

MEIER ATTACKS PHONE MONOPOLY

ENTIRE STATE IS COVERED BY SNOW BLANKET

now Melts Rapidly Here; County Gets Share; More Promised

TORM IS GENERAL

Portland Traffic Delayed By Heavy Coating; Trains Late

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—

The entire Pacific Northwest woke this morning to find a mantle of white covering the ground—the first real snow storm of the season. From Medford, Ore., to Seattle, Wash., and from the Pacific ocean east of the Cascade range kids are in cellars for sleds while parents struggle with skid chains. The fall ranged from thick, slushy sleet in Southern Oregon and a fine, powdery, wind-driven snow in the Cascades where below-zero temperatures were abating. A near-blizzard raged in the Klamath basin following a record of the lowest barometric pressure in 10 years.

Traffic Tied Up
Seattle and Northern Washington received the fall later than most sections of the state. Snow started falling at mid-morning and the United States weather bureau officials promised it would continue.

Olympia, Wash., reported four inches of snowfall. In Portland the unexpected fall—started shortly after midnight—initially paralyzed street car traffic as the thick flakes gummed switches and laid a slippery sheen over tracks. Nearly 150 men from the civic emergency relief committee were given employment in Portland clearing the streets.

Trains Delayed
Storm conditions affected transport and mail plane schedules. The Portland ship from California was forced to turn back. The morning train southbound from Seattle, was 24 hours, as was the eastbound train.

A majority of trains in the northwest were slightly behind time this morning and railroad officials were repairing snow equipment. At noon the snow showed no signs of abating. More than five inches had fallen in Portland and the surrounding vicinity.

Weather bureau officials forecast the fall would last throughout the day to be followed by moderate temperatures. Heavy southerly winds.

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Weather News:

As much or more of snow fell in Eugene early Wednesday morning and the temperature was much higher than it had been for two or three days. The forecast:

OREGON: Cloudy tonight and Thursday, with snow tonight in west portion; snow tonight and Thursday in east portion; not quite so cold Thursday; strong southerly winds and gales offshore, diminishing tonight.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature Wednesday, 26 degrees. Maximum Tuesday, 35. Precipitation, 2.7 of an inch. Willamette river, 1.5 feet. Wind from south.

SLEWAL TIDES: Thursday, high 6:30 a. m., 6:43 p. m.; low, 12:42 p. m., 11:57 p. m. Friday, high, 6:33 a. m., 6:52 p. m.; low, 1:35 p. m., Saturday, high, 7:38 a. m., 8:24 p. m.; low, 1:39 a. m., 3:17 p. m.

Seattle Unemployed Citizens' League Fights Own Battles

(Editor's Note: This is the fourth of a series of stories describing the growth of the "Back to Barker" movement.)

By ROBERT TALLEY (INEA Service Writer)

WHEN 50,000 jobless men and women, willing to work and determined not to beg, take the offensive against misery, something is very likely to happen.

It happened in Seattle, where an organization known as The Unemployed Citizens' League has taken itself into its own hands in probably the most aggressive movement of the unemployed in America.

Need of taking help from others, these men and women are helping themselves—and getting a living by exchanging their labor directly for the necessities of life.

F. D.'s Stand On Sanctity Of Treaties Liked

GENEVA, Jan. 18.—(AP)—President-elect Roosevelt's statement supporting the sanctity of treaties was regarded today as of the greatest importance by league authorities. Arriving at the moment when the league committee of nineteen is facing a grave decision in the Sino-Japanese controversy, it had a dramatic effect.

Great relief was manifest, especially among representatives of small nations and others who make observance of the league covenant the basis of their foreign policy.

Informal assurances that the American attitude of non-recognition of Manchukuo was unchanged had been received in Geneva, but the new president's views naturally were regarded as more important, for the moment the Roosevelt declaration was being applied primarily to the Sino-Japanese dispute over Manchuria.

The Japanese reply to the committee's resolution on that issue was handed this morning to Paul Hymans, Belgian delegate and president of the special assembly considering the matter.

It was understood in official quarters that Tokio refused to accept the committee's resolution proposing a conciliation basis.

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JAPAN ASKED EXPLANATION FOR RIOTINGS

TOKIO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Joseph C. Grew, American ambassador visited Foreign Minister Uchida today and requested an immediate investigation of the raid upon the Singer Sewing Machine company branch at Yokohama.

He also requested adequate police protection for American life and property in the future.

Grew laid the facts of the raid, as the embassy had learned them, before Foreign Minister Uchida. The latter promised an immediate investigation and also the protection which the ambassador asked.

Grew recalled that the embassy previously had directed attention of Japanese authorities to the Singer labor troubles and at that time asked for precautions against violence.

Police Held Slow to Give Protection to U. S. Concern

TRUCK HAULS CLUBS
Attack Shows Signs of Care in Organization; Labor Trouble Blamed

EMPLOYEES INJURED
YOKOHAMA, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Police held 138 Japanese tonight for participation in a mid-day raid upon the Yokohama branch of the Singer Sewing Machine company. All movable property and valuable records were destroyed in the attack by a mob of nearly 200 disgruntled employees.

Richard McCleary, representative of the New York headquarters of the Singer company, who was in Japan in connection with its labor difficulties, said the loss was "likely to reach several thousand yen." (The yen is equivalent to about 20 cents.)

The greatest part of the loss was valuable records of installment sale contracts and other documents which SEE SINGER RIOT STORY PAGE 9

ANNUAL MEET OF SCOUT COUNCIL SET

H. W. Adams, superintendent of schools at Corvallis, will be the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Wallamet scout council, to be held at the Eugene chamber of commerce rooms, Saturday, Jan. 25, it was announced by H. B. Sallee, scout executive.

Plans for the program have been completed. The meeting will start with a turkey dinner at 6:30 o'clock, the dinner being furnished by members of the troop mothers clubs. A scout play will be presented at 7:45 o'clock by Gordon Day, Rudie Cromlin, Rex Faust, Ed Christie and Carl Heidle, eagle scouts, and Scout George Flint.

Mr. Adams will talk on "Americanization." Other speakers on the program will be Dr. O. F. Stafford and R. C. Merrill.

A business session will be held at which time election of officers will be held and the aims and objectives of the council for the coming year outlined.

Vancouver Youth Killed in Crash
PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Willard Goodburn, 21, of Vancouver, died at midnight last night when his automobile crashed into a motor bus in the northern part of the city. The bus was driven by George Butts of Vancouver. Goodburn died in an ambulance.

Butts told police that Goodburn, driving at a high rate of speed, swung out to pass another car and headed into the bus. Mary Gibbons of Vancouver, a passenger in the bus, was treated for a leg injury.

Reciprocal Decree Given Chevaliers
PARIS, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A reciprocal divorce was granted by the first chamber of the civil tribunal today to Maurice Chevalier, screen comedian, and Yvonne Vallee, his former dancing partner.

The court based its decision on the fact that Mlle. Vallee is extremely jealous, while on the other hand, Chevalier deserted her and refused to live with her after his return here from Hollywood.

Want a Nice Dog? See Chief of Police
Anybody want a nice dog? Chief of Police Carl Bergman, who has been dealing in dogs extensively lately, has been asked by Miss Anna Fox, of Seaside, to provide a home for a female fox terrier, in good condition, with good manners and a friendly disposition.

Miss Fox is unable to keep the dog and would like to see it in a comfortable home as anyone interested may communicate with the chief of police.

BUS KILLS GIRL
KENT, Wash., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Lois Seeman, seven-year-old grammar school student, was instantly killed early today when a passenger bus struck her in front of her home here. The girl was waiting for a school bus. Witnesses said the child stepped into the path of the bus.

15 YEARS FREE; BACK TO PEN!



Although Glenn Smeeman, above, had spent the last 15 years of his life building up a successful business in Cleveland under the name of Harry Stanley, he is now back in Colorado state penitentiary. He escaped from the prison in 1918. Governor Johnson of Colorado refused a plea for pardon. Smeeman's wife, shown with him above, is the mother of a three-months-old baby, and became seriously ill after she accompanied Smeeman on his voluntary return to Denver. He had refused to pay "hush money" to a woman who knew of his past, and she turned him in.

Winnie Breaks Down On Stand; Says Halloran Laughs At Fate

PHOENIX, Ariz., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd broke down on the witness stand during her cross-examination today at continuation of the preliminary hearing of John J. Halloran who is accused as "accessory to the crime of murder," and leaving the witness chair she screamed accusations across a counsel table at the wealthy lumberman.

Judge J. C. Niles, presiding, called a recess to allow Mrs. Judd to compose herself. She left the witness chair sobbing and with tears streaming down her face, immediately she dashed to the counsel table at which Halloran sat with his attorneys.

3 Killings In L. A. Laid To Bootleggers

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Eastern bootlegging interests were believed to have moved forcibly into Los Angeles early today when three suspected members of local combines were shot and killed.

Harry Meager, 40, described as the "big shot" of the prized Hollywood run domain, and a companion were killed in front of the former's home. Mickey Arno, 24, a boxer, was killed and his body tossed under the San Gabriel river bridge near Long Beach. Police suspected his death was inspired by the same plot that culminated in the Hollywood killings.

The two were slain in Meager's large sedan. Neighbors reported hearing four muffled shots and seeing the car career across the curb and crash into a lightpost.

Each victim had been shot at close range. Police theorized that Meager, the driver, was shot by a passenger sitting beside him, who turning, fired two more slugs at his backseat companion. Both were killed immediately.

Investigators sought a former well known lightweight boxer who they said had recently split with Meager over control of the latter's rich dynasty.

Albany Man Uses Depression Money

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—A. J. Hodge's depression script was making the rounds of Albany commercial centers today.

Hodge, a garage man, had printed a number of cards of \$1 face value each. On the reverse side, provision is made for 25 endorsements. When the 25th endorsement is recorded, the card will then be redeemable in cash at Hodge's garage.

Lane Gets Check From Road Board

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Consolidation of the interior and agriculture departments will be proposed to the senate within a few days by Senator Bratton (D., N. M.), who estimates this would save "at least \$50,000,000 yearly."

Bratton is preparing a bill for the consolidation, which he hopes to introduce this week.

It would authorize the president to consolidate the departments, adjust and correlate their activities, and abolish duplicating functions.

PAGEANT MAY BE REPEATED BY EUGENEANS

Association to Consider Self-Supporting Plan On January 24

PROPOSAL IS LIKED
Restoration of Play Urged As Community Project For Year 1933

By SIDNEY A. KING
Can the Eugene community conduct a pioneer pageant here this summer, preparing and presenting a show equal to the previous pageants at a minimum cost commensurate with the financial status of the community this year?

This is the question the Eugene Pageant association will put to the community sometime this month. It was announced Wednesday when A. A. Rogers, president of the association, called a meeting of the directors of the group for Tuesday, Jan. 24, at the Eugene chamber of commerce for the purpose of discussing the possibility of holding a pageant this summer.

According to tentative plans being worked out, the pageant would be put on a "depression basis," that is, it would be clearly understood at the outset that the cost of the project should be kept so low that no one would be asked to contribute toward expenses to any great extent. If at all, the plan will be presented to the community on the understanding that if undertaken, the project must be considered a community enterprise, with individuals devoting time and services to the preparation and presentation, with managerial expenses cut to a minimum so that with funds carried over from the last pageant, the project would virtually be self-supporting.

"An enterprise of this sort, if entered into by the entire community, should be immensely valuable to the county and city," declared Mr. Rogers.

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SENATORS TRY TO BREAK DEADLOCK

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Senate leaders were attempting today to break the deadlock over the "gin" marriage bill by a compromise to limit debate voluntarily instead of applying the cloture rule and by modification of the branch banking provisions.

Negotiations for the compromise were undertaken as Senator Glass (D., Va.), sponsor of the bill, took the floor again to defend his measure against the attacks of those who have led a filibuster against it for a week.

While Glass held the floor, senate leaders negotiated with Senator Long (D., La.), leader of the filibuster, on means of breaking the deadlock.

The basis of their proposal was that instead of attempting to apply the cloture to limit debate, forcibly, as proposed yesterday by democratic leaders, a voluntary agreement be made to limit debate to one hour and a half for each senator.

Farm Relief Bill Explained in House

WASHINGTON, Jan. 28.—(AP)—The senate agriculture committee devoted two hours today to an explanation of the house farm relief bill by Representative Jones (D., Tex.), chairman of the house agriculture committee, and then recessed without acting.

Senator McNary (R., Ore.), senate committee head, said other members of the house committee would be heard in elucidation of the bill tomorrow, also behind closed doors.

Later, Chairman McNary said, public hearings undoubtedly will be held.

Norris and F. D. Go To Muscle Shoals

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Senator Norris, Nebraska republican independent, who supported Franklin D. Roosevelt, today accepted the president-elect's invitation to accompany him on a tour of the Muscle Shoals power and nitrate plant over the week-end.

Norris has been pressing for years for government operation of the huge Alabama project.

Hoover And F. D. To Meet Again Friday

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—President Hoover and President-Elect Roosevelt will confer at the White House Friday morning on foreign affairs and international developments now unfolding.

The president intends to confine the conference to those topics alone, as the situation now stands. This was asserted in the highest quarters, soon after it developed that Mr. Hoover had invited his successor to a second meeting in the White House.

Although the White House officially remained silent, it was said the meeting would be a continuation of the present administration's effort to gain an accord with the incoming administration on international policies.

This has been interpreted in official circles to mean not only the war debt, armament and world economic problems, but probably also the Sino-Japanese conflict.

No word came from White House officials regarding the advisers who might sit with the president and the president in the conference.

ROAD MORATORIUM BILL IS INTRODUCED

"Gin" Marriage Measure Is Offered; 3 Day Notice To Be Required

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A moratorium on the construction, reconstruction and enlargement of highways in Oregon during the years 1933 and 1934 was proposed in a senate joint resolution introduced today by Senator Joe E. Dunne of Multnomah county.

The resolution is a companion measure to Dunne's bill introduced yesterday which would halt the further issuance of highway bonds although about \$19,000,000 in bonds are still available.

The preamble to the resolution recites that the "financial and industrial conditions in the state of Oregon are such that it is difficult to finance, or otherwise provide for, public improvements," and that "the tax burden incident to the administration of the essential and unavoidable functions of state, county and municipal government are sufficient to exhaust all possible revenues, thereby demanding a temporary postponement of highly desirable but yet unnecessary public improvements."

A "gin-marriage" license bill was introduced in the senate under the names of Senators Booth, Woodward, Lee and Goss and Representatives Dammasch, Best and Snedeker. It would require a three-day period between the date of application and issuance of the license, except in cases where the probate judge signed a statement approving immediate issuance of the license.

Use and purchase of American made goods and products to help relieve the existing unemployment situation is urged in a house joint resolution introduced by Representatives Price and Chrisman. The document calls attention to the fact that importation of merchandise from foreign countries is a major factor in the unemployment situation.

Possession of Deer Meat Brings Fine

M. L. Barnes of Deadwood was fined \$100 in justice court Wednesday for unlawful possession of deer meat.

The fine was suspended and Barnes was put on probation for a year.

LATE NEWS FLASHES!

TOKIO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The majority opinion in informed quarters today was that the overthrow of Premier Viscount Makato Salto by the Japanese diet, convening at the end of this week, was not unlikely despite the reports to the contrary.

ROME, Jan. 18.—(AP)—The commercial treaty of 1924 between Italy and Soviet Russia, the only document under which Italy formally recognized the soviet government, will be renounced by this country on Feb. 7 or before that time.

MANILA, P. I., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Three Moros—Donquiel, Patra and Sabali—who four years ago robbed and killed two Chinese on the island of Mindanao, were electrocuted today at Bilibid prison.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Two women burglars who tortured their housewife victims by burning the soles of her feet with

DECLARES RATES ARE TOO STEEP

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 18.—(AP)—Governor Meier this afternoon urged the state legislature to take action against the telephone monopolies which he says are unfair to the phone users in rates. He asked the legislature to memorialize congress for the power to conduct an investigation into rates, charging the costs of such an investigation to the phone companies.

Governor Meier's message follows in part:

Within the last twenty years we have witnessed the mushroom growth of a telephone monopoly so powerful that it has succeeded in avoiding federal regulation and in defying state control.

Rates Held Exorbitant
I refer to the American Telephone and Telegraph company.

Although this concern owns and operates long distance telephone lines in the east, it operates as a holding company west of Denver, Colo.

As a holding company it siphons and drains unearned and exorbitant fees from the telephone system it dominates.

As a holding company it also owns 88 per cent of the Western Electric Company, Incorporated.

This latter corporation is a manufacturing concern which furnishes the American Telephone and Telegraph company and its controlled operating subsidiaries with all materials, supplies, equipment and installation services at exorbitant prices which in turn are collected by the subsidiary from its telephone patrons.

States Lack Power
The Western Electric Company, Incorporated, in turn owns and controls the Bell Telephone Laboratories.

These experimental laboratories are maintained on a giant scale under the guise of perfecting equipment to tackle the task.

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SPECIAL SESSION TO TAKE UP TAX

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(AP)—Congressional democrats today abandoned hope for enactment of budget balancing legislation at this session, and acknowledged plans are set for a special session of the new congress to tackle the task.

Twelve strategically situated house members, belonging to the ways and means committee, which has jurisdiction over revenue legislation, agreed to drop all tax proposals between now and March 4.

Asked by newspapermen when a special session will be summoned, Speaker Garner said "I could tell you but I won't."

The plain implication was that arrangements are under way, and that those in charge of party affairs are looking to such a session to do what they feel is impossible of accomplishment as things now stand on Capitol Hill.

OAKLAND, Cal., Jan. 18.—(AP)—A life sentence in San Quentin prison was imposed today upon Mrs. Bessie Nelson for the murder of her husband, Harry Nelson, county official and war veteran. Mrs. Nelson was accused of being an accomplice with her admirer, Claude Forbes, who confessed the actual killing, pleaded guilty and yesterday was sentenced to hang.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(AP)—A suit for \$1,000,000 for alleged alienations of affections, brought by Luc Rochefort, former investment banker of Montreal, against James A. Stillman, former president of the National City bank, was disclosed in Brooklyn supreme court today.