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WRECKAGE OF RIVER FLOOD PASSES

COUNTY COURT LEVIES \$60,000 PENSION COSTS

Mandamus Proceedings To Old Age Benefits Dismissed by Court

Held Not Proper Form Of Procedure — Taxpayer May Enjoin

Mandamus proceedings instituted against the Adams county court by Heath Smith to enforce a levy to cover old age pensions were dismissed in circuit court here today by Judge L. H. McMahan on agreement between the county court and District Attorney W. H. Trindle. It was immediately announced that the county court has levied a \$60,000 tax to cover pensions for 1934. While it is conceded on estimates now made that to fully cover costs of pension in the county based on applicants who already have visited the court would require a levy of \$150,000 a year, the smaller sum was levied to ascertain the workability of the law. Court members stated that as far as Oregon is concerned they are pioneering in a new field with the old age pension and when time arrives for levying of the tax for 1935 the experience gained on a basis of this year's expenditures will give them solid ground to work on. It is estimated the \$60,000 levied for the (Concluded on page 11, column 5)

FLOODS MENACE ROAD TRAFFIC

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—Highway traffic in the Pacific northwest was hourly becoming more dangerous and uncertain as the storm and heavy rainfall continued.

The most serious situation was on the Pacific highway north to Seattle near Woodland where a dike burst and the Lewis river piled water two feet deep on the road, with indications the flood would grow deeper. Most automobiles can negotiate no more than 18 inches of water safely.

Points north may be reached over the lower Columbia highway to Rainier, crossing the Longview bridge, but falling rocks, small mud slides and water called for careful driving.

A scout car reported "rather tough going" between Portland and Rainier, with creeks running over the pavement.

West from Rainier on the lower Columbia highway Beaver creek was on a wild rampage with water tearing over the highway in three places with great force, threatening to carry small cars from the road.

A slide across the regular entrance to Astoria blocked the upper road, and one at the lower road forced one-way traffic. High tides closed the Astoria-Seaside route.

The Pacific highway south from Portland remained open but the danger of water over the road near Jefferson, Corvallis and Junction City was growing hourly. Suitable detours have been provided.

The upper Columbia river highway Wapinitia cutoff and roads leading to Tillamook were reported "O.K."

The road from Vernonia to Astoria was closed by a large slide ten miles west of Vernonia.

RELIEF VOTED FOR STATE COLLEGES

Olympia, Wash., Dec. 21 (AP)—Relief for University of Washington and Washington State college was provided in a bill introduced in the legislature today, appropriating \$421,540 for the two institutions.

The money was needed to enable the schools to complete the biennium ending March 31, 1935, the measure stated, as their incomes from taxes had been cut short by delinquencies.

On the heels of an unsuccessful attempt to override the governor's veto on the chain store tax in the senate Thursday, a measure was introduced in the house today setting up such a tax.

It would require all stores to be licensed yearly. The tax would be graduated, starting with \$2.50 for single stores, up to \$100 for each store above 75.

INSULT TOLD TO GO

Athens, Dec. 21 (AP)—The Greek government decided today that Samuil Insull, Sr., former Chicago utilities operator, must leave Greece January 31. The alien department notified him the government will make no further extension of Insull's permit to remain in this country from which the United States seeks to extradite him.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper
By DON UPJOHN
Great weather for ducks—
That is for ducks from one downtown stairway to another.

The shortest day of the year with the longest rain.

God pity the sailors at sea on a day like this—and incidentally the man who leaves his umbrella at home.

Gosh, what a lot of snow there must be at Table Rock to bring on all this moisture.

Yesterday we thought the St. Mary's football team must be in town—there was a gale at every corner.

But even the weather doesn't prevent the Elks from putting on the best show yet and don't forget there is another performance for charity by the same cast in the same show at the armory tonight—a grand show. And they are giving promise of being more scintillating than ever. We hope no member of the cast gets sore at us for using that word on 'em.

This is a strange old world. Herr Hitler ordering sterilization of 400,000 infant Germans and Herr Mussolini offering prizes for the largest families. Germany probably considers it a great compliment from Herr Hitler to be told it has 400,000 morons in its midst. That's what we'd call a Nazi dig.

VIOLETS BY THE YARD

Our little girl story about Marian Carson the other night has brought in a flood of kind stories. Among the best we think is one about Dan Fry, the junior juror. It happened after the late Mildred Roberts concert but time has neither warmed nor mellowed it. Members of the Fry family were discussing the cost of Miss Roberts' charmed and charming fiddle. One of them opined the rumor was around the violin cost \$10,000.

"When?" said the junior juror Fry. "If that violin cost \$10,000 how much would one of those big tall ones cost?" Of course, if we'd sprung that on our own hook folks would have considered it a bass viol story, but coming as it does it's different.

We have word from the prize beauties in the hosiery department at Miller's that hosiery for both left and right legs are again being featured in midday's sheet for this Christmas. We can't help but wonder what makes the difference. For instance, there's the Ripley story again, that the left ham of the hog is tender because he scratches himself with his right hoof. Which may or may not have any bearing on the need for right and left styles in hosiery. It's a thought worth pondering anyway.

And we have been asked a dozen times, how is it that Senator Fred E. Kiddle has become acting governor.

The answer is easy—
In paraphrase of the famous song, it's because "Julius doesn't live here any more."

TERRORISTS RENEW ACTIVITY IN CUBA

Havana, Cuba, Dec. 21 (AP)—Terrorist activities were resumed today when three trains were wrecked on the United Railways. A fireman was killed when a train was wrecked by unknown persons between Guaterrans and Manguito, province of Matanzas. Another train was derailed near Aguas, with one person killed. A relief train enroute to the second derailment also was wrecked.

At Santa Clara, a bomb was exploded in the railway station as an excursion train was leaving for Havana.

Peak Price of Gold Is Reported Today

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The R. F. C.'s offer for newly mined domestic gold was re-set today at \$34.98 an ounce. This quotation represented the fourth repetition of this peak figure, which was reached Monday.

Salem Police To Clamp Down On Beer and Wine Sale To Minors, Drunks

Salem police officers were today receiving instructions from Chief Frank Minto to start strict enforcement of all of the provisions of the state liquor law, now in full force and effect, that are subject to enforcement prior to the time the state liquor commission completes its organization, establishes its hard liquor stores, and sets up its administrative machinery for regulating and licensing the sale of beer and wine.

Particular stress was laid by the chief on those sections of the law forbidding:

Sale of any alcoholic beverage containing more than 15 per cent of alcohol to any person under the age of 21 years, either by the glass or in original containers. These include both beer and wine.

Sale of any alcoholic liquor to a drunken person.

LINER WRECKED ON ROCKS BUT CREW RESCUED

Passengers of Canadian National "Prince George" Escape in Boats

Vessel Abandoned With Holds Punctured Off Prince Rupert

Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21 (AP)—The Canadian press was advised by telephone today that the Canadian National liner Prince George, which struck on Vado rock in a snowstorm, was refloated early today and taken to Anxox Harbor, B. C.

Seattle, Dec. 21 (AP)—The crack Canadian National liner Prince George was abandoned by her crew shortly after it had been wrecked on Vado Rock in far northern British Columbia waters and its 12 passengers manned the lifeboats successfully.

Going ashore about 11 p.m. last night, frantic calls for immediate assistance were sent out, and within a short time the vessel's plight became serious. The passengers and part of the crew were ordered to the lifeboats.

With the weather not severe, the lifeboats found their way safely to Anxox, a mining center four miles away, radio messages picked up here said. The passengers' baggage was also safely landed.

"All passengers and baggage landed safely. Vessel punctured badly No. 1 and 2 holds. Do not expect to (Concluded on page 11, column 3)

PLAN WAR ON BOOTLEGGING

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—The administration today disclosed that a rush of foreign liquors into the United States had brought a majority of the import quotas near exhaustion, and at the same time moved to combat domestically what Attorney General Cummings described as "a rather wholesale plan to violate internal revenue laws on liquor."

The attorney general told newsmen the entire force of 1,170 prohibition agents will be deputized by the internal revenue bureau to prevent bootlegging and other illegal liquor operations.

Joseph H. Choate, Jr., alcohol control administrator, announced that both France and Portugal had exhausted the liquor import quotas allotted them and that other foreign quotas were nearing that point.

The French commercial attaché, Maurice Garreau-Dombasle, renewed his effort to have his country's quota increased in a conference with state department officials.

He sought to break the impasse that arose when France agreed to increase its quota on American apples, pears, ham and lard in exchange for enlarged wine imports, but at the same time hoisted its tariff rates on these products.

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Draft Salem Beer on Sale for Christmas

Hold everything!
Santa Claus is due Sunday night, Christmas and after that the New Year.

But before all that comes Salem beer.

Announcement is made that the long delayed beverage will be on draught in various Salem dispensaries tomorrow. Over a long period the first brew in the newly remodeled brewery has been lying in the vats and passing through the processes required to give it just the right age to be at its most palatable stage.

Frank Schmidt, in charge of the brewing processes, announced when the beer went into the vats that none would come out of them until the proper time elapsed for the brew to be in prime condition.

The brewery announces at the same time no bottled beer from the Salem Brewery will be available until March 1, 1934.

HITLER ACTS TO UNIFY CHURCHES

Berlin, Dec. 21 (AP)—Reichsbishop Ludwig Mueller today ordered the dissolution of the Evangelical Youth organization and turned the membership over to the leadership of Baron Von Schirach, leader of the Hitler Youth movement.

Baron Von Schirach is an exponent of the Germanic cult movement which would establish a single church—neither protestant nor Catholic—in Germany.

Reichsbishop Mueller's action was a direct answer to an ultimatum by the Evangelical Youth leaders who told him yesterday he must reform the protestant church cabinet by next Saturday or lose their confidence.

Von Schirach assumed authority at once, immediately removed Herr Stange, the chief leader of the protestant youth, from office, and informed him he also had requested the Nazi party to strike his name from the membership roll, asserting he "had tried to sabotage the unity of German youth desired by Chancellor Hitler."

The reichsbishop himself telegraphed Hitler, informing him that his act enabled the protestant youth movement to apply itself to a unified upbringing of the entire German youth. He concluded his message:

"May God bless this hour for our people and church. May God let his mighty word become powerful in the national socialist education of future generations."

LOWELL SPURNS FILM CODE JOB

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Dr. A. Lawrence Lowell, president emeritus of Harvard university, has written to Hugh S. Johnson declining appointment as a presidential member of the motion picture industry code authority under NRA.

Johnson in reply explained in full detail the opportunities which he believed existed for constructive work in the post, urging Lowell to change his mind.

The educator's objections were understood to be based principally on the fact that presidential members have no vote on the authority and serve only in an advisory capacity. Lowell was invited to watch particularly the operation of code provisions designed to insure moral standards in the industry, a question in which he had long been interested.

It was known that President Roosevelt, who tendered the appointment to Lowell, was desirous that he should change his mind.

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SPIES HELD TO BE IN EMPLOY OF GERMANY

Paris, Dec. 21 (AP)—Robert Switz, American citizen, said today he was innocent of connection with a gang of alleged international spies, despite the accusation of French police, who have arrested him as a leader, and was "the victim of an error."

Paris, Dec. 21 (AP)—Shadows of Germany's reputedly master spy system were seen by police today behind the operations of a mysterious band of forty spies in whose alleged network two Americans were caught.

With ten persons under arrest and the investigation broadening outside the borders of France, fears were expressed by authorities that highly valuable documents containing French military secrets already had left the country.

Threads of evidence leading to Berlin were declared to have been indicated in the huge mass of confiscated documents studied by the investigating magistrate.

The discovery of communist documents among the many papers and books seized caused police to believe at first that Soviet espionage was involved chiefly, but as the investigation sped forward today officials conjectured it might have been part of the plan to allow such documents to be found.

With these developments, police also said they thought Mr. and Mrs. (Concluded on page 11, column 3)

M'NARY FORMS PARTY POLICIES

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—Republican leaders weighed today the prospects of formulating a legislative program for the coming congress.

Indications were, however, that they would watch in the background for a time, awaiting any manifestation of a break in democratic harmony before voicing strident opposition to administration policies.

The attitude the party might assume in congress was given a thorough analysis yesterday when six well-known republicans held conferences here. Ogden Mills, former secretary of the treasury, and Walter E. Edge, former senator from New Jersey and ambassador to France, talked policy with Senator McNary of Oregon, party leader in the senate. Later, McNary was a luncheon guest of Edge, along with Senators Reed of Pennsylvania and Walcott of Connecticut and Frederick M. Sackett, former senator from Kentucky and ambassador to Germany.

McNary would like to unite party factions on a single line of action.

FIRE BREAKS OUT IN WHITE HOUSE

Washington, Dec. 21 (AP)—A fire broke out in the wastepaper room in the White House executive office today but was quickly extinguished without any damage.

It is an inside room, without light, in the cellar of the executive offices—which were damaged by flames several years ago at Christmas time.

A fire detector system started today's alarm and a White House policeman put out the blaze without the necessity of calling fire apparatus.

Smoke fumes from the fire, however, spread throughout the executive office.

President Roosevelt was not present at the time of the slight blaze.

Sir Henry Dickens Dies From Injuries

London, Dec. 21 (AP)—Sir Henry Dickens, 85, son of the novelist, Charles Dickens, died today from injuries received several days ago when he was hit by a motorcycle on the Chelsea embankment.

With Sir Henry's death disappeared the last direct link with the creator of Oliver Twist, Pickwick, and all the other famous Dickens characters.

Sir Henry made his fame in the profession his father detested—law. He was the novelist's sixth son. He was knighted in 1922 during his distinguished career at old Bailey, London's famous criminal court.

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RIVER DIKE BREAK MENACING KELSO AND OTHER AREAS

Lewis River Dike Goes and Cowlitz Follows; 200 Homes Under Rising Flood at Woodland; Succession of Storms Continue Downpour; Gales Sweep Coastline

Kelso, Wash., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Cowlitz county which suffered disastrous floods last summer and last week, faced the most menacing situation in years today when the Lewis river dike broke and the Cowlitz river dike threatening to give way in many places. More than 200 homes and thousands of acres in and near Woodland, were inundated this morning, hundreds were driven to seek quick safety and property losses were running into hundreds of thousands. So rapid was the rise of the water and so swift the current that many families were unable to save even personal belongings.

At the same time another dike south of the town, built against waters of the Lewis and Columbia rivers was threatening to give way and 60 men were feverishly sand-bagging it at noon.

In Castle Rock, the south end of which has been inundated for a week, all available men were attempting to keep the dike from breaking at the north end of the town and flooding the entire city.

The Cowlitz river had risen four and one half feet here during the night and stood at the 23-foot (Concluded on page 10, column 7)

50 MILE GALE HITS ASTORIA

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—While a 50-mile gale blasted the coastline and stirred up tremendous seas at the river mouth, shipping held closely to the safety of the harbor here today. A half dozen vessels were awaiting an opportunity to move out to sea.

The gale was so intense that no further attempt was made to remove the steamship Charles L. Wheeler, Jr., aground on Sand Island north of the river entrance.

Word reached Astoria today that residents of the Arch Cape section of Cannon Beach have been marooned since last Sunday, and that persons living at Silver Point have been forced to wade up to their waists to reach Cannon Beach stores for supplies.

First reports from Puget Sound since Sunday said five houses have been damaged by falling trees, that the central parts of the island are flooded to great depth, and that there has been no electric service all week.

The lower Columbia highway was reported clear again today, and the Oregon Coast highway was passable as far south as Tillamook.

BIDS OPENED FOR FOREST HIGHWAYS

Portland, Dec. 21 (AP)—The federal bureau of public works today opened bids for the opening of 32.5 miles of the Oregon Coast highway from Waldport to the Umpqua river in Lane and Douglas counties, and for clearing 27 miles of the Willamette highway from McCredie Springs westward in Lane county.

F. J. Kernan of Philomath was low on the Coast highway work with a bid of \$78,690. The Northwest Roads company of Portland bid \$80,105, and A. Milne of Portland \$8,640.

For the Willamette highway work, Heller and Gillgannon of Portland bid low at \$11,170; Smith, Erickson and Smith of Naches, Wash., bid \$11,700, and E. L. Gates of Medford bid \$12,560.

Absentee Government As Practised By Meier Denounced by Holman

Sharp criticism of Governor Meier's prolonged absences from his office here and the manner in which some board of control contracts are awarded was made by State Treasurer Rufus C. Holman today. Commenting on an intended agreement between the state of Oregon and John H. Davis, a partnership, and the Salem Lumber mills, a corporation, already signed by Governor Meier Secretary of State Hal Hoss and State Purchasing Agent William Einzig, Holman gave the United Press the following exclusive written statement:

"Yesterday there was put on my desk for my signature, without opportunity for conference with other members of the board of control, a contract signed by Governor Meier and the secretary of state obligating the state to deliver about \$15,000 worth of flax, under a complicated and indefinite agreement, to the Salem Lumber mills, which already is indebted to the state in past due accounts of approximately \$13,000, by what legal authority I do not know.

"This is but a sampling of how the state business is drifting along on account of the absenteeism of the governor.

"Even now, the papers inform us Julius L. Meier has again departed for another vacation in San Francisco, where he has spent prolonged periods several times since he has taken the oath to be governor of Oregon. However, since his absence (Concluded on page 11, column 4)

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WILLAMETTE PASSES PEAK SLOWLY FALLS

Rainfall Records for December Broken With Over 13 Inches So Far

Streams Bank Full, Lowlands Flooded But Little Damage Follows

Driven by a renewed windstorm sweeping in from the Pacific rain continued to fall over the Salem district today and had boosted the precipitation record for December more than two inches beyond the all-time record set in 1895, and the month still has 10 days to run.

One and three-hundredths inches of rain during the 24 hours ending at 7 o'clock this morning brought the 20-day total up to slightly in excess of 13 inches.

While small streams draining the saturated flat lands and foothills were running full everywhere, in many places spreading far out of their banks, the danger of serious flood conditions was believed past. The Willamette river here, after reaching a peak of 16.5 feet late yesterday, had dropped to 16.2 feet this morning and continued to recede slowly.

Reports from Jefferson said the Santiam was falling slightly, and (Concluded on page 11, column 7)

FIND VACCINE FOR PARALYSIS

New York, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The World Telegram says an immunizing vaccine has been developed which gives concrete grounds to believe that science is on the verge of conquering infantile paralysis.

The vaccine, aimed at the disease which is responsible for more than half of the nation's crippling, is the result of experimentation in the laboratories of the Long Island College of Medicine infantile paralysis commission.

It has proved effective in immunizing three-fourths of the animals tested—a ratio fully as high as that of standard vaccines, such as that used against diphtheria.

Discovery of the vaccine was announced in a paper read at the Academy of Medicine, by Dr. Sidney David Kramer.

"We have reason to expect," he said today, "that this vaccine will be effective in human beings."

Much remains to be done, Dr. Kramer warned, before infantile paralysis vaccine is available for general use. How quickly the work can be completed depends to a great extent on the availability of funds.

ARCHITECTS VIEW COURT HOUSE PLANS

Messrs. Knighton and Howell of the firm of Knighton & Howell Portland architects, spent a good share of the day today going over the courthouse, and also discussing with Salem citizens ideas as to the remodeling of that structure which has been tentatively approved as a civil works project.

The architects started at the top floor and worked down, taking measurements and in other ways gathering details as to the work of getting the building and getting in readiness to replace the interior with entirely new construction.

Date was made with the county court for a conference late this afternoon when the architects and court members will swap their ideas as to how to proceed in framing plans. Local architects, it is understood, will also sit in.

WEE CARMEN BABY FAILS TO SURVIVE

Findlay, Ohio, Dec. 21 (AP)—The tiny daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carmen—her only name was "Doll Baby"—is dead.

She weighed just 20 ounces when she was born last Saturday night, four months before she was expected, and for the first two hours after her arrival it appeared she was not alive.

A faint cry sounding from the kitchen table where the doctor had placed her apparently lifeless body heralded the beginning of her four days of life, and she was bundled into a little basket beside the family's old-fashioned coal stove.

"The 'Doll Baby' was blond and blue eyed, 14 inches long, and very thin. Her parents, each 19, are of about average size.