

Congress Rebuffed Rockwell Bill To Make New Try in January

WASHINGTON—(AP)—The so-called Rockwell bill to amend reclamation laws—stymied during closing weeks of the 80th Congress' first session—will be enacted during the 1948 session, its House sponsor predicted Monday.

Rep. Robert Rockwell (R-Colo.) said last-minute Senate opposition to his measure made time-pressed GOP House leaders believe efforts to get it through their chamber would be fruitless.

Hotly contested during early stages of long hearings, the much-amended final version of Rockwell's bill would:

1. Reduce interest on U. S. public power investments from three to two and one-half per cent.
 2. Ban use by the Interior Department of the two per cent interest in aid of irrigation project phases, but permit use of the half per cent for that purpose.
 3. Extend from 50 to 75 years the period during which reclamation projects must repay their costs to the federal government.
 4. Exempt costs of recreation, silt and salinity control and navigation features of a reclamation project from repayment.
- The House appropriations committee took a stab at accomplishing one purpose of the Rockwell bill through a paragraph in the House-Senate conference report on the fiscal 1948 interior appropriations bill. That report,

British-Russian Trade Hits Snag

LONDON—(AP)—Sir Stafford Cripps told parliament Monday that British-Russian trade treaty negotiations broke down in Moscow last week because of Soviet demands for revision of the 1941 loan agreement.

Russia owes Great Britain \$5,000,000 pounds (\$220,000,000) under terms of the civil credit agreement.

Cripps, president of the Board of Trade, said British negotiators offered a number of concessions, but "we could not go the whole way the Soviet government demanded as a condition of an agreement."

The British had hoped for wheat, timber and canned fish. The Russians wanted heavy machinery, rails and pipes. The Moscow radio asserted the talks broke down because Britain would not guarantee some deliveries and because credit terms could not be reconciled.

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Takes Nap on Tracks; Lives to Take Another

YAKIMA—(AP)—William Baker, 28, was booked Saturday on a charge of blocking traffic.

Officers said they found him asleep in his car—parked at the B Street crossing right on the mainline tracks of the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Berserk Oldster Shoots Family

MAPLEWOOD, N. J.—(AP)—Police posted a guard Monday at the hospital bed of a 78-year-old retired jeweler who, they said, told them he had attempted to wipe out his entire family because a new apartment development was "fencing in" the 2 1/2-story frame dwelling he had spent 30 years in beautifying.

Police Capt. Howard Dowd said that Frederick F. Dieter, had signed a statement saying he had shot and killed his son and seriously wounded his wife, daughter-in-law and dog because he was certain his family's privacy and comfort were now at an end and that therefore he "didn't want to leave anybody I loved."

Dieter himself suffered bullet wounds in the head and right hand, the first being the result of what police said was a suicidal attempt and the second the climax of a gun duel in which his weapon was shot from his grip. Capt. Dowd said he came out then from the cellar of his home shouting, "don't hurt me. I'm an old man."

Dowd said the son, Frederick, Jr., 50, was found dead in his bed with a bullet through the head. The son's wife, Mary, 47, was also in bed, bleeding from a bullet wound in the neck. The wife of the elder Dieter, Lena, 66, was found slumped over a window sill where she had been screaming for help after being struck by two bullets.

Lanham Act Clause Protects Projects

A clause in the Lanham Act (which authorized war housing projects) will allow projects to continue until there is no shortage of rental properties in a designated area, it was learned Monday in Eugene.

Confusion arose over the weekend after a bill ending the war emergency act in motion clauses in wartime appropriation bills calling for raising of housing built with Lanham Act funds two years from July 25, 1947.

A "saving clause" in the act, however, will protect hundreds of families and individuals housed in Eugene and vicinity in projects built with Lanham Act funds.

Property believed to have been wholly or partially constructed with such funds includes the Amazon housing project for students, Sladden Park trailer camp, Airport Homes, the University of Oregon veterans dormitories and trailer park, the student apartments on Columbia St. in Eugene, and a housing project in Veneta. Said not to be affected by the act are Skinner Butte Villa and the University of Oregon prefabs.

Weekend Traffic Accidents Reported

Ralph Dee Farmer of 727 East Broadway was in county jail Monday, charged with driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, city police said.

According to officers' reports, Farmer was arrested after a minor traffic accident at Tenth Ave. and Pearl St. at 2:30 a.m. Sunday. His car reportedly collided with another vehicle driven by Royal Collins of Albany, causing slight damage to both.

A collision of cars driven by Gwendolyn Rose Cheney and Perry A. Miller at Fourteenth Ave. and High St. Sunday morning resulted in extensive damage to vehicles and breaking of a street sign. Neither was injured, police reported.

Weekend injuries included a cut hand for 15-year-old Rodney R. Ingram of 175 North Grand St., hurt at Fourth Ave. and Lincoln St. Saturday. Police said Jill Wiley of Oakridge, age one and a half, and Carol Davis, 12, of Reedsport, suffered slight injuries in an accident at First Ave. and Washington St. Saturday.

Shanghai Police Battle; 11 Dead

SHANGHAI, China—(AP)—A mob of 100 Shanghai policemen smashed up the Golden Castle movie theater Monday, scene of a gunfight between civilian policemen and the army-controlled gendarmes.

Nine policemen and two civilians were killed in the fight which broke out Sunday night when three people tried to get into the theater on two tickets.

Almost all of the police remained away from work Monday and 100 of them started marching toward gendarmie headquarters shortly after noon. Their officers, however, persuaded them to settle for a less dangerous attack on the Golden Castle theater.

While a few police with drawn revolvers stood by to guard against interference, the mob tore up expensive projects, films and seats. Mayor K. G. Woo tried to calm the police, and telegraphed the Ministry of National Defense to control the gendarmes, which are equivalent to military police.

The civilian police and gendarmes long have feuded over control of Shanghai, which is under martial law. When a policeman tried to settle the dispute over theater tickets Sunday night, gendarmes reportedly beat up the policeman.

Police reinforcements soon arrived. Extra gendarmes also arrived. A shot was fired. It smashed the windshield of a jeep carrying two members of the U. S. Navy shore patrol.

Tommy Guns Used
The Chinese gendarmes opened up with tommy guns. A group of policemen tried to flee by jumping on a truck already filled with civilians. Bullets followed the police into the truck, and two civilians died.

Monday, the U. S. Navy and Army had extra police on the streets, which were almost empty. All Americans were urged to remain indoors.

Chinese officials feared an outbreak of crime. They cordoned off the area around the Golden Castle to pick up spent bullets for ballistics checks.

While few police were on duty, a police spokesman denied there was a strike. He said the night's disorders left the police "too tired" to work.

Whale oil, used as lubricant on most early-day light machinery, usually turned rancid, making work in such establishments as textile mills highly unpleasant.

'Honeymoon' Plans Made

MINNEAPOLIS—(AP)—The 1921 Model T Ford, which has carried Mr. and Mrs. John F. Muehlbach of Seattle, more than 135,000 miles, was being readied Monday for the couple's "second honeymoon."

The 31-year-old couple renewed their marriage vows Sunday on the 36th anniversary of their wedding. After cutting a large wedding cake in the presence of more than 400 relatives and friends, they announced they would leave soon for Detroit, Mich., and in the same car that brought us 1300 miles from Seattle to Minneapolis.

A grandson, Stewart Helicher of Seattle, gave the "bride" away.

General's Tour Said Success

NANKING—(AP)—Lt. Gen. Albert Wedemeyer returned here Monday after two days in Shanghai and the American embassy said he had acquired "a considerable amount of information" on the fact-finding junket.

An embassy statement issued after Wedemeyer's arrival reported that he had collected data through visits with Chinese officials and businessmen, from detailed reports prepared by U. S. Consul-General Monett Davis and from reports by individual members of the American business community in Shanghai.

"Additional information of value continues to come to General Wedemeyer's mission from two other sources," the statement said. "One is from those persons well-acquainted with China's various problems with whom individual members of the mission have initiated interviews."

"The other source is made up of persons in all areas and occupations who write voluntarily and with patriotic concern."

The statement emphasized again that Wedemeyer's mission in China remained one of "fact-finding."

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- 10 Industrials, 104.34, off 0.01.

Lightning Strikes Twice; Near Tragedies Reported

CINCINNATI—(AP)—An American Legion post outing almost ended in tragedy Sunday night for some 200 persons when lightning struck a tree and sent it crashing through the roof and floor of a crowded dance pavilion. Only six persons, all Cincinnatians, were injured.

Physicians at Good Samaritan Hospital said nine-year-old Robert Donatillo, who received a fracture of the right leg when he was pinned under falling timber, and his mother, Mrs. Rose Donatillo, 34, with fractures and cuts on the face and head, were admitted.

LANCASTER, O.—(AP)—Roy Huffman, 34, was alive Monday, able to describe what it felt like to be struck by lightning.

Treated for his injuries at a

Burglars Get 'Crime Doesn't Pay' Lesson

NEW YORK—(AP)—Burglars who took a 300-lb. safe and a large cash register from Louis Gold-dolfe's bakery and hauled them three miles across Brooklyn to crack them got:

From the safe, \$5 in pennies; From the cash register, nothing.

IT'S THE PRINCIPLE

SIOUX CITY, Ia.—(UP)—A R. King said it was "a matter of principle" with him when he chose to spend 20 hours in jail rather than pay a \$3 fine for double parking. King told the court sententially: "Double parking is a common practice in Sioux City and very few offenders are ever tagged."

Springfield Seeking Full-Time Engineer

SPRINGFIELD—City Engineer Bill Cloyer said Monday that the city is receiving applications for the position of city engineer.

Present engineering work being done on a part-time basis. A new position will be filled August 1.

NEUMER GIVES

SALEM—(AP)—Attorney General George Neumer ruled today that the State Land Office has no authority to require permits for installation of water pipes or booms which extend the channels of rivers, sloughs or other navigable

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