

Coast Solving Manpower Shortage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The west coast was reported today well on its way toward conquering "chaotic" manpower crisis and is having machinery to meet a more serious crisis which might arise when the center of the war shifts to the Pacific.

Lawrence A. Appleby, executive director of the war manpower commission who has just returned from a coast to coast inspection tour, reported that there has been a great psychological change in both employers and workers on the west coast.

Where last June the situation was "quite chaotic" with a reported shortage of 500,000 workers and everybody demanding manpower, "I no longer find chaos," Appleby stated.

"There is no longer confusion as to what the problem is. I am impressed by the grim determination of management and labor to conquer the manpower problem on the coast."

The employer, he said, has turned from "trying to get all the manpower he could..." and is now thinking of getting out all the production possible with the manpower he can get. Thus there has been a decided increase in productivity per man-hour.

And the worker, said Appleby, suddenly realizing there were not all the jobs there appeared to be, and became more cautious about moving. Thus the rate of job turnover has come down.

Appleby recommended that "we interfere less and less with the manpower program out there, and leave it more to those people who must deal with the problem."

Army Cuts ASTP Program

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—The war department announced today that the army specialized training program "is not in process of liquidation," although the number of soldier-students assigned to colleges in the program is new being reduced.

Secretary of War Stimson said in a statement:

"The number of soldiers assigned for training under the ASTP will be changed from time to time so as to accord with the needs of the army and the available manpower. It is now being reduced—but may later be either increased or still further reduced as the exigencies of the military situation or military training make advisable."

Approximately 140,000 men are now assigned to ASTP. The first group began its training in April of this year, the army said, and the first graduates have already been assigned to army jobs.

New Federal Tax Stamp for Cars Not Required Now

While new license plates are required on Oregon automobiles as of January 1, no new federal tax stamp is required until July 1, 1944. Postmaster Henry Crawford made this observation Monday because of the large number of persons who have been trying to purchase a new federal stamp for their car.

The stamp purchased last July is good for one year and unless the car owner has not obtained one of those stamps there is "nothing new for him."

Weiss Named UP Night Bureau Head

Tom Weiss, who left his position as teacher at Gervais high school last spring to join the news staff of The Statesman and who this fall entered the employ of the United Press, has been appointed night bureau manager for the UP in Portland.

Weiss is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Weiss of Woodburn and is a graduate of Mt. Angel college, and studied also at Reed college, University of Wisconsin and University of Oregon.

Morris Knudsen Will Admitted to Probate

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 13 (AP)—The will of Morris H. Knudsen, chairman of the board of the Morrison-Knudsen Construction Co., who died November 13 at San Diego, Calif., was admitted to probate today.

C. W. Joslyn was named executor of the \$450,000 estate. Bequests included \$40,000 to Mrs. Knudsen, \$50,000 to Edward E. Knudsen, a son, and \$15,000 to Hilda Olson, a niece, of Boise.

Johnston Says Security, Peace Are Problems

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 13 (AP)—Security and lasting peace are the two uppermost problems ahead of Americans, Eric A. Johnston of Spokane, president of the US chamber of commerce, asserted tonight.

"To meet the challenge of these two problems," he said, "there must be unity between the four great factions in American—labor, government, business and agriculture."

He cited the recent Moscow and Iran conferences as examples of what he termed the right "workable approach" to unity.

On domestic postwar problems, of which he termed "fear of mass unemployment" the most important, Johnston outlined what he termed basic needs:

Business must understand it has to produce better and better goods cheaper and cheaper so more people can buy;

Labor must understand it has to be more democratic, more social conscious and that business cannot survive under too rigid regulations;

Agriculture must know that increased efficiency and lower costs are essential and that scarcity of production is economic ruin;

Government must assume prime responsibility in promoting maximum enterprise with minimum regulations consistent with the general good.

Devers Calls For Greater Production

LONDON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Lt. Gen. Jacob L. Devers, commanding general of American forces in Britain, told four American war workers who have been touring US army camps and factories in this country for the last month that American equipment is outstanding but "we need more and more."

In a frank talk with Devers, the workers told him "for the first time we realize the terrific amount of equipment needed to keep an army in the field going, let alone to launch a new front."

"We have talked with your men throughout Britain, lived with them and watched them work and we have a story to tell American labor when we get back," they said.

The four are Joseph Smith, Detroit steamfitters; Stanley Ceizyk, North Hollywood, Calif., aircraft engineer; Hugh Mahoney, Bethlehem, Pa., steelworker; and Otto O. Butler, East St. Louis, Ill., chemical plant employee.

They are returning to the United States soon with four British war plant employees who will visit American industries.

"We saw miles of ammunition," Butler said, "and then we saw what a dent one Fortress raid made in those stocks of bombs. You can't believe how much it takes and how much is needed until you see for yourself."

69 Cases Whiskey Impounded At Medford

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—Sheriff S. I. Brown said today he was holding Sydney Marvin Sill, San Francisco, for questioning in connection with 69 cases of whiskey found in a Medford warehouse.

The liquor was impounded by the Oregon state liquor commission as contraband on which no state liquor tax had been paid, Brown said, adding that an attempt had been made to disguise contents of the cases.

The sheriff said Sill told him he was taking the whiskey to his brother-in-law in Seattle for a Christmas present.

Dr. Gatke Is Named Eugene Field Society Member for Book

Dr. Robert M. Gatke, professor of political science at Willamette, has received notification of his election to the Eugene Field society, National Association of Authors and Writers from George Hartwig, president of the society. Gatke is the author of "Chronicles of Willamette," a story of the school since its beginnings over a century ago.

In his letter of notification, Hartwig stated that the literary skill and craftsmanship of Gatke's published works entitles him to membership in the society and that he has been issued a certificate as honorary member of the group.

Frickey Called Parole Violator

Marvin Frickey, paroled from the state penitentiary a week ago, is in the county jail this morning, charged with parole violation.

One of a number of men last year charged with contributing to the delinquency of one minor girl, Frickey was sentenced to 30 months in the penitentiary last January.

Paroled, he obtained a job on Grand Island, but according to report, he hired a taxicab this past weekend to carry himself and a bundle to a place near the penitentiary annex, dismissed the driver, asking him to return shortly, and then proceeded to deposit the bundle, believed to contain clothes to aid in an escape, in bushes near the annex. The bundle had not been reported found Monday night.

Ladd Robertson Suffers Setback

EUGENE, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—Ladd Robertson, 13, twice pulled from death's shadow by the wonder drug penicillin, was reported in critical condition again today.

Two shipments of the drug were released by the army for the treatment of the Ladd's rare blood disease. His improvement was immediate. Within a few days his fever had disappeared. He was able to sit up in a chair and even walk a few steps.

But 10 days ago he contracted a cold. His fever returned. Blood transfusions were resumed.

The penicillin supply has been exhausted but attending physicians said no effort was being made for the present to obtain more. Penicillin would not be of value at this stage of the boy's illness, they said.

Toney Elected Head Of Savings, Loan

ROSEBURG, Dec. 13 (AP)—Dr. H. L. Toney, McMinnville, was elected president of the Oregon Savings and Loan league today at the close of a two-day convention devoted to wartime problems and postwar planning.

R. F. Kyle, Medford, was named first vice president; S. E. Norby, Portland, second vice president; and Kirk Reynolds, secretary.

Seeing Is Skill

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—Seeing is a skill that has to be acquired, Dr. Samuel Renshaw, Ohio State university, told the northwest congress of optometry today.

Student pilots have doubled their reading speed after six months training in recognition, he said.

Flagg Orders PGE Rate Cut

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 13 (AP)—George Flagg, state public utilities commissioner, signed an emergency order late today making an \$800,000-per-year reduction in Portland General Electric company rates effective with December billings.

The rate cut, scheduled to start November 1, was halted when independent trustees of PGE's holding company obtained a restraining order. Federal Judge James A. Fee dissolved the order today.

Hunter Rescued

BURLEY, Idaho, Dec. 13 (AP)—Lester Hutchinson, 15, plunged into icy Snake river yesterday and rescued David Warner, 13, who became exhausted attempting to retrieve a duck he had shot.

Swing-Shifters Give Christmas Present To Iron-Lung Baby

PORTLAND, Dec. 13 (AP)—Fifty shipyard swing-shifters chipped in a dollar each today as a Christmas present for the baby which Mrs. Carolyn Davis Wilson, paralyzed young mother, is expecting.

The money will be taken to the hospital where the 20-year-old infantile paralysis victim has been confined in an iron lung during the final weeks of her pregnancy.

If They Say So They Must Know

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13 (AP)—Don't argue with us, see the treasury, if you don't believe you had five bucks more last month than you had in October.

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