

Army Cautions Ward Officials

Chicago, Jan. 4 (AP)—Officials of Montgomery Ward and Co. were warned today that any resistance to army occupation of the mail order firm's government-seized facilities in seven cities will be placed promptly before the special federal grand jury investigating the seizure.

U. S. District Attorney J. Albert Woll said he would not ask the grand jury, which was recessed today for any indictments at this time, but he added he would keep the case before it and would resume investigation promptly if the army reported any possible violations of federal laws by company officials.

Woll said the jury would reconvene tomorrow to weigh evidence gathered in its investigation and determine if additional witnesses should be called.

Jury Called

The jury was called to determine if the company's resistance constituted a violation of the Smith-Connally labor disputes act or a conspiracy against the United States government.

Maj. Gen. Joseph W. Byron, army manager of the seized properties, yesterday replaced the last of balking Ward officials who refused to recognize the validity of the government seizure.

The latest officials ousted were Lloyd Footner, general manager of the company's Chicago mail order department, and A. R. Wilkes, mail order house general manager at St. Paul, Minn. They were replaced by army officers.

Army in Control

The ousted put army men in control of all properties seized Dec. 28 to enforce war labor board directives on wages and maintenance of union membership.

Meanwhile, Sewell Avery, militant chairman of the firm's board of directors who has refused to recognize the government's right to seize the company's properties not engaged directly in war production, maintained an official silence, apparently waiting for the hearing Monday on the government's petition for a temporary

injunction restraining officials from interfering with army operation.

Logging Congress Dates Announced

Seaside, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—A record delegation of 1000 northwest loggers, including a large party from British Columbia, will attend the 35th annual Pacific logging congress here on Jan. 10 through Jan. 12.

Plans for meeting acute wartime machinery, and operation problems will take the spotlight during the four wartime meetings.

Included in the three-day schedule of the convention will be speeches by state and federal forestry officials and lumber leaders, according to A. Whisnant, Portland, the logging congress secretary.

Mayor W. B. Hollenbeck of Seaside will welcome the loggers during the opening session Wednesday.

Speakers at the Seaside conference will include James Wells of the Gilchrist Timber company, at Gilchrist.

Col. Chenoweth Visiting Family

Lt. Col. W. C. Chenoweth, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Chenoweth, Bend, is now visiting with his wife and children in Louisville, Ky., it has been learned here. A prisoner of the Japanese since the fall of Bataan, Colonel Chenoweth was rescued following the torpedoing of a prisoner-laden Japanese ship in the Philippines area.

Colonel Chenoweth was injured in the torpedoing of the vessel and is still under medical care.

Bend Sky Soldier Finishes Training

Fort Benning, Ga., Jan. 4—Pvt. Lowell Franks son of Mr. and Mrs. George Franks of Rt. 2, Bend, Ore., has won the right to wear "Wings and Boots" of the United States army paratroops. He has completed four weeks of jump training during which time he made five jumps, the last a tactical jump at night involving a combat problem on landing.

Rescue of Lt. Miller, Bend, From Under Guns of Nippons Related in New York Paper

Rescue of a Bend pilot, Lt. (j.g.) William Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Miller, Bend, from Jap-held land near Manila is graphically recounted in an article appearing in the New York Herald-Tribune of Dec. 26, 1944.

The Bend pilot, the article reveals, was shot down over Manila and crash landed on an islet off Corregidor. Rescue of Lt. Miller and his fellow fliers was effected by a speedy PT boat, which in turn was attacked by a Japanese plane.

The New York Herald-Tribune's account of the rescue of the Bend flier follows:

"Lt. (j.g.) William Miller, of Bend, Ore., and four other aviators who were shot down over Manila over a month ago were rescued on Dec. 24 when two PT boats raced through the Mindoro strait and came within sight of the Japanese garrison on Luzon to pick up to meet them in native bancas (canoes).

"A Japanese float plane overtook the speeding PT's at 11 a. m. when they were still 60 miles from the Mindoro beachhead and was shot down after its bombs fell between the two boats.

"Although missing for periods of from 23 to 93 days, the pilots never abandoned hope of being rescued. Miller ate snails and crabs on an islet off Corregidor for 16 days before he dared paddle over to the mainland of Luzon.

"Lt. Miller, piloting a Helicat in his first fighter sweep over Manila on Sept. 21, ran into heavy anti-aircraft fire. The plane's oil system was smashed. Miller crash-landed near an island south of Corregidor.

"Fishing Tackle Aids

"It's a good thing there was fishing tackle in the escape kit," he said. "I just about exhausted all the snails and crabs after the first week. It rained every day for 10 days and I was wet and cold and miserable. Fishing helped to keep my mind off the weather.

"I had no water cans, but rain filled the holes in the rocks and there was plenty of water until about the 12th day, when the sky cleared and a two-day drought

began. Holes were getting dry and I started praying for rain. Then it came down in soaking showers. I got wet and cold again, but it was better than going thirsty.

"Lt. Miller kept going. He didn't have much luck outsmarting the crabs. They ducked into holes before Lt. Miller could grab them.

"After 16 days Lt. Miller rowed over to the mainland and joined the other four aviators in the hills.

"The rescued men showed no traces of fatigue when the PT boats reached a safe harbor with them on Dec. 24. In fact, their last hour was the most hazardous of all.

"The PT boats, piloted by Lts. (j.g.) Eugene Johnson, of Spokane, Wash., and Robert Roth, a Minnesotan, picked up the aviators on northern Mindoro shortly after midnight. They raced south through the strait and were only an hour from Mangarin bay when the Japanese float plane overtook them.

"Evidently the Japanese pilot wasn't sure whether the boats were friendly or enemy. He circled twice while the navy gunners held their fire. Then he came at them, dropping bombs that narrowly missed both boats. He turned for a strafing run, but his guns barely opened up before he was caught in cross-fire from the PT boats. The plane crashed and sank just astern of the rear boat.

"Those rescued besides Miller were Lts. (j.g.) William S. Rising, 3rd, Brooklyn, N. Y.; J. M. Newsome, Hartsville, N. C.; Donald Dundery, Carson City, Nev., and Rising's gunner, J. W. Montgomery, Shelbyville, Ky., aviation radio man, second class."

Lt. Miller is now in the United States and last night telephoned to his parents from San Francisco, Calif.

During the 1940-43 period, the number of acres in the United States devoted to crops increased about 4 per cent, but the amount of commercial fertilizer used increased 36 per cent or over.

December Days Cool and Foggy

Not once this past month was zero weather recorded in Bend, but, nevertheless, the month provided some of the coolest and driest December weather ever recorded at the local weather station, always observed in charge reported today. The mean temperature for the month was 28.4 degrees, nearly four degrees under the 40-year normal. Only .72 inches of moisture, mostly in the form of snow, was recorded, providing for the station a December deficiency of 0.98 of an inch.

Not only was the month cool and dry, but foggy conditions prevailed for nearly two weeks. Fog was recorded on 13 different days, but most of this was listed as light, with a visibility greater than one-fourth of a mile. Low ceilings were general in the final two weeks of the month.

Highest temperature recorded in December was 52 degrees and lowest was five degrees, registered on two different nights. A total of five inches of snow fell in the month.

The maximum and minimum temperatures for the month follow:

	Max.	Min.
Dec. 1.....	42	30
Dec. 2.....	44	27
Dec. 3.....	39	26
Dec. 4.....	44	36
Dec. 5.....	52	34
Dec. 6.....	53	31
Dec. 7.....	53	28
Dec. 8.....	43	17
Dec. 9.....	40	20
Dec. 10.....	46	12
Dec. 11.....	23	12
Dec. 12.....	28	15
Dec. 13.....	39	5
Dec. 14.....	20	5
Dec. 15.....	32	10
Dec. 16.....	26	7
Dec. 17.....	39	13
Dec. 18.....	27	16
Dec. 19.....	45	23
Dec. 20.....	34	30
Dec. 21.....	46	25
Dec. 22.....	29	19
Dec. 23.....	28	17
Dec. 24.....	29	22
Dec. 25.....	29	20
Dec. 26.....	35	14
Dec. 27.....	43	20
Dec. 28.....	37	29
Dec. 29.....	36	16
Dec. 30.....	36	11
Dec. 31.....	36	28

Pacific Veteran Named Auditor

Portland, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—Maj. George M. Baldwin, a veteran of recent campaigns in New Guinea with the famous 41st "Subset" division, today assumed his new duties as county auditor for Multnomah county after being sworn in late Wednesday.

Major Baldwin received his discharge only a few hours before reporting to the courthouse to repeat the oath of office after Circuit Judge Ashby C. Dickson.

The new auditor received the legion of merit award from Gen. Douglas MacArthur while in the southwest Pacific. He was appointed by the county commission as the successor to Al Brown who was elected county clerk in November.

Young to Attend State Meeting

E. H. Young, farm labor assistant, is to attend a conference in Corvallis on January 9 and 10. The conference was called by J. R. Beck, state supervisor of emergency farm labor service.

Purpose of the Corvallis meeting will be to develop plans for the 1945 farm labor program in Oregon.

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Plea for More Nurses Made By Chairman of Red Cross

Miss Lucy Davison, recruitment nurse for Deschutes county, has received the following communication from Basil O'Connor, chairman of the national Red Cross:

The surgeon general of the army has again appealed to me to urge an immediate, maximum Red Cross effort to secure the 10,000 additional nurses which the army requested of us in October. Rapidly mounting casualties make it imperative that these nurses be procured at once or many of our wounded will be deprived of essential nursing care. Eleven army hospital units about to go overseas are being sent without any nurses. This is an unprecedented event in this war. The people of the country do not appreciate the extreme gravity of the situation and the efforts they can make to relieve it.

As the tempo and severity of the war increase, civilian nursing must be restricted more and more; it must be rationed intelligently. Military needs come first and they have increased greatly in recent months. In army general hospitals in the United States the patient load has more than doubled in the last nine months with no increase in nurses. Fortunately there are adequate numbers of nurses to meet military needs and essential civilian needs as well, provided our nursing resources are utilized with ingenuity.

To aid in this effort, I am enclosing a statement of 10 ways in which the public can release nurses for military service.

1. Work in a hospital in any type of housekeeping duties.
2. Remember hospital beds are at a premium. Defer a non-essential operation when your doctor asks you to do so.
3. Save the nurse's time at the hospital by asking for only necessary services.
4. Do not employ a special nurse except for critical illness. Use your local visiting nurse association or hourly nursing service for illness at home.
5. Become a U. S. cadet nurse, if you are eligible.
6. Become a Red Cross nurse aide, if there is a program in your community. If you are a trained aide, serve at least ten hours every week.
7. Learn how to take care of members of your own family. Take a Red Cross home nursing

course.

"8. Guard your own health. Don't take useless risks.

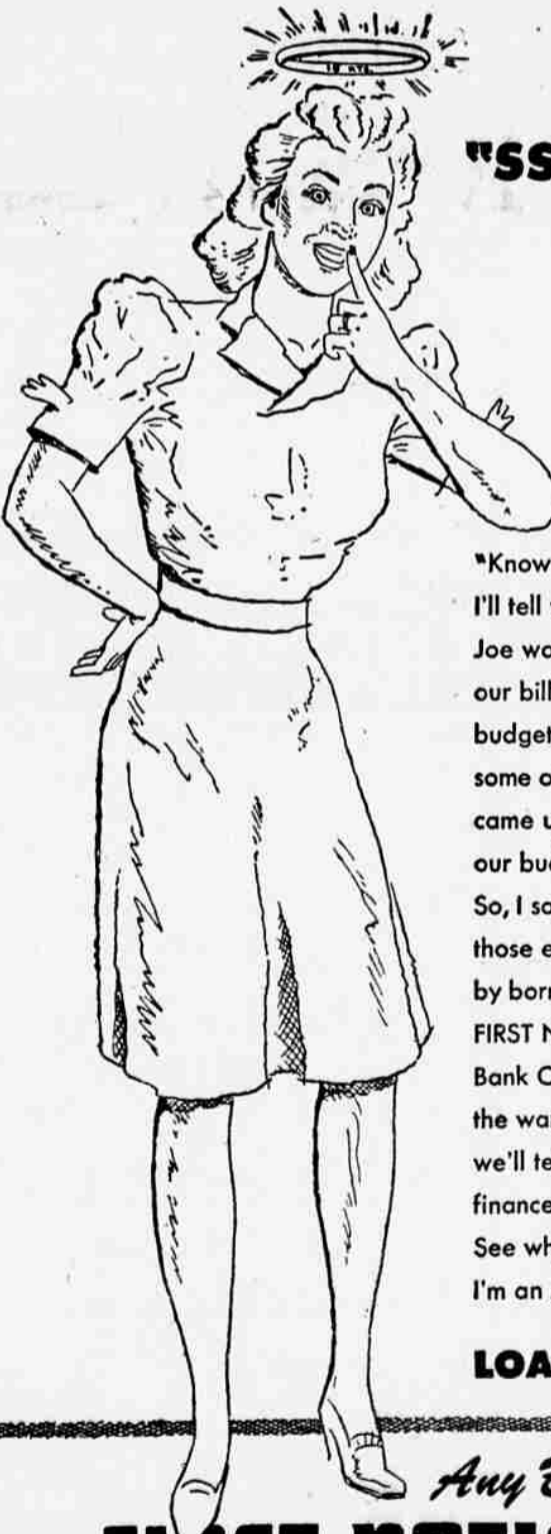
"9. Urge every nurse and retired nurse not eligible for military service to take an essential nursing job to fill up the ranks of the civilian front.

"10. Seek out every nurse classified as available for military service. Urge her to apply at once to the American Red Cross or to wire collect the surgeon general of the army."

River Hatchery Viewed Favorably

The use to which the proposed hatchery at Wizard Falls on the Metolus river will be put, has been outlined by Hugh C. Mitchell, chief aquaculturist for the Oregon state fish commission, in a report just completed. The report, which indicates that the fish commission views favorably the building of a hatchery at that site, said that the state would "develop and establish a blue back run, using Suttle lake as a spawning area and rearing area for fingerlings, as well as spring chinook."

Mitchell's report argues for the feeding of small salmon 14 months before they are released into the river for their trip to the Columbia, rather than the three or four months as practiced now.



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