

Georgia Assembly Votes Talmadge's Son Governor

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By Charles S. Sprague

Perhaps stirred by these fantastic political pay suits, Republicans in congress are wondering how they may "unpack" the supreme court. For the specific worry of these suits several bills have been introduced which are being referred to the judiciary committee of which Sen. Wiley of Wisconsin is chairman. Wiley is one who has asked the attorney general for a full catalog of the federal judiciary named since the beginning of the term of Franklin D. Roosevelt. He is hunting for a way to even up the grossly lopsided political character of the courts made so by the Roosevelt policy of naming new deal democrats or at least democrats to federal judgeships.

According to the poll of Roscoe Drummond, Washington bureau chief of Christian Science Monitor, the Roosevelt-Trust administration has appointed or promoted 296 judges in federal courts. All were democrats but 18 and of the latter only 11 were named to courts within the United States. The ratio is 25 democrats to one republican, which is quite in contrast to the old informal ratio of 60-40, particularly for the higher courts.

A change in the political complexion of the congress has previously resulted in scrutiny or criticism of judicial appointments made by the preceding administration. The "midnight judges" appointed by President John Adams in the closing moments of his administration drew bitter attack from the Jeffersonian democrats who took over control of the government. At the period of Jacksonian democracy had passed the judiciary was "balanced up" with more conservative appointments.

During the late 19th and first third of the present century presidents named a good sprinkling of members of the opposition to (Continued on Editorial Page)

GOP Leaders Reverse Stand On Excise Tax

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Chairman Knutson (R-Minn.) of the ways and means committee announced today that house republican tax managers will sponsor quick passage of legislation to continue indefinitely the high wartime excise levies on liquor, furs, jewelry and many other goods and services.

The measure, forestalling an automatic rollback of the excise list on July 1 with an annual revenue loss of \$1,500,000,000, will give precedence over all other tax bills. Knutson said it might be approved by the tax-framing committee on Friday.

Such action would coincide with a recommendation made by President Truman in a message to congress last week.

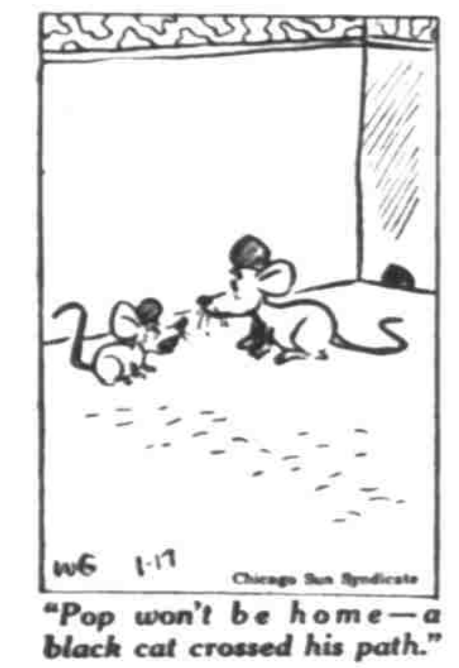
With the continuation of the \$1,500,000,000 in annual revenue from the war rates, he said, a 20 per cent slash in individual income taxes this year, as proposed in his house bill No. 1, will be easy, Knutson said.

The republican decision reversed a previous stand. After the first meeting of the GOP members of the tax framing committee it was announced that they would press for immediate removal of the high levies.

Turkey Day Set Feb. 26 in Lebanon

LEBANON, Jan. 14—The annual turkey day program will be held Wednesday, February 26 under sponsorship of Lebanon Chamber of Commerce. John Zimbrick, agricultural committee chairman, will have charge and will be assisted by O. E. Mikesell, Linn county agent. Outstanding speakers in the fields of poultry husbandry and marketing will be on the program as in previous years.

Animal Crackers



"Pop won't be home—a black cat crossed his path."

Mercury Skids in Snow-Clad Northwest

Winter's Low Near In Salem

Record low temperatures gripped Salem and the Pacific Northwest today, snarled traffic and caused numerous accidents. Zooming to 18 degrees at midnight last night, the mercury may reach a new low this morning, the weather bureau at McNary field said, possibly below the winter's record low of 16 degrees recorded on January 4.

Other record low temperatures were recorded by the weather bureau in Salem on Jan. 24, 1943, the mercury reaching five degrees above zero and on Jan. 14, 1919 with an all-time low recorded at 6 degrees below zero.

Police reported several accidents attributed to slippery pavements Monday night and Tuesday morning, though hazards within the city were lessened by the city engineer's office reported most main streets sanded, and said that few reports of slippery pavements were reported last night.

State police said they had received many reports from outlying districts of slippery pavements and advised chains.

A falling thermometer and more snow were in prospect for most of Oregon today.

The weather bureau said that Portland, where the low mark was 24 degrees yesterday, could expect a reading of 15.

Low temperature in the state yesterday was recorded at Meacham, 1 degree above zero.

Deaths in Northwest

Two deaths were attributed to the cold at Port Townsend, Wash., where two boys from a school because the weather prevented their bus from operating, drowned yesterday when they broke through the ice on a small pond.

Ice-clad highways brought a holiday for 25,000 rural Washington King county school children yesterday, with only four schools open. Lack of prompt medical attention when a doctor could not be summoned was blamed for the death of Lawrence Goode, 36, living six miles from Duval, after he cut off his leg while operating a power saw.

Winter roared back into the national weather picture also Tuesday borne on a new cold wave from the north. Canada today signaled the end of the widespread January thaws throughout the mid-continent.

Cold wave warnings were issued for Iowa and northern Wisconsin, and Maine shivered in sub-zero temperatures.

State Driving Hazards

More hazardous driving conditions, due to ice, additional snow, freezing rain and lower temperatures, were reported in virtually all sections of Oregon Tuesday by R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Use of chains was advised in all parts of the state.

Baldock's road report included: Government Camp - Snowing lightly with 20 degrees. Packed snow throughout district.

Santiam - Broken overcast. Packed snow and ice throughout district, roadside snow 61 inches. Chain required.

Odele Lake - Snowing lightly with 12 degrees. Twelve inches new snow. Roadside snow 56 inches. Snow plows and sanding crews at work. Some drifting snow but traffic going through. Chains required.

Summit - Eleven miles packed snow. Wind blowing and still snowing. Chains required.

APPLIES FOR BUILDING

PORTLAND, Jan. 14 (AP)—Lawrence A. Bailett, Salem, today filed application with the civilian production administration for approval to erect a \$30,000 commercial and office supply building.

Bennett Reports Consolidation Talk on Rise in School Districts

By Eric Bergman Staff Writer, The Statesman

Results of meetings held by outlying school districts since the consolidation meeting held in Bush school on January 2, made the proposed consolidation of these districts with Salem district No. 24 appear to be growing in favor at last night's Salem school board meeting.

Superintendent Frank Bennett reported at the meeting that Pringle and Liberty districts had voted to put the consolidation measure on the ballot and that Auburn and Middle Grove districts' boards had voted to circulate petitions on the measure. He also said favorable comments had been heard from the Swegle, Hayesville, and Roberts districts, though no definite action other than discussion had been taken in the cases of these districts.

Bennett stressed the importance of consolidation of the West Salem district with Salem, stating it was to the advantage of both districts because of costs and location. He added that no action would be taken by the Salem board until petitions from the outlying districts were all in, so that

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Reds Say Norway Pact Set

LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The Moscow radio said tonight that an agreement had been reached between Norway and Russia for the "joint defense of the Spitsbergen islands" in the Arctic to the north of Norway.

Negotiations for revision of a 1920 treaty which gave the islands to Norway were begun by the Russians with Norwegian representatives in 1944 and 1945, the broadcast said, adding that an "understanding was reached" then about the necessity of joint defense of the islands.

Again in November, 1946, the broadcast continued, Soviet foreign minister V. M. Molotov and Norwegian foreign minister H. M. Lange "exchanged opinions on the same subject during the session of the United Nations general assembly in New York in the spirit of the previous negotiations."

The broadcast, based on a Tass dispatch, also credited "authoritative Soviet circles" with the statement that the 1920 Spitsbergen treaty "cannot remain valid" among the powers which signed the 1920 treaty, the broadcast said, "states which fought against the allies" in the second world war. Russia was not a party to that pact which was signed in Paris.

"The 1920 treaty utterly disregards the interests of security of the U.S.S.R. in the north as well as important economic interests of the Soviet union," the broadcast said.

Justice Brand To Leave Soon For Nuernberg

Justice James T. Brand of the Oregon state supreme court, recently asked by the war department to serve as a judge in the trial of nazis at Nuernberg, Germany, will leave here by train tonight or Friday for Washington, D. C., en route overseas. He is scheduled to reach Nuernberg not later than January 25 and is to serve from six months to a year.

Walter Winslow, Salem attorney, named by Gov. Earl Snell to succeed Justice Brand on the supreme court, will enter upon his new duties after Judge Brand has reached Washington and been sworn in as a judge of the military tribunal.

Mrs. Brand will join her husband in Germany later.

U. S. to Set Deadline For A-Control Talks

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., Jan. 14 (AP)—The United States was reported tonight to have decided to demand that the United Nations security council begin debate on specified measures for atomic control by February 4 at the latest.

Informed quarters said U. S. Delegate Warren R. Austin would propose the deadline to the council at tomorrow's meeting.

Flying Fortress Crashes, 3 Killed

DAYTON, O., Jan. 14 (AP)—Three Wright field army flyers were killed and another injured tonight when their Flying Fortress crashed through a swamp thicket, rammed trees and burned three miles northwest of Patterson field.

The B-17 bomber was returning from a routine test flight from the flight test section at Wright field. The plane apparently intended landing at Patterson field, but came down in a rain-soaked ravine, cut a 500-yard swath through the underbrush and piled up against a tree.

SHIP SHORT OF FUEL

COOS BAY, Ore., Jan. 14 (AP)—The Canadian tug Kickapoo today reported it was running short of fuel off Cape Blanco, Ore., and asked the coast guard to dispatch a relief tug. Heavy seas were blamed for the fuel shortage.

Troops Ready to Pass Pickets



LONDON, Jan. 14—A detachment of Scots Guards is lined up in Clapham Common, London, after being called out by the labor government to haul food to London's millions when defiant truck drivers rejected the appeal of labor leaders to end their strike. The government move touched off a wave of sympathy strikes. (AP Wirephoto via radio from London to The Statesman.)

London's Food Stocks Slim as Strike Spreads

LONDON, Jan. 14 (AP)—A crippling strike by 30,000 truck drivers and market workers spread to London's docks today as government, union and industrial leaders hurriedly set up new negotiation machinery in the hope of ending the walkout in 48 hours.

Although the number of troops distributing food from markets to retailers increased, most butcher shops were without meat, potatoes and other necessities, and the National Association of Master Bakers sought an immediate conference with Food Minister John Strachey because the flour shortage had reached serious proportions.

Stevedores and dockers, variously estimated to number between 3,500 and 8,000, followed the example of market workers who left their jobs earlier in protest against the use of troops to distribute food unhandled by truckmen who began their walkout nine days ago.

Tom O'Brien, a labor member of parliament, said tonight the unofficial strikes might bring the downfall of the labor party's first majority government.

The decision by the dockers to strike was taken unanimously at a lunch hour meeting of some 15,000 workers who called for 24,000 of London's stevedores and the 16,000 in Liverpool to join them.

Dock officials said that the strike was "patchy" at sundown, with some ships being loaded and unloaded at all docks.

Vote Favors Consolidation

MIDDLE GROVE, Jan. 14—Consolidation with Salem school district was favored in a "straw" vote taken at a discussion meeting of property owners of the district at which Frank Bennett, Salem superintendent of schools spoke. J. O. Cage, chairman of the local school board, presided at the forum meeting and the vote was 45 to 15 for consolidation.

Petitions for an election at which the consolidation will be submitted to a legal vote are to be circulated following action of the meeting. Bennett explained advantages which would result from consolidation and answered questions.

Navy Plane Plans Super-Sonic Bid

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—The navy's first bid to fly as fast as the speed of sound is the Douglas D-558 (Skystreak) which will get a public showing February 5, the navy said today.

The Skystreak is a jet-propelled, single-seater experimental type which has never flown. It will be assembled for the first time, the navy statement said, for the exhibit at El Segundo, Calif.

The navy hopes the Skystreak will reveal some of the peculiarities of the mysterious 600-800 miles per hour speed-of-sound belt.

WILL END RATIONING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—Rep. Merrow (R-NH) today introduced a bill to end rationing and price controls on sugar and to create a commission to allocate the country's supplies.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	32	24	0
Portland	32	24	0
San Francisco	50	37	0
Chicago	41	27	trace
New York	37	31	.16
Williamette river	8 feet		

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Partly cloudy today. Little change in temperature with highest today, 37, lowest tonight, 18.

Few Bills Entered; Delay Hit

Measures to lower the voting age to 18, establish again a community property setup for income tax purposes, and asking congress not to raise Bonneville power rates were among the few proposals introduced in the legislature at short sessions Tuesday. Some solons admitted being irked at delays in potential introductions.

Most of the day was given over to committee work and the drawing of bills, some of the latter of which are expected to draw fireworks early in the assembly.

Truck Limit Again Up

Among the latter is a proposal to retain war-time limits for truck length, which was deemed likely to be introduced in the house today under the signature of several legislators including Sen. Douglas McKay of Salem.

The move toward a community property system was initiated by Sens. McKay, Lew Wallace of Portland and Rep. William Niskanen of Bend. Sponsors have indicated a belief it would save Oregon taxpayers \$10,000,000 annually.

Same Rates Sought

A memorial (HJM 2) asking congress not to increase rates for Bonneville power was referred to the utilities committee of the house. It was introduced by 13 representatives and senators of the northern Oregon area.

The house was in session but 13 minutes, five minutes in the morning and eight in the afternoon, as committee work got under way.

Several resolutions were adopted, including one expressing regret at the recent traffic accident death of Warren Erwin, jr., son of former Rep. Warren Erwin of Portland, and another asking the secretary of state to provide a lounge room for representatives.

Salary Boost Proposed

Several house bills were being prepared. One would increase salaries of state police, as indicated by Gov. Earl Snell in his biennial message. Also in line with the gubernatorial recommendation was the announcement Tuesday of the veterans' affairs department that it would ask an increase from \$3000 to \$6000 for the legal limit of loans to veterans for the purchase of homes or farms.

The senate will convene at 10 a.m. today, the house at 11 a.m. (Additional stories pages 4 & 10)

Atlantic Storms Peril to Shipping

NEW YORK, Jan. 14 (AP)—The 7,163-ton Canadian steamer Tecumseh Park radioed tonight that she was "breaking up" in tumultuous, storm-lashed north Atlantic seas 840 miles east of Halifax, Nova Scotia, the coast guard reported. The ship ordinarily carries a crew of 41.

The mountainous seas which have plagued the north Atlantic shipping lanes for eight days grew even worse today, the coast guard reported, with gales continuing to blow steadily.

Even the Queen Elizabeth, the world's largest passenger liner, will dock a day later than scheduled.

New Council, Manager to Hold First Business Meeting Tonight

Clarification of council and manager inter-coordinating duties and Mayor R. L. Elfstrom's message are the main items on a busy agenda facing the first business meeting of the new city council tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the chamber of commerce.

"This meeting will clear the decks for future action of the new council-manager form of city government," Mayor Elfstrom said last night. The council, together with J. L. Franzen, new city manager, is expected to define and outline exact duties and responsibilities of both offices.

In his message to the council Mayor Elfstrom will ask that the city police force be strengthened by the addition of at least ten more men, that a fire alarm system be established in the city and that the city firemen's pension be brought under the state retirement plan and that certain downtown curbs be trimmed to allow leveling in parking.

Regimes Clash, Arnall Refuses to Recognize Action

ATLANTA, Jan. 15.—(Wednesday)—(AP)—The general assembly in joint session early today by a vote of 161 to 87 elected Herman Talmadge as governor of Georgia for the next four years, but Gov. Ellis Arnall promptly announced that he would not recognize the action as legal.

Arnall said he would continue to be governor until M. E. Thompson, the lieutenant governor elect, is qualified and can take over the office.

Shortly after 2 a. m. (EST) Governor Arnall issued this statement: "The office of governor belongs to the people. The people alone can elect a governor. I was elected by the people and will continue to serve until my successor is legally installed. That successor can not be a pretender allegedly elected by the legislature. That successor under the constitution and laws can only be the lieutenant governor, 'in the event I resign, which I intend to do when the lieutenant governor is properly installed, so that he can exercise executive powers of government."

"I am in my office issuing commissions to justices of the peace and county officers, and other transacting business of government of Georgia, which, I insist, is my right, duty and responsibility under the law."

The joint assembly voted at 1:50 a. m. (EST) to proceed immediately with the inauguration of young Talmadge as governor. The galleries went wild with cheering.

At 1:55 a. m. (EST) Herman Talmadge walked down the aisle of the house, the speaker's hand and was administered the oath of office as governor.

Herman Talmadge is the son of the late Eugene Talmadge, who died last month following his election as governor of Georgia, but prior to his inauguration.

Lava Fumes Kill Villagers In Philippines

MANILA, Wednesday, Jan. 15 (AP)—Three villagers were reported killed today by lava fumes from a violently erupting Mayon volcano, which rained ashes over a wide area and sent more than 6000 Filipinos on southern Luzon fleeing to evacuation centers.

The report of the first fatalities from the volcano, which rumbled to life a week ago after a five-year slumber, was carried by the Evening News, which quoted Governor Venancio P. Zinga as authority.

A pall of sulphurous smoke enveloped Camalig, at the southern foot of the mountain, Daraga, eight miles southeast of the summit, and the fishing town of Libog on the eastern slope was all but deserted. Libog has a normal population of about 5000.

The three Filipinos reported asphyxiated by lava fumes were from the village of Malilipot, near Libog.

Red hot boulders, spewed from the summit, perched precariously on level sections of the giant volcano's slopes. Volcanic ash carpeted highways of the region, and was so heavy in spots it held up a jeep carrying a Manila Times correspondent, he reported.

Red Times correspondent said 200 lepers at the Legaspi leprosy hospital had begged authorities for permission to be removed, and that more than 20 of the lepers already had escaped.

Hayesville District to Consider Consolidation

HAYESVILLE, Jan. 14—Property owners of Hayesville school district will meet Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the school house to discuss the proposed consolidation with Salem district 24. W. J. Jarms is chairman of the school board and other members are Marc Saucy and Everett Brown.

'Big 6' May Serve As Liaison Between Truman, Congress

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14 (AP)—A congressional "big six" emerged today as a potentially potent factor in future legislation.

Set up as a part of President Truman's program of bi-partisan cooperation, the group likely will start functioning soon in liaison between transport and White House. It is composed of:

Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, the republican president pro tempore of the senate; Republican Senator White of Maine, majority leader in that branch; Speaker Martin (R-Mass.); Republican Majorities Leonard Hamilton of Indiana; Democratic Senate Leader Barkley (Ky.), and Rayburn.

21 Perish as Plane Crashes in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 14 (AP)—The war department said tonight that 21 soldiers and crew members were killed today when an army transport crashed and burned while taking off from the Puebla airport, 50 miles southeast of here.

The plane was one of five which were ordered to Oaxaca with troops to aid in maintaining order there during a series of political protests and demonstrations against municipal governments. Observers said the plane which crashed appeared to be overloaded. As soon as it got its wheels off the ground, they said, it turned over and crashed.