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Dutch Smash Republic

It looks as though the Dutch had pretty well smashed the infant Republic of Indonesia. Paratroopers, soldiers and marines landed on the islands of Java and Sumatra, seized the capital, captured the president, premier and other high officials and the army commander. The truce lines established at the behest of a UN good offices team were broken. The Dutch evidently plan a thorough job of wiping out the republic.

The situation in the East Indies has been turbulent much of the time since the war. Natives ambitious for independence from The Netherlands launched a republic and resisted successfully Dutch efforts at suppression. Under pressures from the UN team a truce was effected, and then the interests concerned worked out a formula for permanent settlement. This embraced recognition of the Republic of Indonesia as an autonomous state within the United States of Indonesia. Other units were Dutch Borneo and a union of the other islands such as Celebes, Bali, Flores, etc. The new U. S. of Indonesia was scheduled to start operating Jan. 1, 1949.

Some months ago, however, a communist infiltration in Indonesia developed which has aroused concern, though finally it was pretty well driven out. Also, friction arose between the Dutch and the Republic of Indonesia over the relation of the federation to The Netherlands and of the republic to the federation. When negotiations seemed stymied the Dutch decided to take "police action" which has culminated in the present thrust.

Rich in rubber, tin, spices and other products the islands have long been a precious jewel in Holland's crown. Dutch interests take a dim view of an independent Indonesia, as is quite natural. At the same time, Holland's rulers have had to recognize the yearnings of colonial peoples for self-government. Britain set an example in freeing India, Ceylon and Burma, which embarrasses the Dutch position in the East Indies greatly.

The U. N. may move to restrain the Dutch on the ground that world peace is threatened. The Dutch however take the view it is a family quarrel outside U. N.'s jurisdiction.

Perhaps the best solution is for continued Dutch authority under a definite program of increase in local self-government. That may be in sight now.

Business Concerns Increase

Though big business maintains its growth and occasions fears that small business will be suffocated, that result is not indicated in the figures of business expansion in Oregon. The state unemployment commission estimates there will be 16,650 employing concerns listed on its books by the end of this year. That will be about 65 per cent more than were on the rolls in pre-war days and during the war. At the end of 1945 there were only 10,854 firms on the commission rolls as employers of four or more workers.

The year 1948 will show a gain of over 1200 employers in the state, after making allowance

for those going out of business. While the rate of increase is slowing down, the gain is still well above any pre-war year.

Most all of these are small enterprises. Men still want to get into business for themselves, being attracted by a prospect of making a good living (or better) and enjoying the independence that comes with proprietorship (in theory at least). The sign is a healthy one. Not all will realize their hopes. Some will, proving that America, and Oregon, are still a land of opportunity.

The Birds Belong Here

The killing of robins by two 15-year-old boys is worthy of considerably more than passing mention.

Our birds, exclusive of the crow and a few others bent on more destruction than good, are a source of pride and pleasure in our verdant valley. During the near-icy winds of Sunday, it was more than a little enjoyable to see quail, robins and a species of snowbird pecking cheerily in the grass and chirping in apparent disregard of the elements.

In the more snowy sections of the nation, civic campaigns to see that sufficient feed is available are not at all infrequent. But only the more hardy of the feathered tribe remain in those climes in the winter time. Here, we have most of our birds the year around. The climate in the main is kind to them; many of their human friends scatter food even though it is not so badly needed as elsewhere, and they are considered a real part of our heritage.

Neither thoughtlessness nor cruelty should play any part in our treatment of our bird life. Flagrant disregard of law and culture should bring heavy penalties if continued.

Dr. Paul J. Raver, Bonneville power administrator, calls for the investment of a billion dollars in the next six years in the northwest to provide more electric energy, plus an unstated amount for transmission lines. The hydroelectric potential of the northwest is 32,000,000 kilowatts for the Columbia and its tributaries. The present generating capacity of all electric plants in the country is 50,000,000. So great is the pressure for electric energy that a unified regional demand will be made on congress for liberal appropriations to advance construction. These projects are self-liquidating and in good accounting practice could be regarded as non-budget items.

For transporting untaxed venison in the closed season a Milwaukie logging superintendent got a stiff penalty from Justice of the Peace Edna Thiessen: a \$250 fine, 10 days in jail, and confiscation of pickup truck, gun, shells and ammunition. Crime certainly doesn't pay the culprit in that court. It does seem, however, that sentences are much more severe for breaking the game laws than for, say, drunken driving. All they confiscate in the latter cases is the driver's license.



BUT I GET THE SAME THING EVERY CHRISTMAS!

IT SEEMS TO ME

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with federal assistance. A man of strong intellect with a very thorough knowledge of the federal government, Taft is respected by those who disagree with his philosophy of government.

From the standpoint of political expediency, republicans should ditch the party conservatives and "go liberal," as Senator Morse urges. "stand pat" offers little promise of victory either in congress or at the polls. Yet there is urgent need for an intelligent statement of the conservative position, defending historic freedoms in economic and political life, demanding sound fiscal policies and opposing the gradual advance toward the socialist state. Taft is the natural leader of such forces, which are by no means inconsiderable in numbers in this country and by no means confined to the republican party. He will be that leader whether the party gives him a title or not.

Services Set For Victim of Sunday Mishap

Funeral services for Mrs. Elizabeth Meyers, killed Sunday when struck by a taxi in downtown Salem, will be held at St. Joseph's Catholic church Thursday at 9:30 a.m. Father T. J. Bernards will officiate at the requiem mass and interment will be in St. Barbara's cemetery. The rosary will be recited Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the W. T. Rigdon company chapel. Mrs. Meyers was fatally injured at 8:45 a.m. Sunday as she was walking to church at St. Joseph's. She was born in Austria in 1874 and came to Salem with her family 28 years ago.

Survivors are six daughters, Mrs. Austin Walker and Mrs. D. Miles of Salem, Mrs. J. Zyllo of Minneapolis, Mrs. James Sauer of Fergus Falls, Minn., Mrs. William Setters of San Francisco and Mrs. L. W. Strohl of Portland; two sons, John Meyers of Los Angeles and Frank Meyers of Portland; 15 grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

40 Selected From County For Jury Duty

Names of 40 persons selected to serve on juries during the January term of the Marion county circuit court were announced this week by the county clerk's office. Thirteen are women, mostly housewives, and 22 are men. All were instructed to report at the courthouse in Salem January 4 at 9 a.m.

The list: Harley E. Gookin, Kathryn G. Robl, Chris H. Eismann, Mary B. Kells, Russell Bonesteel, Frederick E. Mangis, Wellington R. Gould, Dorothy B. Higgins, Edna M. Richardson, Roy O. Girod, Mildred E. Wyatt, Anna M. Hunsaker, Helen A. Gragg, Jessie A. Prunce, Harold C. Lamb and Harry J. Breneman, all of Salem.

Edwin Overlund, Phillip H. Tucker, Freda E. Burt, Elsie Marie Hagedorn, Adolphus C. Brown, William J. Haberly and William H. Woodward, Jr., all of the Silverton area. Winifred Z. Gralapp, Freda E. Burt, Woodburn; John T. Baumann, Anton P. Friesenauer, Mt. Angel; Alpha O. Carden, Albert R. Darr, Richard H. Wood, Pringle; Henry Steinkamp, Aunsville; Milton K. Rice, Fairgrounds; Lawrence C. Ferschweiler, West Gervais; Peter E. Anderson, McKee; Rose D. Goss, West Station; Inez J. Cramer, Brooks; Rosa Riestner, Sublimity; Wilma R. Siprell, Claggett; Verda Graham, Croisan; Anna L. Pettit, Englewood; and Velura Lierman, East Station.

Scholarship Fund in Will

A fund to aid worthy students at the University of Oregon in Eugene is included in the will of a Silverton woman filed in Marion county probate court Tuesday.

The scholarship fund for university students and post-graduate students is set up in the will of the late Lois Zimmerman who died November 23. Exact amount of the fund is not specified. The estate is estimated to consist of real and personal property "of a probable value" in excess of \$15,000. After several minor bequests are made the will stipulates the bulk of the estate is to go into the fund to be known as the Joseph P. Zimmerman and Eva Zimmerman scholarship fund.

PFC Barton Ends Leave in Salem

PFC Robert W. Barton, USMC, 18, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Barton, 123 Leavitt st., returned to his base at Camp Pendleton, Calif., this week after a 30-day leave here with his parents. He plans to complete his study for his high school diploma, in the next few months, through the Marine Corps institute.

PFC Barton, enlisted February 16, and graduated from radio, teletype and radar school in November, prior to receiving his furlough.

Fuel Oil Stolen From Outside Tank

It's been a mite chilly lately and city police have some proof if any is needed. Charles Anglin, 1326 N. Winter st., called headquarters Tuesday to report that someone has been stealing fuel oil from tanks outside his home for the past two weeks.

McKay Plans Message For 1949 Legislature

Governor-elect Douglas McKay expects to complete preparation of his message to the 1949 legislature within a week. McKay said this week he will finish its preparation before he leaves for Dallas, Tex., to attend the Cotton bowl game between University of Oregon and Southern Methodist football teams. He will travel by plane. The legislature convenes here January 10.

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PROBATE COURT

William Omer Hastie guardianship estate: Order appoints Margaret L. Hastie as guardian and Jack F. Proctor, Lois H. Proctor and George Jackson as appraisers. Florence S. Roth guardianship estate: Order appoints Amos Roth as guardian and Clem Carver, Herman Sturwe and James McNulty as appraisers. Laurence Liams guardianship estate: Order approves annual account. Custer E. Ross estate: Order closes estate. Emily Van Den Braemburgh guardianship estate: Order approves final account. Delicia Dawn Bankston guardianship estate: Order authorizes acceptance of damage claim settlement. Lolla A. McMecham estate: Order sets time for hearing on final account at Jan. 25, 1949.

DISTRICT COURT

Frank Paul Kajer, Eugene, charged with driving while intoxicated, continued for plea to December 22; held in lieu of \$350 bail. Donald Posey, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor, continued for plea to December 22; held in lieu of \$2,000 bail. Walter Nelson, charged with rape, continued for plea to December 22; held in lieu of \$3,500 bail.

MUNICIPAL COURT

Hugh Kyle Naughton, 705 S. 12th st., reckless driving with liquor involved, fined \$200 and driver's license suspended for six months. Louis B. Williams, 415 Pine st., failure to give right-of-way to emergency vehicle, fined \$50.

CIRCUIT COURT

State unemployment compensation commission vs Sam P. and Robert Matheny: Plaintiff moves for order to strike defendants' answer. Mabel I. Lewis vs Nolan Lewis: Decree of divorce restores plaintiff's maiden name of Mable Irene White and awards her a checking account. Jane Ann Illick vs Paul Edward Illick: Decree of divorce awards plaintiff custody of two minor children plus \$35 per month support money for each. Elsie Ash vs Lars Ash: Defendant files answer admitting and denying. Celia Keefe vs Walter F. Keefe: Decree of divorce awards plaintiff custody of a minor child plus \$25 per month support money.

MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Luther Carson, 35, student, and Catherine L. Dallas, 31, lunch room manager, both of Dallas, Tex. Charles E. Bochler, 27, farmer, and Alma Marie Wolf, 20, domestic, both of Mt. Angel. Harvey Lea, 20, farmer, Brooks route 1, box 265, and Nola Gottenberger, 18, cashier, 3397 N. River rd., Salem. Earl Crain, 49, logger, and Amanda M. Burnett, 41, domestic, both of 664 Breys ave., Salem. Walter Dee Martin, 24, state highway employe, 710 Thompson

Diary of A Sidewalk Superintendent



Today I made an inspection of the lowered ceiling in the new Stevens and Son Jewelry Store (guess the word Emporium fits better . . . It's a pretty big place). I helped the guys working on the ceiling by asking a lot of questions: "How high will it be?" "They said 11 ft."

"How are you going to arrange the lights?" (they told me that isn't their job but they understand there'll be a mass of spot-lights surrounding the dome with clear neon tubing in the center). Sounds like the new place will be a beauty eh, diary? I was pretty tired when I left. It's a big job we're doing for Stevens and Son. Hope they appreciate it!

Institutions Plan Special Yuletide Fare

State institutions under the state board of control will receive 8,000 pounds of candies, 2,500 pounds of mixed nuts and 125 crates of oranges in connection with their Christmas observance, the state purchasing department announced here Tuesday. Virtually all of the institutions will serve special Christmas dinners with the menus including turkey, chicken and all the trimmings. There are 2,800 patients in the Oregon state hospital here, 750 in Fairview home, and 1,280 prisoners in the state penitentiary. Most of the turkeys and chickens required for the Christmas dinners were produced on state farms.

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Marshall Successor Tough Problem

By Joseph and Stewart Alsop
WASHINGTON, Dec. 21—The condition of Secretary of State George C. Marshall's health continues to cast a cloud of uncertainty over the future conduct of American foreign policy. President Truman is so insistent that Marshall stay on that he has thus far even refused seriously to consider a successor or to Marshall. Truman clearly hopes that Marshall's recovery after his operation will be so complete that the secretary can be persuaded to continue to carry his heavy burden.



Yet, although the president's desire to retain Marshall is entirely genuine, the available evidence strongly suggests that he will be disappointed. It is now entirely likely that Marshall's long career of magnificent public service will come to an end either shortly before or shortly after the January 20 inauguration of his chief. When Marshall goes, Under Secretary Robert A. Lovett, who has only remained at his post because Marshall insisted, will go with him.

friends of Vinson now believe that he could be persuaded to accept the assignment, despite the heavy personal sacrifice involved, if he could be convinced that the national interest required his service. The reasons why Vinson is a serious possibility are pretty obvious. He is a personal friend of President Truman. He has a distinguished liberal record, and his appointment would be enthusiastically received by the new deal and labor groups whose influence in the administration has markedly increased since November 2, despite outward appearances.

Again, Vinson would be entirely acceptable to the congress, where he is personally popular even among many republicans. Finally, he is a man of ability and real wisdom, who would gather able men (like Benjamin Cohen, former counsel of the state department) around him, and who could be counted on to move both cautiously and firmly in the conduct of our foreign affairs.

Yet the appointment of Vinson to the state department would give rise to a curious and virtually insoluble problem. For who would replace him as chief justice? Attorney General Tom Clark would get the seat on the bench for which he hankers, but no one believes that Clark is a man of sufficient stature to take over the chief justiceship. Yet the elevation of any of the present senior justices would inevitably cause the smoldering feud on the supreme court to break into open flame, with the most damaging consequences.

The spectacle of an open, public row on the supreme court could be averted, and presidential cronies Clark could at the same time get his seat on the bench, if Justice William Douglas took over from Marshall. Douglas would almost certainly accept if asked. He is the lead-

ing candidate of the liberal and labor groups. And he, too, is an entirely able man. But Douglas does not enjoy the same popularity on Capitol Hill as Vinson, and in these days it is essential that the secretary of state have the complete confidence of congress. Moreover, President Truman is nothing if not human, and he is unlikely to have forgotten that he pleaded with Douglas to take second place with him on the democratic ticket, and that Douglas refused.

These difficulties which hedge around the appointment of either of the justices probably leave E.C.A.'s W. Averell Harriman still the most likely successor to Marshall, although former Under Secretary Dean G. Acheson is not to be counted out. Harriman, an old new dealer, would also be entirely acceptable to the left and labor groups, and he is respected and liked on Capitol Hill. Finally, the president is known to like and trust him.

Obviously, nothing will be finally settled until Marshall announces his intentions and, if necessary, Truman chooses his successor. Meanwhile, the tradition-hallowed Washington parlor game of making up the president's mind for him will continue. The game is entertaining, but doubt which hangs over the conduct of American foreign policy is an increasingly serious matter. For government is people. The replacement of Marshall is certain to mean changes all down the line in the people who conduct our national policy. And nothing is more essential in these times than that American policy be firm and settled and clear, both to our friends and to those who are not our friends. Therefore the sooner it is known once and for all whether Marshall is to leave, and if he goes who is to replace him, the better. (Copyright, 1948, New York Herald Tribune, Inc.)

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