

Wilkie Visits Top Britishers

Will Get Interview With King in Few Days; Is Given Welcome

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"He was very gracious," Wilkie said upon leaving the prime minister. "I knew he was a great man. I know it now even more."

From Churchill's residence he went to call on Bevin and they, too, hit it off from the start. Bevin was due for a cabinet meeting at 6 p. m., but when the hour approached they still were talking and it took the urging of a secretary finally to get the labor minister off to his meeting.

Gripping through most of the day, Wilkie spoke bitterly but once. That was when he viewed the fire-blackened ruins in London's ancient center where he was told, 8,000,000 books had been burned.

"I thought the burning of Plateronow Row, the street where books are published, rather symbolic," he observed. "They destroyed the place where the truth is told."

Wilkie said he found the destruction just about as he expected it, but exclaimed "the way it is being dealt with astonishes me; they are grand people."

Asks to See Toughest Shelters and Asks to Talk

"Take me to your toughest shelters," he said. "I want to see the very worst ones you've got. I will talk to everyone who will talk to me—the people in the street, in shelters, in hotels, in trains everywhere."

"I also am going to the house of commons to hear one of your debates."

Wilkie, insisting that he is "plain Mister Wilkie" on a private visit, found that he was taken for his word when he was called on Bevin at the labor ministry where he was required to fill out an official form stating his business.

He left unanswered the question asking "the nature of your business, though an encompassing list of duties was given in a letter."

Mrs. Churchill attended the luncheon at No. 10 Downing street and Wilkie said "she was most charming."

"I think we had eggs and fish," he added. "I hope it didn't break any rationing rules."

"It was my first meeting with Mr. Churchill and we talked for an hour and three-quarters on the international situation, the war, the relations of America and Britain—but I mustn't say more than that."

Liked Each Other so Much Bevin Late for Conclave

Of his talk with Bevin, he said: "He is a grand fellow. We liked each other so much I made him late for the cabinet meeting. On talk was about labor conditions in England, production in England and what is being done and will be done."

Regarding his day as a whole, he said "I have not met anyone so far who is downhearted. You people over here must be surprised. Wilkie said he had received so many letters, telegrams and telephone calls from the English people that he had hired three secretaries to handle them.

There were more than 1000 telegrams alone, he said, "mostly from the man in the street," urging him to "come to dinner with me," and "come spend a night in my home."

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They Lead Greeks in Successful Conflict



Here are the men who lead Greece in the war with Italy, successful for the Greeks thus far, according to all dispatches from Europe. (Above) at the left is King George of Greece, and right, the present national hero, General Papagos, commander of the Greek armies. In the center is Air Vice Marshal J. H. D'Albino of the British RAF. The meeting took place the other day in Athens.

Troopship Hit, Later Shelled

Attack Occurs off Dakar, French West Africa; Details Lacking

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In 1939, they came here on the Empress of Australia.

Another Canadian-Pacific liner, the 42,348-ton Empress of Britain, which took the royal couple back to England, was torpedoed and sunk in October with a loss of 45 men while the British were attempting to tow her back to port after she had been badly damaged by Nazi bombers.

Turned Over to England Under Versailles Treaty

The liner, built at Stettin, Germany, for the Hamburg-American line, was turned over to England under the terms of the Versailles treaty in 1921.

She was first placed in the Vancouver-far east service. The ship was damaged in the Japanese earthquake of 1923 but was held in Yokohama harbor as a rigger station. She was further damaged when fire swept the ravaged city a week later.

In 1926 she was transferred to the transatlantic service and from time to time was used as a cruise ship.

Ship Carrying American Flu Vaccine Sunk by Nazis

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A German submarine has sunk a ship carrying 500,000 doses of the new American flu vaccine en route to England, says the American Associated Press.

The date and name of the ship were not given. The shipments of this new hope for stopping influenza have been kept secret.

Although there was reason to believe that the half million doses were not the major part of the shipments, the Nazis regarded the loss as a major medical disaster.

Crew of Heywood Escapes Tragedy

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Hood, were safe at home after being found in the Salmon river canyon at 3 a. m.

One of several searching parties found the weary youngsters, Mary Nyden, Ralph Schulstad and John Larkin, each about 20 and all of Portland, and returned them to safety.

The three went to Timberline lodge Sunday morning as members of party of nine. They became lost while on a ski-hike.

Two Babies Die in Fire

CANYON CITY, Ore., Jan. 27.—(AP)—An 18-month-old girl and three-year-old boy, children of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Muller, were fatally burned when fire destroyed their home Monday.

Coroner J. C. Driscoll said the mother had left the children, Lenora and Charles, for only a few minutes and returned to find the house in flames. The father was working in a lumber mill.

Neighbors prevented the mother from rushing into the flames in a rescue attempt.

Prominent Woman Dies

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Carrie Saylor, 86, daughter of the late John Caples, prominent lawyer and legislator of Oregon's early statehood, died Monday. Funeral services will be held Wednesday.

Mrs. Saylor came to Oregon with her parents in 1846, as a girl nine years old. Her father served as a legislator and district attorney and later was appointed United States consul at Valparaiso, Chile.

Stanford Defeats Santa Clara 44-41

PALO ALTO, Calif., Jan. 27.—(AP)—A tight Stanford defense kept Santa Clara out of good shooting range of the basket and gave Stanford a 44 to 41 basketball victory here tonight. The margin was only one point more than on Saturday night, when Stanford won, 34 to 32.

Veteran Circuit Judge Succumbs

TIMOTHY E. J. DUFFY OF BEND DIES FOLLOWING TWO OPERATIONS

BEND, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Timothy E. J. Duffy, 64, veteran circuit judge and past president of the state Elks' association, died here Sunday night after two operations for an intestinal ailment.

Duffy, circuit judge of the 18th judicial district since its creation by the late Governor Withycombe in 1915, was stricken while hearing a murder trial.

A native of Shakopee, Minn., Duffy came to Oregon in 1910 after graduating from the University of Minnesota law school in 1909. He moved to Prineville in the same year, after serving for a short time as attorney for the department of interior at Portland.

There he became city attorney and assistant district attorney of Crook county.

Judge Duffy moved to Bend in 1917, following the creation of Deschutes county and the 18th judicial district.

His widow, Katherine, and three children, Mrs. Davir Silven of Baker, Robert, an Oregon State college student, and Thomas, a student at the University of Oregon, survive.

Funeral services have not yet been set.

Speculation at the capitol on Monday as to whom Governor Sprague might appoint to succeed T. E. J. Duffy, who died Sunday, as circuit judge of the 18th judicial district, brought no comment from the governor.

Names of two prominent Deschutes county attorneys were mentioned in connection with the office. These included Ralph Hamilton, now serving as legal adviser to Governor Sprague, and H. H. DeArmond. Hamilton and DeArmond are law partners, with offices in Bend.

Grandpops Plan "Best" Contest

Rival claims to the superior excellence of grandchildren will be settled in a contest to be held in the house of representatives of the Oregon legislature by a self-appointed Grandfather's committee.

The committee, headed by Rep. Stahove S. Pier of Portland, who has an eight-month-old grandson, will limit its considerations to grandchildren under one year old.

Rep. R. C. Frisbie of Baker and Rep. H. R. "Farmer" Jones of Crook are other members of the committee.

All members of the committee showed up Monday with pictures of their grandchildren, but Rep. Jones said he intended to pack the committee and win the verdict by producing his exhibit "in the flesh," which other members are not able to do because of distance.

Loretta Wengler Burial Date Set

SILVERTON.—Funeral services for Loretta Wengler, 9, who died Sunday night, will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the Larson and Son funeral home.

Survivors are her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wengler; three brothers, LeRoy of Camp Hammond, and William and Burgess Hopper of Longview, Wash., and one sister, Margaret.

Gypsy Lee Wants Free

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Arnold R. Hazy, better known as Gypsy Lee, filed suit for divorce Monday in superior court. The strip teasee alleged her husband, a New York dental supply manufacturer, treated her cruelly on Nov. 8, 1938, and again on Nov. 5, when he used "obscene and abusive language."

"Hot" Contest Aired, Trucks

Increased Weight Won't Hurt Road, Declares Commission Chief

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bill from the uniform state-to-state angle, D. E. Nickerson, executive secretary of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, told the committee.

The bill's passage is vital to such farmer organizations as the Pacific Supply Cooperative, which handles motor fuels, and the Livestock Commission company, Portland, declared R. W. Hogg, of Folk county, an officer of both committees.

Ray Gill, state grange master, asserted a large majority of the members of his organization was backing the measure in the belief it would reduce shipping costs and bring adequate transportation nearer to the farmer's gates.

The railroads are openly opposing the bill because "competition has become so acute that, if it continues, we are going to have only one transportation system," their principal spokesman, Roy Shields, attorney for the Oregon Railway association, testified.

If that occurs, Shields warned, "gigantic trucks will have the same throttlehold on the country that the railroads once had." He also argued that the railroads paid substantially more taxes in support of general government than did the trucking industry and that the same time maintained their own rights of way.

Association Against T Bill Because of "Weak" Highways

The Association of Oregon Counties, which last month voted unanimously against the increase in truck size or capacity, did so because the county courts contend that county roads aren't sturdy enough for present traffic in many instances and because expenditures that would be required to improve state highways to carry heavy traffic would reduce the amount of money available to build new primary and secondary roads, of which "there is now not sufficient mileage," F. L. Phipps, executive secretary, said.

Declaring the bill was designed to increase the tax on the "weak" highways, E. H. Ray, Williams lumberman, told the committee loggers in the Salmon River district felt the measure wouldn't help them appreciably.

The truckers would stop coming to the legislature for increased weight authorizations if the assembly would pass a bill authorizing the state utilities commission to set minimum as well as maximum freight rates, John Kaste, Portland, declared in the closing testimony. He complained that every time the truck operators were permitted to boost unit weights to gain increased revenues, the railroads had cut rates.

Wednesday Is Date For Lambert Rites

SILVERTON.—Gerald Joseph Lambert, 75, died Monday morning at his home here. He was a resident of St. Paul, Minn., and was in the employ of the St. Paul & Northern Pacific Railway.

Survivors are his widow, Victoria and four children, Mrs. Fred Hottiger, Stayton; Mrs. Glenn Nelson, Kirkland, Wash.; Mrs. Bernard Wolf, Aumsville; Ed Lambert, Willona.

Crews Repair Tracks

OROVILLE, Calif., Jan. 27.—(AP)—Repair crews worked steadily Monday so that traffic could be resumed through the Western River canyon, where a Feather Pacific limited was derailed by a landslide and one man lost Sunday.

Naval Armory Burns

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 27.—(AP)—A huge naval reserve armory, its interior constructed by resemble that of a ship, was destroyed late today by fire that was believed caused by an overheated flue.

FDR, Congress Chiefs Confer

Sen. McNary at Meet in White House With Other Leaders

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advance of the conference that the agenda included a proposal for a board of legislators and former legislators to advise the president in administering the lease-lend bill.

Republicans Invited for Conference First Time

For the first time since the introduction of the bill to endow President Roosevelt with wide powers to aid countries battling the axis, republican leaders in congress were invited to sit in with democrats at the meeting with President Roosevelt.

The proposed board, which would have only advisory powers, would consult with the president about military equipment which would be sent to belligerents.

Some supporters of the bill hoped such an amendment would offset criticism that under the measure the president could "give away the navy" without consulting any one. In the same vein, another suggested amendment would require periodic reports to congress on the progress of the aid program.

Most supporters of the measure seemed agreed that a two-year limitation on the life of the legislation would be written into it. There was talk, also, of fixing a \$2,000,000,000 "ceiling" on the expenditures during that period.

To satisfy some opponents of the measure, the administration leaders were said to be prepared to attach a clause guaranteeing that no American naval units would be used to convoy supplies to the belligerents.

Hull Appears to State Case of Administration

Secretary of State Hull appeared before the committee to present the administration viewpoint. Although the session was secret, informed sources said he denied charges that the bill would lead to war, and said that American assistance was "largely responsible" for the fact that the nazis have not invaded England up to now.

Later Senator Van Nuys (D-Calif.), who had not disclosed his stand on the measure, said that Hull had presented a "beautiful case." He said he believed Hull had "made some support" for the bill, but Senator Nye (R-Ind.) disagreed, saying that in his opinion no votes had been changed. Nye said Hull was questioned about certain issues but "just didn't choose" to deal with those issues directly.

During the day, Arthur B. Purvis, chairman of the British council of North American supply, said that no important munitions contracts were being placed in American pending action on the bill.

Busy reporters interviewing those who heard the secretary of state were told that he said, among other things: "That Turkey would stand fast in its opposition to the axis powers."

That Japan "undoubtedly" intends to seize control of French Indo-China.

That efforts over a long period to improve relations between Japan and the United States had been fruitless.

That the administration had no pending whatever of providing American naval convoys for ships carrying materials to England.

That Hitler, he said, told him it was useless to try to improve Anglo-German relations as long as the British parliament and press were free to criticize Germany.

"If that is your idea of what must be done," Halifax said he told Hitler, "I think I've wasted my time and yours."

On the question of American aid for Britain, Halifax asserted that "it is for you people to form your own opinion on how we are standing up and make up your minds on what you are going to do to help us."

He said Britain's greatest needs were for aircraft, general war equipment and merchant ships.

"One of the principal things that Hitler is banking on to win this war," the ambassador said, "is his submarine campaign."

As to whether Germany would try to invade the British Isles, Lord Halifax said he could only speculate but "if he does try it, we are very confident of giving him (Hitler) a good reception."

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Takes Over Gavel in Senate



United States Vice President Henry A. Wallace takes over his duties as presiding officer in the senate. He is shown with the official gavel as he presided. Wallace succeeds John Nance Garner, vice president in the first two Roosevelt administrations.

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Both Will Be Used As Guide in Controversy

Neither the experience rating council nor the research division was concerned with the arguments for or against experience rating, but the report, copies of which were distributed among interested legislators, will be used as a guide by both sides in this developing controversy.

The problem of selecting an equitable formula was complicated principally by the fact that many workers receiving benefits, had more than one employer within the base year and it was necessary to determine relative responsibility.

Two employer-sponsored unemployment compensation bills will be introduced in the house Tuesday under the signatures of Rep. Newberry, March, McAllister, Chase, Martin and Luge and Senators McKay, Stetson and Pearson.

Under one all employers of a benefit claimant during any one year must be notified of a claim and given 10 days instead of five to request a hearing. The most recent employer is now the only one notified.

Payment of benefits to a person "unavailable for work," one who quits voluntarily to get married or because of pregnancy or one who quits voluntarily to move to a location where he would be unavailable for work is barred under a second bill.

In such cases an individual would not again come under the unemployment compensation classification until he has at least \$50 in four separate calendar weeks. Availability for work is also defined as referring to his "usual trade or occupation."

A. C. Anderson, president of the Oregon Association of Tractorors, announced Monday that the "small tractors" bill sponsored by his organization will be introduced at the legislature Tuesday.

The measure, which applies chiefly to private carriers, would exempt trucks of 4000 to 6000 pounds, gross weight, from jurisdiction of the public utilities commission and allow them to pay regular state truck license fees as in the past; eliminate the PUC's present \$2.50 filing fee; tax trucks above 6000 pounds \$5 a ton, gross weight, per year in advance, instead of the present tax for ton mile.

Small tractors object to the bookkeeping made necessary by the ton mile tax.

The British announced officially the number of prisoners taken at Tobruk was 25,000, which with 1000 reported captured in the Eritrea drive brought to 110,000 the total claimed for the African campaign so far.

In Albania, the Greek high command said a battle for strategic positions north of Klisura was on "in full swing" with the Greeks occupying new important heights despite Italian counter attacks with tanks.

In Rome, the Italian war bulletin said German dive-bombers assisted Italian patrols in resisting Greek pressure.

The Italian food ministry, in a move designed to halt evasions of existing restrictions on the consumption of spaghetti, rice and wheat, past dishes ordered all restaurants to serve their patrons these dishes once a day only on presentation of a ration card. Heretofore the cards were not necessary.

Another high fascist, Count Galeazzo Ciano, foreign minister, was sent to a war front. A lieutenant colonel in the air corps, Ciano was reported in a communique to have resumed his command, but where was not specified.

RAF Renews Assaults On German Territory

In the air war between Britain and Germany, the RAF signalled a renewal of assaults on German supply points with a raid which was declared to have left "two big and several small fires" at Hanover, rail and manufacturing center.

Berlin acknowledged a night raid in Germany which they said killed four persons and injured six.

Over Britain, operations continued to be light. London was without an air raid alarm for an eighth successive night.

In Rumania, Premier Ion Antonescu purged his government of all Iron Guard members and set up a strong military regime as an aftermath of last week's bloody rebellion.

In Asia, Thailand (Siam) and French Indo-China were reported to have laid down their arms in an armistice pending the mediation of their border conflict by Japan.

Mrs. Rowland Dies at Residence

DALLAS.—Mrs. Nora May Rowland, wife of D. D. Rowland, died suddenly at her home in the Oak Grove community Saturday night. Funeral services will be held at the Honkle and Bollman chapel in Dallas at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Interment will be in the Elm cemetery north of Rickreall. Rev. George Crowley will officiate.

Mrs. Rowland was born in Huron county, Ohio, on December 29, 1867. She had resided in the Oak Grove community for the past 29 years, where she had taken an active interest in community life. She was held in highest esteem by her many friends and neighbors.

Surviving are her husband, D. D. Rowland; two daughters, Mrs. C. E. Rigg of Dallas and Mrs. J. R. Parker of Roseburg; one son, J. S. Rowland of the Oak Grove community. Ten grandchildren also survive.

Attend Group Conclave

MONMOUTH, Jan. 27.—(AP)—Six of nine members of the state board of higher education attended committee meetings here Monday preparatory to the regular session tomorrow.

Flynn Expect Stork

HOLLYWOOD, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The Errol Flynn (Lily Damita) are expecting the stork. Miss Damita told friends Monday the new arrival is to be in May.

Rating Would Benefit Valley

Steady Employment to Be Reflected in Payroll Tax Reductions

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