

Irishman Boastful, Horse Silent as Tug-of-War Nears

WATERLOO, Ore., Dec. 12 (AP)—The two opponents in tomorrow's great tug-of-war met for the first time today, and eyed each other with scorn.

They met in the Waterloo blacksmith shop where one contestant was getting shoes with 1/4 inch caulks. He is Baldy, a 1,900-pound logging horse with powerful shoulders and hoofs like dinner plates.

"He doesn't have a chance," scoffed Chester Fitzwater, the 225-pound redhead who is the other contestant. "I'll win easily."

The horse maintained a strategic silence, but owner R. W. Wallace said that the animal

was in even better condition than yesterday. Trainer Guy Gentry, who usually concentrates on quarter horses, disclosed that Baldy's training diet has been shifted from oats to straight carrots.

"Strengthens him," said Gentry. The horse's job is to pull Fitzwater, lying flat on the ground, to a standing position. A 300-foot rope will lead from Fitzwater to the horse's harness.

The tug-of-war, which all started from a rural argument, is the biggest event here since trotting race days, and farmers have \$5,000 down on the outcome.

Fitzwater, a powerful Irish-

man who is training, Galento style, in a Lebanon pool hall, refused to reveal his defensive tactics. The rules call for him to lie prostrate, his feet braced against a 2 by 6 wooden block pegged into the ground.

He was going to hang onto the rope with his hands, but a physics professor's statement that that would increase the angle of pull and require less force by the horse discouraged him.

"I may wear a harness," said Fitzwater, "or I may lie on my stomach. I shall not say which."

Betting on the outcome was general with as much as \$10,000 said to be at stake.

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Lewis Leads Miners Out of AFL

Second Walkout For Union

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—John L. Lewis marched his 600,000 United Mine Workers out of the AFL for the second time today, in a bitter row stemming from his refusal to sign a non-communist affidavit.

Lewis notified AFL President William Green of the new split with this roughly scrawled note: "Green, AFL—We disaffiliate. 12/47."

He had assailed AFL leaders as "intelligently fat and stately asses" because they decided to comply with the Taft-Hartley act requiring union officials to swear they are not communists.

They did this so their unions could have access to the national labor relations board, with its facilities for selecting collective bargaining agents, etc. Lewis, though he is not a communist, would have nothing to do with the act.

So that Lewis' defiance would not deprive AFL unions of access to the NLRB, the federation changed its constitution in such a way that the 15-man executive council, of which Lewis was a member, was removed from the roster of federation "officers." Lewis then withdrew from the council.

This week the 67-year-old U.M.W. president called his 30-man executive council into a session which culminated in tonight's announcement.

New Arrest on Pinball Charge

Second arrest on a Marion county grand jury indictment against gambling in the county was made Friday, when Mrs. Mary Lanners, owner of Mac's Place at Silverton, was arrested on a charge of possessing, maintaining and operating a gambling device (a pinball machine).

Mrs. Lanners was released on \$500 bail following her arrest by Sheriff Denver Young on a circuit court bench warrant.

Court action has not been scheduled in her case, nor on the similar charge against Mr. and Mrs. John S. Dunlavy of the Brooknook restaurant at Brooks, who were arrested Wednesday and released under \$500 bail each.

The jury returned only the two secret indictments.

Pauley Defends Speculation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Edwin W. Pauley, defending his grain market speculations as "the good old American way," testified today that he "did rather well in trading this year—but through information gained as a government official."

Summoned to Capitol Hill on the heels of charges that administration "insiders" have profited in foodstuffs speculation, Pauley asserted he has rid himself of nine-tenths of his holdings in commodities since September 3 when he became special assistant to the secretary of the Army Royal.

His liquidation operations were carried out in accordance with an agreement with Royal, he told the senate appropriations committee. As a result, he said, he is "currently more than \$100,000 worse off than if I had retained the grain."

'ONLY MAKE BELIEVE'
ALBANY, N.Y., Dec. 12 (AP)—Henry A. Wallace asserted tonight he was only indulging in a game of "make believe" when he said he would vote for republican senator Robert A. Taft over President Truman if the 1948 election were limited to those two.

8 DIE IN TORPEDO BLAST
ROME, Dec. 12 (AP)—The Italian news agency Ansa said eight persons were killed and about 10 others injured today by the explosion of a torpedo that was being deactivated at San Nicola de Lido on the outskirts of Venice.

MRS. MEIER SUCCUMBS
PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—Meier & Frank's department store will be closed Monday in respect to Mrs. Abe Meier, 76-year-old widow of the company's former president. Mrs. Meier died at her home today.

DR. CAREY INSTALLED
NEWBERG, Dec. 12 (AP)—Dr. Gervas A. Carey was installed as president of Pacific college here today. He succeeds Emmett Gulley, who became executive secretary of the Oregon branch of the American Friends service committee.

Disaffiliates



WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 — John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers union, who withdrew his union and its 600,000 members from the AFL today after a row stemming from his refusal to sign a non-communist affidavit.

Reds Call Off General Strike In Rome Area

ROME, Saturday, Dec. 13 (AP)—Rome's 48-hour general strike—the latest battle in the left's "winning offensive" against Premier Alcide De Gasperi's Christian democratic government—ended at midnight with both sides loudly claiming victory.

A secretly printed extra edition of the Christian democratic party's newspaper Il Polito, on the streets just at 12 o'clock, said in big black headlines, "Strike Fails!"

But the communist-controlled chamber of labor of Rome province, which ordered 500,000 workers out Wednesday night to back up its demands for sweeping winter unemployment relief, asserted in calling them back that the government had yielded all along the line.

The chamber's vote to end the strike, ratified later by assembled delegations from individual unions, came last night after thousands of Romans had gone back to work under the protection of club-swinging police.

The largest police force assembled in Rome in recent times—numbering 67,000 men—swung their clubs throughout the city yesterday.

By nightfall, a survey of some of the principal streets in downtown Rome showed one out of three business places again were open, and in some streets half the establishments were open to customers after a virtual commercial paralysis yesterday.

Christmas Season Mail Increases Over 1946
The volume of business at Salem postoffice is showing a marked increase over the Christmas season a year ago, postal records indicated Friday.

Postmaster Albert C. Gragg said Friday the cancellations numbered 66,000, compared with 57,700 on the same date last year, and that Thursday's total of 58,900 compared with 48,100 a year ago.

Yankee Imperialism Causes Panama Riots

PANAMA, Panama, Dec. 12 (AP)—Twenty-five persons were reported to have been injured today in a street battle between police and university students who protested a new agreement to lease canal defense bases to the United States.

Later a crowd gathered opposite Santa Ana Plaza and police strove to prevent a mass meeting. Many of the demonstrators were shouting "Down with Yankee imperialism."

Hop Growers Favor Investigation, Hearings Looking to New Hop Marketing Agreement

By Lillie L. Madsen
Farm Editor, The Statesman

More than 100 hop growers in the Salem area went on record Friday at a meeting held at the Salem Chamber of Commerce rooms, as favoring further investigation and holding hearings on a proposed new hop marketing agreement. Findings will be worked into a final marketing act and presented to the growers from whom it will need a two-thirds favorable vote to become effective.

Principal investigations will be made by a committee which the group empowered the chairman to appoint. The committee will attend district hop meetings prior to the formal hearings to discuss the suggestions for the agreement. The Friday gathering was a general hop growers' meeting sponsored by the United States Growers association. Romeo Goulet, acting chairman of the Salem area, presided, with Homer Goulet, secretary of the Oregon Growers

Warren Says 'Renaissance' In Far East to Benefit Coast

Big 3 Rebel At Molotov's Name-Calling

LONDON, Dec. 12 (AP)—A savage Russian attack against the United States, Britain and France tonight reduced Big Four relations to the lowest point since the war and threatened an almost immediate breakup of the London session of the foreign ministers conference.

The most acrimonious foreign ministers meeting ever held ended abruptly, official observers said, when British Foreign Secretary Bevin termed Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's attack on allied policies in Germany "insults and abuse." U. S. Secretary of State Marshall declared the attack made it "difficult to inspire respect for the dignity of the Soviet Union."

Conference sources said Molotov, in an hour-long attack, accused the western powers of making "enormous profits" out of Germany through "hidden reparations," and trying to "perpetuate the division of Germany" to combat the "democratic countries of Europe."

The unexpected verbal assault made it clear that the "cold war" for Europe would be fought out on the basis of the Marshall plan and the so-called "Molotov plan."

A bridge between the two through Big Four agreements on Germany appeared completely impossible following the meeting's developments. There were indications that Molotov's switch from conciliation to an uncompromising offensive had come at the direction of the Kremlin.

Soviet sources indicated Molotov had torn up a speech prepared for use yesterday and made a completely new one.

Truman Plans 4 Years of Aid

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—President Truman wants congress to underwrite western Europe's recovery program for at least four years, Alf M. Landon said today after talking with Mr. Truman at the White House.

This view conflicts with that of Senator Taft (R-Ohio) and several other republican leaders who want aid granted on a year-to-year basis.

Landon, former governor of Kansas and republican presidential nominee in 1936, told reporters Mr. Truman had authorized him to relay the presidential wish for a four-year guarantee of aid to Europe.

Expressing agreement with the president, Landon said: "I told him these people ought to know what they can count on."

Ship Uses Radar as Dust Settles Over L. A. Harbor

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 12 (AP)—Dust was so thick in Los Angeles harbor today that the liner Matsonia had to use radar to find its dock.

The weather bureau called it a Santa Ana dust storm. In some areas, it hit 60 miles an hour, and it whistled down from the mountains, passes to settle over the harbor like pea soup.

Man-Made Rain Suggested as Aid To Fire-Fighters

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—The western forestry and conservation association suggested today that man-made rain might be able to extinguish forest fires.

The 400 foresters attending the annual convention called for more rain-making experiments, with a view to the possible combating of forest fires.

Gov. John H. Hall of Oregon, reading a speech prepared for the meeting by the late Gov. Earl Snell of Oregon, endorsed a bill proposing that the federal government "be required to make annual payments on government-owned timber lands in lieu of taxes on the basis of 1 per cent of fair cash value."

The address of Snell, who was killed in an airplane crash in late October, criticized the forest service policy of paying 25 per cent of sales returns to counties.

"No funds are available unless sales are made," the speech said. Gov. Hall added that he endorsed every word of the speech.

Both Mr. Rowell and Mr. Markell spoke on the advance in control of downy mildew which, they agreed, should now be undertaken from a preventative standpoint. They reported that the state experiment station was working on the development of disease resistant plants. Because of lack of funds, the work had been discontinued for a time, but growers hoped that with the recent grant from the brewers' association, this would be taken up again in the spring.

Dean Walker reported on the recent Master Brewer's convention in Cleveland at which he was guest speaker, and added that "we are on the right road when brewers and growers can work together on problems which are important to both groups."

A similar meeting to that held in Salem, was held in Mt. Angel Friday night with Mr. Rowell and Mr. Markell attending from here.

Governors Told to Look Eastward for New Trade

PORTLAND, Dec. 12 (AP)—The far west has been called upon to fill the role of good neighbor and business friend of the far east, Gov. Earl Warren told the western conference of governors here tonight.

"There is a great renaissance in the Pacific and beyond it in the far east," he said before a dinner gathering hosted by the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

Millions, he declared, are looking for new friends, and "instinctively to the United States."

"They look to us on the rim of the Pacific basin. We must look to them sympathetically. They can be not only our neighbors and friends, they can be our best customers and we theirs."

The eleven western states of the United States, Warren said, constitute an economic unit more nearly self-sufficient than any other geographical area in the nation.

The governors avoided any mention of politics in their sessions, but outside the doors a top Oregon official disclosed plans of Oregon republicans to capture Oregon's 12 to 15 national convention votes for Warren.

The official, declining to be quoted, said he was sure Warren could win in Oregon, even if opposed by Sen. Robert A. Taft and Gov. Thomas Dewey, neither of whom has filed for the May primaries in this state.

Truman Asks \$29 Million for Reclamation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Republican majority house leaders moved today to get quick action on President Truman's request for \$29,375,000 to continue work on four western reclamation projects threatened with suspension by lack of money.

The house appropriations subcommittee on interior funds started hearing on the request an hour after it was received.

The request, submitted through the budget bureau, asks \$11,725,000 for continuing work on the Columbia basin project in Washington, \$10,700,000 for the Central Valley project in California, \$4,150,000 for the Colorado—Big Thompson project in Colorado and \$2,800,000 for Davis dam in Arizona-California.

Rep. Taber (R-N.Y.), chairman of the house appropriations committee, said he planned to ask house action on the proposal next Tuesday. Leaders said they do not anticipate any strong opposition to passage of the bill.

Jews Attack In Seven Cities

JERUSALEM, Dec. 12 (AP)—Veteran Jewish underground fighters went on the warpath from Haifa to Hebron in a series of bloody clashes with Arabs and tonight the death toll from 13 days of bitter communal fighting in Palestine neared 200.

Jewish forces struck at seven places—Haifa, Yezur, Gaza, Shafat, Tيره, Ramle and in Jerusalem itself—on this Moslem Sabbath.

Claiming responsibility for five of these operations the underground Irgun Zvai Leumi also threatened new attacks on the British army "if the British continue to interfere and permit Arabs to import arms from abroad."

Snow Closes Loop Highway

Heavy snowfall closed the Mt. Hood Loop highway Friday and the state highway commission warned that all Oregon mountain pass roads were dangerous because of packed ice and snow.

With below freezing temperatures predicted for the mountains and in higher elevations of central and eastern Oregon, the commission said that chains were required for driving in those sectors. Some fog and frost was expected in the Klamath Falls area tonight.

Included in Friday's road report:

- Government Camp—30 degrees; packed snow throughout.
- Santiam pass, South Santiam highway—30 degrees; packed snow, ice and frozen slush.
- Odell Lake—28 degrees; packed snow and ice at summit; sanders in operation.
- Eugene—Packed snow in McKenzie highway from milepost 85 to 73; roads icy.
- Siskiyou summit—road icy.

Petrillo Attack Starts Via Anti-Trust Law

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—The house labor committee today asked the justice department to determine whether James C. Petrillo and his American Federation of Musicians (AFM) are subject to prosecution under the anti-trust laws for "monopolistic practices."

Petrillo has ordered members of the union to cease making recordings after December 31. He also has standing ban against performances by AFM members on television shows.

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The Garden road change involves the distance from city limits to Swegle school.

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A delegation from Park lane, to the east of highway 90E north

IT SEEMS TO ME

By Charles F. Sprague

The ancient adage that politics makes strange bedfellows has few proofs as singular as the declaration of Henry A. Wallace that if he had to choose between Harry Truman for president and Robert A. Taft he would vote for Taft. One has to wash and polish his glasses to make sure he has read the item correctly. Wallace seems to have come full circle—to have deviated so far leftward that he is around at the right. At least he has reached a point in isolation where he finds himself comfortable with Taft.

Wallace is obsessed with the idea that the foreign policy of the administration leads to war with Russia. Either from dread of war or sympathy with Russia he lash-out against the Truman-Burns-Marshall direction of foreign affairs. Despite the substitution of the more moderate plan for European recovery in place of the Truman doctrine, Wallace keeps veering away, until now he seems to espouse the idea of a new third party. More and more his associations and his supporters belong to the extreme left wing.

Political history offers little comfort to Wallace in his peripatetic. Usually those who fly off the main wheel at a sharp tangent never get back on. Martin Van Buren, Horace Greeley, Theodore Roosevelt, Robert LaFollette, Jr., failed when they sheered off in independency. Wallace seems destined for the same fate, and as he progresses in his extremity (and as the "cold war" continues) his threat to the administration will grow less. Even Senator Taft will hardly welcome this recruit to his banner.

Belton Ponders Treasurer Bid

State Sen. Howard Belton of Canby said in Salem Friday he would decide early in January whether he will be a candidate for state treasurer at the republican primary election next May.

"I have received considerable encouragement from various sections of the state," Belton said, "but I want to do a little more scouting around before I arrive at a definite decision." Belton also has been mentioned as a possible candidate for governor but he indicated the state treasurer's office would be preferable.

Belton has served several terms in the state senate and was president of that body at the 1945 legislature.

17 Burn to Death in French Train Wreck

CLERMONT-FERRAND, France Saturday, Dec. 13 (AP)—Seventeen persons were burned to death and more than twenty injured last night in a collision on a rail line between Clermont-Ferrand and Montlucon, about 200 miles south of Paris.

The dead and injured were passengers on an auto-rail car (gasoline propelled) which was running on the same track as the regular passenger-and-freight train.

FARMER'S BODY FOUND

ALBANY, Dec. 12 (AP)—The body of Irwin E. Gardner, 58, farmer, missing from his home near Halsey since yesterday, was found in Muddy creek today. The stream traverses his farm.

Animal Crackers



Boy Scouts Ring Bells Today



Salem Boy Scouts will take over bell ringing at Salvation Army Christmas collection pots on downtown Salem streets today as their part in helping underprivileged persons. Mrs. E. L. Money, 2255 Lee st., right, is shown giving temporary custody of her bell to Scout Clifford Hutchinson, 1515 N. Commercial st., as Scout Darrel Isaacson, 1555 N. Summer st., looks on. (Photo by Don Dill, Statesman staff photographer.)

Democrats Present Price Control Plan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12 (AP)—Secretary of Labor Schwelienbach today outlined to congress specific proposals for price ceilings and roll backs as republicans debated whether or not to place their own anti-inflation bill before the house Monday on a "take it or leave it" basis.

Schwelienbach sent the proposed price control legislation to the house banking committee with a note saying he will submit a wage control bill shortly.

But Chairman Wolcott (R-Mich.) told reporters "definitely there will be no action at the special session on the Schwelienbach bill, or the one drafted by Secretary of Commerce Harriman asking priority and allocation authority."

Schwelienbach said price controls would be limited to those commodities that: basically affect the cost of living or agricultural and industrial production, and those "essential to effectuation of the foreign policy of the United States."

The labor secretary declared a maximum price ceiling should be applied only if the commodity is found to be in short supply, and its price has risen unreasonably beyond that prevailing in June, 1947. Under his proposals, price ceilings could not be lower than the highest price prevailing between June 11 and June 18, 1947, except in cases where they have been decreased costs or market declines.

Weather

	Max.	Min.	Precip.
Salem	48	32	04
Portland	44	23	05
San Francisco	61	39	00
Chicago	27	15	27
New York	38	29	00

Willamette river: 2.6 feet.

FORECAST (from U.S. weather bureau, McNary field, Salem): Mostly cloudy today with occasional light showers. Highest temperature today 50, low tonight 38.

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Salem, was headed by Arthur Knox, who said the lane is owned by nine home owners who do not desire that it be made a county road and wish to keep their name. The court decided it had no jurisdiction to make a change.

A second delegation, comprising Mrs. Alice Fargard, Mrs. Ethel LaRue and Mrs. Walter Fisher, brought a petition with 66 names of persons along Hollywood drive, northeast of Salem, protesting any change of name there. The court agreed that the long-standing title should stand but that any suggestions offered for changing Hollywood avenue or West Hollywood drive would be considered.

County Judge Grant Murphy said the court does not plan to suggest new names for any of the roads or to make changes, but will consider proposals that adjacent property holders forward. Several other proposals sent to the court by the Salem city council were tabled with this understanding.