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News Behind The News

By Paul Mallon

Washington, Dec. 19—You could see a wholly different business attitude toward the administration on the inside of that White Sulphur Springs meeting of industrial managers.



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There was no whipped criticism of Presidents Roosevelt or his policies, but only a genuine and somewhat meek desire to work things out amicably.

Results—What the effort will amount to remains to be seen. The real reason that the meeting was called was to create unity among the white shirts. The U. S. chamber of commerce was always saying business wanted one thing, while the National Association of Manufacturers frequently asserted it wanted something else.

The administration has often told business representatives privately that it could not do very much for business until business agreed on what it wanted.

The new cooperative organization is supposed to keep the new deal advised on what business needs from the government. In that respect, it will probably work out very well.

Rivalry—There was a lot of inside sparring at the start of the meeting between the chamber of commerce and the manufacturers' association. Both wanted to get control of the key positions.

The manufacturers' crowd is younger and more militant. The chamber group favored a liaison with the new deal, all right, but it did not care to move as far or as eagerly as the manufacturers.

The manufacturers thought they walked off with the show when they got seven of the nine key committee chairmen. However, this coup was not as sweeping as the figures indicate because some of the seven are also members of the chamber, although their first love is supposed to be for the manufacturers.

Five of the seven are officials of the N.A.M. The rivalry really did not go very far outside of the officers of both organizations. The delegates did not seem to care much about it.

There may be some trouble on that score later, but no one believes it will interfere with the new cooperative effort.

Tactics—This new business spirit does not mean that the business organizations have changed their economic policies and embraced Mr. Roosevelt's. The manufacturers started the move for the conference and have a fixed program which does not jibe with the new deal. They want a balanced budget, dollar stabilization, no government competition with private industry, reduced relief, outlawing of sympathetic strikes, and abandonment of the majority rule of unions.

The change merely means they are going to try to get these things by cooperating with the new deal rather than fighting it.

Whooping—The new deal is trying to whoop up the business advisory and planning council and make it the really representative and influential liaison agency.

It is composed of about the same crowd that met at White Sulphur.

but business men do not like it very much because they believe it is under the thumb of Commerce Secretary Roper. However, the head of it, H. P. Kendall, Boston textile manufacturer, conferred with Mr. Roosevelt a few days ago on arrangements to step up its activities. The council has been meeting every two months, but henceforth will meet monthly. The executive committee will meet every two weeks.

Challenge—The extent to which NRA is being challenged in the courts these days is shown by a private check-up from the files of its litigation division. In the past six weeks, more than 200 NRA cases have been docketed for legal action.

Another, a total of 874 cases have been docketed since NRA began. Of this number, 483 have been referred to the justice department. There are 152 cases now pending in courts.

Virtually all these cases result from efforts of NRA to get compliance with codes or administrative orders under them.

Notes—The census bureau has completed a survey showing that one-fourth of the factory wage earners of the country are in 11 counties.

A total of 11,700 banks have signed up with the housing administration, but only 3,867 have actually made loans.

The supreme court discovered only one error in the oil code, but there were two. The word "organize" was left out of the labor section, which took the heart out of it. The omission has now been corrected.

An international plan to make war profitable was brought up behind the scenes at Geneva several years ago. It was promptly squashed by the European powers and nothing about it has even been published.

The first time the new deal ever called itself Santa Claus was an announcement December 12, from the emergency relief administration. The announcement said the FERA would play Santa Claus for poor children, handing out rag dolls and toys.

MICKEY MOUSE CLUB GETS XMAS PROGRAM

The Mickey Mouse club matinee at the Elanore Saturday will feature a special Christmas program.

It will include Dean Arnsper, Marie Stutesman, Helen Yuna, Barbara Duncan, Marjory Weam, Evangeline Burleson, Curt Williams, Cora Edgell, and the pupils of Barbara Barnes School of Dancing.

The special feature "Madison Square Garden" with Jack Oakie, portrays the "lowdown" on sports. The rest of the program will include chapter six of "Talisin Tommy," and the regular feature "Big Hearted Herbert" with Hugh Herbert and Aline McMahon, which is truly a laugh riot.

Mill City Masons Select Officers

Mill City—The Masonic lodge selected officers to serve during 1935 at a meeting held Monday night. They were: W. T. Chesnut, worshipful master; Chester Arthur, senior warden; Lloyd Dunivan, junior warden; D. B. Hill, treasurer; and A. A. Holthaus, secretary.

A joint installation of officers of the Order of Eastern Star and Masons will be held at I.O.O.F. hall Friday night, December 21, preceded by a dinner for members and their families.

Seco—Installation of the newly-elected officers of the Seco Rebekah Lodge is scheduled to take place on the night of January 2.

Dagmar's Adventures in Santa Claus Land

BY SIGRID ARNE



Then up stepped a sturdy looking gnome who works at Santa's forge.

SYNOPSIS: Dagmar, a doll and a tin soldier have returned to Santa's land after being imprisoned by the mole king. They are accompanied by their friend, a earth-worm. They all are trying to stop the mole king from ruining Santa's little trees.

CHAPTER XI The Gnome

When Dagmar and the tin soldier returned to the tophop everyone was so excited they all gathered round the two dolls. Of course, Santa had to hear the whole story. And the fairies who make all the dolls were so delighted over the little royal mole baby they made a special cry for him and brought him warm milk and cookies. He didn't whimper one little whimper. He seemed to enjoy himself.

Santa's eyes fairly bulged when he heard what the dolls had done, and what had ruined his beautiful holly trees where all our Christmas wreaths grow.

Mrs. Santa held Dagmar and the tin soldier on her lap, and rocked them until they weren't tired any more. And the earth-worm sat very straight on a footstool near Santa's chair.

"Well," said Santa, when he heard the whole story. "We mustn't worry the queen mole about her baby. We must send her a message and tell her where the baby is. And we must ask the king mole what can be done about the holly trees. But whom can we send? I won't permit any dolls down there. It is too dangerous."

Then up stepped a sturdy looking gnome who works at Santa's forge. He is the one who fits all the wheels on the toy autos, and trains we receive on Christmas.

"If you'll pardon me," he said, whipping off his nut-brown cap, "I'd like to go. The mole army's had people. I knew them long ago when I lived in the roof of an oak tree. We hunted food together."

"They're only angry because the holly roots are ruining their home. Maybe we can come to some agreement."

"Fine," said Santa, "and you're right about their home. I'll go down then," said the gnome.

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Miss Addie Libby; duet, "Away In a Manger." Richard Van Winkle and Jean Mary Redmond; recitation, "Christmas Eve." Patricia Parrish; "Silent Night," hymn and pantomime; reading, "Unawares." Mr. Clark; solo, "The Holy City." Gilbert Spragg; recitation, "Star of the East." Jean Mary Redmond; "O Little Town of Bethlehem," solo and pantomime; offering; closing hymn, "Joy to the World."

Jefferson—The Evangelical Sunday school will present the following Christmas program at the church Sunday morning: Song, "Joy to the World;" devotions, "Primary girls; recitation, "The Christ Child;" Donald Lake; exercise, "Shining;" primary children; song, "Shine Little Star of Heaven;" junior girls; pantomime, "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear;" "Pageant of Giving," by Sunday school.

Jefferson—Members of the Christian church and Sunday school are sponsoring a Christmas program and tree at the church Sunday evening. There will be two short plays and special music. Treats for the children will be given out.

KINGSTON HOLIDAY PROGRAM SATURDAY

Stayton—The Kingston community club will hold its annual Christmas entertainment Saturday. A one act comedy play, "Her Christmas Hat," will be presented by several young people of the community. The cast includes: Warren Williams, Alie Brand, Kitty Williams, Alie Brand, Marie Laura Lacey, Marion Feltz, Maslinis Goodin, Ralph Standley, Janice of the apartment house, Mrs. Goodin, Louise Gassner, Eddie, Clinton Standley, Aunt Minerva, Venie Feltz, the Williams' aunt from Niagara, Hard Times Anne, Delilah Titus, a poor beaver woman, Hogan, Charlie Gassner.

ALL ENJOY PARTY SANTA LOSES PANTS

Saratoga, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—A good time was had by all the other night at the Rebekah lodge Christmas party—that is, by all except Santa Claus. He lost his pants.

Santa—otherwise the dignified Judge Martin B. Cain—jingled into the hall with a flourish that snapped the string of his red breeches. But his long white beard cut off sight of the tragedy from his eyes.

The audience cheered appreciatively and Santa bowed some more—it was just a personal triumph. The pants bowed some more, too. In fact, they had bowed down around Santa's ankles when Mrs. Santa dashed to the rescue and re-panted him.

JEFFERSON CHURCHES PREPARE PROGRAMS

Jefferson—The Sunday school of the Methodist church will present the following Christmas program at the church Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock:

Prelude, violin-piano, Mrs. Lincoln Waterman and Mrs. J. O. Van Winkle; scripture, Rosalie Pulliam; invocation, Rev. Harvey De Vries; hymn, "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear;" introduction to story, Roberta Roberts; scripture reading.

CRUICKSHANK POCKETS COIN

Nassau, Bahamas, Dec. 21 (AP)—Little Bobby Cruickshank counted consistency the rarest of golfing virtues today as he pocketed first prize money in the \$5000 British Colonial open tournament. He won with a 72-hole score of 267.

The Richmond, Va., professional, put together four cards that did not vary more than two strokes and made them return \$500.

Not until the last green did he shake off the bid of young Tony Butler, of Harlingen, Texas, who started the last nine holes five up on the eventual winner, only to "blow" his chances. Butler finished a stroke behind Cruickshank, and Leo Mallory of Noroton, Conn., another youngster, shot a 269 for third place.

Butler won \$250; Mallory \$250. Falls City—The holiday vacation for the local schools will start December 22 and extend until January 2.

PHOENIX HOSIERY with CUSTOM-FIT TOP. DON'T BE THAT WAY THIS CHRISTMAS. No need to tear your hair. Give Phoenix Hosiery! "Gadabout" duShers—a beautifully sheer Shad-owless Phoenix hose—is sure to please her. Has that expensive look that only genuine twist hose have. \$1.35 SHIPLEY'S

Fat Pickings

According to official records the council's merry-go-round on the water issue has cost the city of Salem \$18,407.37 of taxpayers' money with part of the costs not yet in. And there is nothing to show for it.

Arbitration proceedings, abandoned at the eleventh hour have cost \$3193.22 with from \$500 to \$1000 still owed. And condemnation proceedings will probably cost more than the \$20,000 already wasted, entail endless delay, with only lawyers and engineers profiting.

Walter C. Winslow, who has been retained as special counsel to assist the city attorney in condemnation proceedings is to receive \$100 a day for his time while working in the trial and \$50 a day for his services in preparing the case, and keep his own time. Engineering experts will have to be paid at least \$50 a day and other witnesses varying amounts, while court, travel and other expenses will swell the total.

Arbitration proceedings occupied 75 days and extension of time, needed to complete the findings was refused. Condemnation proceedings will require even longer time for most of the expert witnesses will have to spend as much time as the arbiters in studying the plant to be qualified to pass on its value for testimony.

Small wonder the lawyers and engineers prefer condemnation proceedings—its fat pickings for them.

Educating Adults

"Adult education will become a regular feature of the public school system throughout the country within the next decade," says Dr. Lyman Bryson, professor of education at Teachers' College, Columbia university as quoted in the New York Times.

All of which is a tacit admission of the failure of the public educational system in America. If youth were properly schooled, the necessity for sending adults to school would not exist.

The Columbia Teacher's college has done much to determine the trend of public education in America for the past twenty years, during which time schools have become the costliest department of government. Besides the schools, army and navy and even veteran costs are trifling, yet despite the enormous and increasing outlay, education has apparently failed to accomplish its purpose and we are advised we must reeducate the adults, who have already graduated from educational mills.

If adults must be educated anew, it should be at their own expense, not the public's. But the answer logically is to reform our public school system so that children will be grounded at least in the fundamentals as their fathers were, instead of wasting time on frills and foibles.

Hazards of the Air

Crash of the giant American built Royal Dutch air liner "Univer," its burning and wreckage, with its seven occupants killed in a desert thunderstorm in Iraq emphasizes the hazards of the elements in aerial navigation and the impossibility of ever surmounting them. They constitute risks that cannot be eliminated.

The "Univer" was the last word in airplanes. Only recently it won laurels in the England to Melbourne air derby. It was fool proof and as safe as a plane can be and its pilots were distinguished aviators. But it was helpless before a sudden storm that the desert bred without warning.

It is surmized that the liner was struck by lightning which seems probable for an all metal plane flitting between clouds must attract lightning just as the metal mast on the Empire building does. The only safeguard is to refuse flight when storms impend, or to land when encountered. This is possible in a settled region where weather records are available and landing fields abound, but impossible on the mountainous deserts where there are neither weather bureaus nor landing places.

Highway Progress

Prospects of early completion of both Santiam highways are advanced by the allocation of \$125,000 to each the North and South routes from federal forest funds by the state highway commission and forest officials. The allotment must be approved by the secretary of agriculture to whom the recommendations are forwarded.

The \$125,000 to North Santiam will nearly cover grading costs in the section remaining between the end of the present work and the junction with the South Santiam. Clearing of the route was completed this year.

Some work is being done in clearing the right-of-way for the new route at Niagara by the transient workers at Camp Santiam and there is every likelihood that the next two years will see the completion of the North Santiam highway for winter as well as summer use.

PENSION CLUB MEETS

West Stayton—A good program was given Tuesday night at the regular meeting of the Townsend old age club. It included a reading by Henry Crane, harmonica number, Bonnie and Lawrence Crane; reading, Mrs. Royce, Jack Sprinkle; guitar solo, vocal solo, Marie Crane, harmonica, Mr. Spies, accompanied by Glen on the piano, harmonica, Mr. Shleman. Pies were sold to defray expenses of the club.

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