \$200 from the Howard Swanson home here, Jan. 3.

Then, adding insult, they crawled into bed and stole a nap.

The Swansons discovered losses and insult when they returned from a vacation trip.

A Woman Tries to Die



After suicide attempt Rushed to hospital

Here is drama outside Mayor Florento H. LaGuardia's office in New York City. A woman, Mrs. Anna Weis, 45, has just attempted suicide by swallowing half a bottle of poison. Police, doctors and onlookers rush to her aid, try to stop her and then rush her to a hospital. The suicide attempt took place in view of sightseeing children. The woman had sought the mayor's intervention for home relief. At the left above, note poison coloring on woman's lips and throat.

The Safety Valve

To the Editor: The movement for an additional circuit judge in the Third Judicial district of Oregon embracing Linn and Marion counties seems to be appropriate, but overlooks the most important and most neglected first duty of the court in Oregon to any court was a judge of the important probate court and Oregon had probate judges until the framers of the constitution found that eighty-three years ago there was not sufficient business to warrant the employment of a separate probate judge in each county. These wise law makers considering the business at that time, eighty-three years ago, vested the judicial functions of a probate judge in the presiding officer of the circuit court, and named him as county judge. Since then the legislature has been imposing upon the county judges additional duties as judge of the juvenile court and other duties.

The result is that as the counties became more populated and the probate business became more important and voluminous it was necessary for the counties of greater population to transfer all probate business and all the judicial functions of the presiding judge of the county court to some department of the circuit court, leaving the county judge to do the same step was taken in Clackamas county.

Marion county the second largest county in population in the state is fifteen to twenty years behind in this matter. Marion county still imposes upon its county judge unreasonable and impossible duties to be properly performed and pays him an inadequate salary. For years it has been impossible for the county judge to have time to examine or properly study out probate cases and the county judge is dependent upon the honesty and judgment of the attorneys practicing before his court to present their pleadings and papers in proper shape and suggest the proper legal determination of contested questions. Marion county is such a wealthy and populated county that the county judge should be permitted to devote all his time to county business as has been done for very many years in the smaller county of Clackamas. It is the opinion of the writer that the greatest need for relief of the courts in Marion county, Oregon, is the relief of the county judge's court. Certainly something must be done to remedy the condition of the probate or county court in Marion county so far as the judicial work thereof is concerned.

If the circuit judges of the third judicial district are overburdened with work as is probably the case since Marion county is the only county where the most important and most difficult equity cases arise due to the business of the various state departments, the best solution of the court question in Marion county would be an enactment by the legislature which would vest all the functions and duties of the county judge so far as relates to judicial business to the circuit court and provide for an additional circuit judge to handle that business and such portion of the present circuit court business as might result, thereby relieving the present circuit judges. Such a judge could reasonably be expected to have charge of all domestic relation cases now being heard by the present circuit judge and this would be particularly fitting and advisable since a judge so appointed would have charge of the juvenile court and he would thus be able to care for the hundreds of unfortunate children in families where their parents have separate and distinct legal proceedings, the kind of broken families are the most found in the juvenile court. Such a judge could also hear the very many cases in circuit court wherein the present presiding judge may have been disqualified for any reason from hearing the same and thus the extra expense of constantly bringing in judges from outside districts to hear circuit court cases would be eliminated. This would enable a competent judge appointed until the next election to reorganize and moderate and place upon a proper basis of proceeding the probate court of Mar-

Lease-Lend Plan Detail Is Hinted

Huge Corporation May Be Formed; FDR Working on His Message

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come of England's war against an "unholy alliance."

It is expected to deal also with such domestic questions as libel, redrafting of the constitution, and labor matters.

A White House secretary announced that the message on the "state of the union" would be delivered at 11 a. m. PST Monday. A very big budget message would be transmitted on Wednesday. An effort will be made, he said, to keep the legislative message within 3000 words.

Democratic leaders at the capitol, asked about the reports that a new federal corporation would be established, said that legislation to carry out the administration's proposal to lend or lease a \$2,000,000,000 fund of \$2,000,000,000 worth of supplies and munitions to Great Britain was still in the formative stage.

Such a corporation, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the senate majority leader, commented, would be "feasible but might not be essential."

Barkley indicated the plan would require amending the neutrality act, which prohibits the shipping of munitions to belligerents except on a cash basis. He also said the enabling act must be very general in its grant of powers to the chief executive.

Seeing only a few callers during the day, Mr. Roosevelt spent most of his time on his legislative message and conferring with his budget director, Harold D. Smith.

With a vociferous group in congress gathering support to oppose the British aid plan, Senator Barkley predicted that it would ultimately pass, but after a lengthy debate, he said.

Several in the opposition camp, including Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) reiterated their contention that the plan was but another step leading to actual participation in the war.

Addressing an "anti-war" delegation at the capitol, Wheeler asserted that the plan was "idiotic." "When you lease or loan you're buying an interest in the war," the Montanan declared. "Some people say it is our war. If it's our war, how can we justify loaning them stuff and asking them to pay for it?"

"If it's our war, we ought to have the courage to go over and fight it—but it isn't our war."

The group of about 70 which called at the capitol said they represented the "American Peace Mobilization."

On the other hand, Representative Darden (D-Va) called in a statement. Darden said that he represented the "American Peace Mobilization."

"If we refuse or fail by indecision to make available the help so desperately needed in the ongoing hour," Darden said, "we shall, I believe have placed the ultimate security and the safety of the American people in the greatest jeopardy."

Births, Deaths Increase, 1940

Silverton Report Indicates Accidents Cause of 5 Fatalities

SILVERTON—Vital statistics for Silverton, compiled Friday afternoon show that there were 13 more deaths and 24 more births at Silverton in 1940 than in 1939.

Total deaths for 1940 were 84 against 71 of the previous year. A very big majority of the deaths were of people past 70 years. There were 12 deaths between the ages of 21 and 50, and but five in the period from one month to 21 years. At least five of the number were from violent accidents.

The births number 216 this year over 193 of a year ago. These were equally divided between boys and girls. A year ago, girls outnumbered boys by some less than a dozen.

Bomber Test Is Proving Success

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Fighting a 100-mile-an-hour headwind and flying at an elevation of 8000 feet, a big four-motored army air corps bomber winged through Memphis skies tonight, crossing the city at 9 o'clock a mile east of the municipal airport.

Because of the severe headwind, the plane was forced to descend temporarily from its scheduled altitude of 15,000 feet, a crew member told the airport control tower by radio-telephone.

"We are in fine physical shape in spite of the high altitude and an outside temperature of minus 15 degrees centigrade," (Five below zero Fahrenheit), the crew's spokesman said.

"We are getting ready to eat dinner now," the fliers declared, adding that "nothing has gotten out of hand and it looks like a smooth trip."

The plane averaged about 160 miles an hour between Dayton and Memphis.

Planes Riddled on Arrival at Bardia

WITH THE BRITISH FORCES OUTSIDE BARDIA, (AP)—Five Italian planes that landed at Bardia airfield today, possibly to carry away generals and documents before the expected fall of the fascist stronghold, were riddled by British fighter planes, diving on them with their 8-gun wing batteries blazing.

The RAF also shot down three Italian planes attempting to bomb British warships off the Libyan coast. The warships were pouring shells into the Italian positions to aid the British tanks and Australian shock troops breaking through the outer ring of fortresses.

Not a single RAF plane was lost in 48 hours of intense fighting in this area, the British said.

Friendship Club Has Friday Meet

WEST SALEM—Lottie McAdams of Plaza street, was hostess at the Friendship club Friday afternoon.

The meeting was in the form of a Christmas party, that had been postponed because of illness. The women exchanged gifts and played 500. Mrs. Hughes won high score and Mrs. Bovea won second.

Refreshments were served at the close of the party to Mrs. Mabel Gardner, Mrs. Sally Curtis, Mrs. Irene Bovea, Mrs. Jeanie Knight and Mrs. Minnie Hughes of Mehamas.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Carter entertained with a dinner on New Year's day for their daughter, Mrs. Herman C. Pfister, teacher at the Salem Bush grade school. Mrs. Pfister had just returned from a visit to Victoria, B.C.

"Salvation Jim" Of Service Poem Dies at Age 79

PRINCETON, BC, Jan. 4.—(CP)—Andrew Donald Wooler, the colorful Yukon miner Robert W. Service penned into one of his poems, "The Ballad of Salvation Jim," died here yesterday.

The 79-year-old veteran of the north who was known as Salvation Jim from the time of Service's poem, was born at Windsor Mills, B.C.

From the time he left his home at the age of 14, he roamed the North American continent from the Yukon to Panama.

Pittman Admits Burning of Auto

REEDSFORT, Ore., Jan. 4.—(AP)—State Trooper Richard Miles said last night Robert Floyd Pittman, 36, Cushman, Ore., had admitted setting fire to the automobile of Sterling Keesh, 25, Seattle, which was found yesterday on the coast highway near here.

The trooper also said that Pittman had agreed to waive extradition to Seattle.

Pittman admitted his part in the burning in a signed statement in which he explained that he had acquainted with Keesh through relatives, Miles reported.

Meat Supplies at London Are Short

LONDON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—This is a meatless weekend for many Londoners.

A number of butchers sold out their meager supplies and closed the doors by noon. The queues broke up and women—some had been waiting since 7:30 a. m.—went home with empty market baskets.

Club Pianist



Core Moore Frey, accompanist for the Eugene Gleason who will sing here January 10. Mrs. Frey, a talented musician, is choral director for a women's group in Eugene as well as choir director and organist for the St. Mary's church.

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Unemployment Is To End This Year Perkins Predicts

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Secretary of Labor Perkins told congress today that jobs provided under the defense program "should break the back of unemployment before the end of 1941."

In her annual report to congress, Miss Perkins said that "it is estimated that from 5,000,000 to 6,000,000 jobs will be available for men and women of the nation in the next 18 months."

Completion of work called for in existing defense contracts, she said, would require "between four and five million workers."

About half of these she said, would be needed on construction jobs, in shipyards and in factories. The remainder would be needed to provide the material for these manufacturing units.

The secretary also reviewed steps taken by the labor department in setting up committees to protect the lives and limbs of defense workers and safeguard the defense program against the delays of industrial accidents.

Wage-hour legislation should be retained, she said in discussing the defense program.

Judge Lyons Dies

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Judge Thomas E. Lyons, widely known in Pacific northwest and Alaska legal circles, died in a hospital here today. He was 74.

West Salem Homes Entertain Visitors And Weekend Guests of Other States

WEST SALEM—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Forster and sons and Mrs. Forster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Schofield of Ypsilanti, Mich., made a trip to the coast during the holidays.

Will Rogers of Portland spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Abbott of Sixth street.

New Year's day dinner guests at the Robert Forster home, 225 Kingwood Drive, were Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Schofield and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Forster of Halney.

Visitors at the home of Mrs. Rose Pfeiffert of Elm street, are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ditter of Twin Falls, Ida.

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Cold Weather Is General in East

One Dies in Wisconsin as Sub-Zero Temperature Hits Many States

(By the Associated Press)

The new year's first onset of cold weather, borne from the northwestern part of the continent, penetrated to the east and south Saturday night while the midlands suffered their most severe chill since early December.

High winds and snow squalls added to the discomfort in several areas.

A 71-year-old man died from exposure in Wisconsin.

A small airplane plunged into the Ohio river at Huntington, W. Va., during a brief snowstorm. The pilot and his companion climbed to the wingtops and were rescued by firemen.

The north central and Rocky mountain states, where zero and subzero temperatures were common, endured the brunt of the cold wave. The lowest temperature reported to the US weather bureau in Chicago was 18 below in Rock Springs, Wyo.

Crews of workmen, using teams of horses, snowblows and a tractor, thrust through snow drifts five to seven feet deep in an effort to repair breaks and unsnarled lines so that service could be restored to several hundred farms and homes in northern and western North Dakota counties, which have been without light and power most of the time since Thursday night. Crews toiled in the teeth of a 20-mile wind, with the temperature approximating 10 below zero.

Low temperature readings, ranging from near zero to 12 below, were reported also in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, Idaho and Utah. The mercury fell to 13 below in International Falls, Minn., and to 11 below in Bonanza, Minn. In Dubois, Idaho, it was eight below, and Coalville, Utah, seven below.

Church Worker

Rev. Clarence Whalen of Cynthia, Ky., will assist in evangelistic services at the Christian and Missionary Alliance church, corner of Fifth and Gaines streets.

Congress Bearing On Invasion Seen

By PRESTON GROVER

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Observers in Berlin, awaiting President Roosevelt's message to congress on Monday, saw the possibility today that the strength of congress' determination to aid England may be a powerful factor in settling when the Germans will attempt a landing attack on England.

Should it become apparent that congress may act very fast in opening American wealth and supplies, some observers here predict that Germany accordingly would make a great effort to strike American help could come.

Already, informed sources here declared that "no matter what help comes from America it will be too late." And already Germany is displaying a disposition to insure affairs at her back by putting pressure under Italy's war machine.

Units of the German air force have landed in Italy. From the Balkans come reports of ever-increasing troop movements in that direction. What their plans are, their numbers may be a closely guarded secret so far as official Germany is concerned. But from Balkan sources come forecasts that at least part of the forces are intended to strike Greece in the far-stretched flank and end her embarrassing successes against the Italians in Albania.

Similarly, it is speculated, the German military commanders would never have a bank unopposed from any possible Russian activity no matter how friendly diplomatic relations between Germany and the soviet might be.

Prominent Woman Reported Missing

OLYMPIA, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Searchers continued in darkness tonight their hunt for Mrs. Louis Muench, prominent Olympia woman who disappeared this morning. No trace of her had been found in DuBois, Idaho, it was eight below, and Coalville, Utah, seven below.

Mrs. Muench, 75, is the mother of Mrs. Peter G. Schmidt, wife of the president of the Olympia Brewing company. She disappeared after going into the yard of the Schmidt farm, about a mile from her home, to get a brief period of outdoor exercise. She had been in poor health for some time, Schmidt said.

Bloodhounds brought to Olympia from the King county sheriff's office led searchers to the edge of Deer Chutes waterway, not far from the Schmidt home.

War's Effect Upon Agriculture Topic

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Agricultural maladjustments caused by the European war will be a major discussion point at the annual five-day regional conference of the agricultural adjustment administration, opening here Monday, Chairman Harry B. Ramsey of the Washington state AAA committee said today.

The conference, attracting delegates from 13 western states, is being held in the northwest for the first time, Ramsey said.

He said representatives from Washington, DC, would include N. E. Dodd, western regional director; Leroy K. Smith, president of the federal crop insurance corporation; Gus Geisler, assistant regional director, and Wayne Darrow, chief of the AAA division of information.

States represented will include Oregon, California, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, Kansas and Washington.

Pigeon Units for Army Are Okched

ONTARIO, Calif., Jan. 4.—(AP)—Capt. R. R. Delhauser, organizer of the United States army pigeon service in the World War, announced today a plan has been approved by the military committee to establish pigeon units in each western division of the army.

From his office at southern California military district headquarters, Delhauser is connecting racing pigeon organizations for lists of eligible men for the units.

Monmouth Man Hurt in Collision Downtown Here

Harry Morris of Monmouth vicinity suffered bruises and his automobile was wrecked when it figured in a collision with the machine driven by Ray Tedwell of Newberg, Saturday night at Trade and Liberty streets. Morris' bruises were treated in city first aid men at the police station.

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US Carries Nazi Propaganda Free

Dies so Points out, and Asks Ban; Postal Rule Explains Anomaly

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—(AP)—The Dies committee asked congress today to halt what it called distribution of "totalitarian propaganda" in the United States at the expense of American taxpayers.

The recommendation was made in a supplemental report amplifying the committee's previous charges that Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan were taking advantage of the Universal Postal Union convention to gain free distribution of huge quantities of propaganda in this country.

Under the terms of this convention, the committee said, the post-office department must bear the cost of distributing within the United States all literature received from abroad.

It proposed that congress enact legislation restricting distribution of foreign literature when the process involves cost to the American taxpayer and excluding from benefits of the union agreement "propaganda that is directed against the United States."

"Unlike the four totalitarian governments," its report said, "the United States has no department of propaganda which aims to influence the internal policies of Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan."

The United States government does not, therefore, use the mails for directing propaganda against these four governments. Consequently the United States receives no reciprocal benefits under the provisions of the Universal Postal Union.

Distribution of the report was the final act of the committee under the investigative authority it received from the last congress. Officially, the committee's inquiry expired yesterday, but Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) said he would ask the new congress to reconstitute it and grant it \$1,000,000 for new inquiries into un-American activities.

US Should Stay Out, Anzac View

EUGENE, Jan. 4.—(AP)—It may be possible that only one of every two ships which leave Australia and New Zealand with materiel for British war machines reach their destination, Dean James H. Gilbert of the University of Oregon school of social sciences said today.

Germany have placed mines in Australian harbors and submarines are constantly making costly raids on empire shipping lanes, Dr. Gilbert, who has just returned from a 20,000-mile trip in the Pacific, disclosed in an interview.

"In spite of this, I returned with a great deal more confidence of the British to come out on top," the traveler declared, telling of the certainty of dominion citizenship of ultimate victory after a long war.

It is the wish of Australians and New Zealanders, Dr. Gilbert said, for the United States to remain out of the war so it can continue to be the "arsenal" of the democracies. They look toward the Yankee navy as the chief barrier for the Japanese in the south Pacific, he found.

Alaska Territory Ex-Official Dies

SEATTLE, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Earl Thiele, 55, former territorial secretary for Alaska, died in a hospital here last night.

Thiele was a long-time resident of Alaska, having sold papers on the streets of Dawson as a boy. He remained in the north in business until 1920, when he became territorial secretary and held that position for 12 years. Later he operated the Dawson E. Pacific company at Wrangell and a mining business near Nome.

Coos Legislative Post Still Begs

MARSHFIELD, Jan. 4.—(AP)—Opening of the legislature drew closer today and Coos county was still without a representative for the session.


J. H. McCloskey resigned the position this week because of a painful heart ailment. The county democratic committee contacted from any possible Russian activity no matter how friendly diplomatic relations between Germany and the soviet might be.

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