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Two Ambassadors

Two of America's new ambassadors have simultaneously arrived by clipper in Europe, Admiral Leahy, envoy to France, and Harry Hopkins, personal envoy of President Roosevelt to Great Britain, though whether he is to play the role of a Colonel House is unknown. Apparently he will fill the gap until the selection of an ambassador to succeed Joe Kennedy.

There is a remarkable contrast between these two envoys. Leahy's appointment was a very fine one—he, like Marshal Petain, is a fighter and both speak the same language. His job is to encourage the Vichy government to defy concessions to Hitler, oppose nazi violators of Armistice terms and connive with de Gaulle and Weygand to have the French fleet rebel and the colonial armies aid Britain in cleaning up Mussolini and open the way for invasion of German held territory.

Hopkins' appointment is one of the surprises Roosevelt likes to spring in breaking precedents. He has no training or experience in diplomacy or in foreign affairs, is a professional welfare worker and uplifter, and as WPA administrator the world's greatest spender of other people's money, but politically minded enough to use his office to deliver the votes of millions on the relief rolls. His rotten record resulted in his being kicked upstairs to head the commerce department though he knew nothing of business and illness prevented his functioning—but he is still a palace favorite. He is therefore a logical representative of the president but not of the nation—which needs an envoy comparable in ability with Lord Halifax or the late Lord Lothian.

Talking Road Sense

The action of the new county court in opening oiled roads to log trucks, within certain weight and speed limitations, is supported by logic that cannot be reasonably contested, in that it is absurd to impair the general utility of a road by "improving" it.

There are times, of course, when weather conditions justify the barring of log trucks and other heavy vehicles from certain improved or unimproved roads to protect them from unreasonable damage, and this applies to any highway built and maintained by public funds. Emergencies will arise which make it necessary to limit traffic or even close certain particular roads for a time.

But it is not logical to reduce the utility of an all-purpose road by spending public funds to surface it with a pavement that will not carry normal traffic.

The trouble with most county roads that have been oiled in the past is that the money spent has been spread out too thinly in order to get mileage. Properly and heavily enough constructed on a well drained foundation, oiled or bituminous macadam roads will withstand the pounding as well or better than any type of pavement comparable in cost, and the more they are patched the stronger they get.

But road improvements should be designed to meet the demands of the traffic utilizing that road within reasonable limits, not to impair its utility. It will require courage on the part of the court, but oiling operations should be confined each year to the mileage that can be constructed properly with the funds available.

Machine Efficiency

The increase in machine efficiency and in the productivity of labor since the last war has more than doubled production per man-hour according to data compiled by the federal conference board. The index is computed from production figures from the federal reserve board, number of wage earners from the bureau of labor statistics and from hours of employment weekly by the bureau.

Computed on a 1900 base as 100, man-hour production in 1916 was 157, in 1917 was 147, in 1918 was 145 and in 1919 was 136. For 1939 it was 325 and, although computations for 1940 have not been completed, it is believed that the figure will be in the neighborhood of 330.

The downward trend during the world war was the single exception to a steady rise since 1900, and it is attributed to the fact that the draft in the last war lacked the selectivity now being used, with the results that the percentage of unskilled workers rose sharply. Another factor was the widespread use of overtime, bringing into play the old law of diminishing returns.

While there may be some let down in man-hour production during the defense effort, the reduction is not expected to be great, for the advance in techniques for controlling flow of work and other phases of scientific management has been considerable since the world war.

Preachers Protest Pacifism

Few of the clergy approve the draft evading tactics of the Portland preacher who pleaded guilty to law breaking as a "conscientious objector" and was sentenced to a federal prison road camp to build military roads at Camp Lewis. Indeed a number of Oregon ministers have written to the state selective service director protesting being placed in a preferred class under the draft law and asking congress to change the law so that a minister will be treated the same as anyone else.

Along the same lines are the remarks of Major E. Raymond Attebury, chaplain of the 146th Artillery at Camp Murray, former pastor of a Seattle Methodist church, who paid his respects to pacifists and their propaganda against war in the following:

"If a society teaches that nothing is worth war, then it has prepared the eventual death of that society. . . . You don't realize how far you've destroyed the soul of America by the continuous, insidious propaganda in the schools that nothing is worth war. We've lost the belief that there's something for which we can die young and live immortally and, if we don't recover it, tomorrow will find us a subject people."

Here speaks the church militant, which believes that war is necessary against the forces of evil—and that if we do not fight for the right as it is given us to see it, evil will triumph.

Humiliating Moments

By Beck



Sips for Supper

By Don Upjohn

We Keep Up with the Times

By coincidence, we happened to encounter on the street today none other but Joe Marlin, who has just completed 48 years of service with the water company and its successor, the water commission. We've known Joe for 30 years, but he seemed to look younger than usual as we sized him up. We knew we hadn't seen him for a while, but got the surprise of our life after we noticed that what seemed to make

Joe look so young was the absence of a mustache. "The last time we met you, Joe, you had a fine bushy mustache and now it's gone," we remarked. "Maybe that's what makes you look so young. When did you cut it off?" "Oh, about 15 years ago," remarked Joe, and we left muttering down our chin.

Other Absent-Minded People

Liberty, Mo. (AP)—Miss Elizabeth Hansen, fellow faculty member at William Jewell college with Chester L. Prince—the professor who nailed himself in his attic—tells this on her mother: Mrs. J. P. Hansen entered the chicken house on her farm near Linden, Mo.—and the door locked behind her. Then she—Pulled out the nails holding the only window, and climbed out. Decided to nail up the window again. Climbed back in and nailed it. Repeated the process—but this time remembered to unlock the door while outside.

Ted Gordon, the big oil, grease and service station magnate, is his own foot doctor and has a special system. Ted remarked yesterday that he'd had a lot of trouble with one foot and it got to hurting him so bad he could hardly navigate on a same. But, he said, it's all well now. We opined we'd like to know how he did it and Ted said the remedy was simple enough. "I just started thinking about my well foot all the time and forgetting about the sore one. It took some time thinking but it worked," said Ted. Then all of a sudden he let out a yell. "What's the matter?" we asked solemnly. "Gosh," answered Ted, "when I got to thinking about that sore foot I got to thinking about it again, and the doggone thing sure hurt."

Big News of 1941 for Kids

Newark, N. J. (AP)—Attention youngsters: "There will be a serious shortage of spinach in the United States in 1942," Harm Drewes, plant breeding expert, told a meeting of vegetable growers from eight northern New Jersey counties, sponsored by the agricultural extension service. He said 90 percent of spinach seed used in this country in the past had been imported from Holland, and the supply was cut off by the German invasion of the low countries. Seed grown in the state of Washington and the east is insufficient to meet the demand, Drewes said. Increased use of beet greens, mustard greens, Italian dandelion and lettuce was forecast by him as a probable result.

Better Than Brickbats

Silverton—That spring is just around the corner was evidenced on Welch street Tuesday, January 7, when Mrs. Ethel Bock presented the Capital Journal office force with a lovely bouquet of snowdrops that bloomed in her yard.



Bulgaria In The Squeeze—Bulgaria, hemmed in between German armies massed in Rumania (1), and Turkish troops concentrated on her Thracian border (2), was reported to have centered her own soldiers on the border facing the Turks (2). If the Nazis enter Bulgaria from the north, the Turks will enter from the south, their officers warned. — Associated Press Photo.

Kelly Says:

Maritime Program Has Catch in It

New Deal Civil War Interests Capital

Columbia Valley Bill Will Create Fight

By John W. Kelly

Washington, Jan. 8 — Federal maritime commission is awaiting the arrival of Harvey Klemmer, commercial attaché of the American embassy at London, to discuss the details of a plan whereby American flag ships will take over all the business of the Pacific now handled in British bottoms. And the plan means exactly that—all. Such a proposal, if put into effect, would be advantageous to every port on the west coast. However, there is a catch.

The British, who have discussed this matter with Klemmer, wish only a temporary arrangement with America. Such a deal, they argue, should hold only for the duration of the war, after which the Americans would surrender the trade routes to the English. The purpose of the arrangement is to enable British vessels to concentrate on the Atlantic side and carry supplies to England. It is another desperate idea to meet the menace of German submarines, which grows more serious daily.

Abandonment of the routes now held by the British in the Pacific will require all the American freighters available. Between working out trade routes and spotting American flag ships to serve them, the commission is expected to consume several weeks. Entering into the discussion will also be the raiders now operating in the Pacific and their probable effect on the trade routes. Pacific ocean is not as peaceful as formerly, according to advices received by the state department.

Congress is Scrappy

This is to be a fighting congress. There will be fights over so many issues and measures that at this time no one can guess how it will all come out. There is the Dies committee on un-American activities, which wants one million dollars and will be opposed by various members from the Pacific northwest, unless they change their mind. The committee died with the old congress but members are already preparing to ask for new life and more money.

Comes the battle within the new deal group wherein Governor Eccles of the federal reserve system asks congress to revoke President Roosevelt's money powers. Object of Eccles (the recommendations have the approval of all the presidents of the 12 federal reserve banks) is to prevent, if possible, inflation. Governor Eccles has been an early new dealer and has been one of the more persistent advocates of spending—and now he wishes to apply a curb to its possible results. President Roosevelt asked for the monetary powers several years ago, before there was a war. Now, however, the suggestion that he surrender it (even by friends) is to be fought. For the first time in history the federal reserve has gone straight to congress with its plan, recognizing that Mr. Roosevelt is not in the mood to surrender.

War Aid Hot Subject

Measures to aid Britain, the fire-hose policy of the President, are other of the contests in congress. There is a large percentage of the members who are ready to give Mr. Roosevelt anything he desires, but there are others who feel it their duty to defend America first. These latter can be expected to debate and argue every point and they are not yet afraid of being labeled "non-interventionist," that may come later, of course, depending on how public sentiment blows.

For the first time it is permissible to sail into Great Britain and Germany alike without being accused of sabotage. Before this congress is over it may be impossible. Amendments to the Wagner act and NLRB are ready for the new congress to take up. A preponderance of the house will favor the amendments when there is an opportunity to vote on them, but not without vigorous resistance by friends of the board, which has been greatly discredited by the recent report of the special house committee. Senate committee on education and labor has stalled along for two years on this matter but will be forced into action by approval of the house. In this connection there will be legislation offered to place a ban on strikes in plants where national defense orders are being filled. There will be less sympathy for this bill provided labor does not go too far. A serious strike might bring reprisals.

PUDs Center Fight

In all the foregoing legislation, the Pacific northwest has a definite stake but one of the most important issues, insofar as the northwest is concerned, will be the bill to create a Columbia Valley authority. On this there is division of opinion among members of the

Committee of IEU is Given Power to Act

Silverton, Jan. 8—The membership of IEU local, No. 50, last night gave the negotiating committee, headed by George Christenson, chairman, full power to proceed with the working agreement and sign all contracts with officials of the Silver Falls Timber company after the proposed agreement had been submitted to the meeting. The meeting last night was the first under the new organization of employees of the company. Cliff Ecklund is chairman and Ed Lambert, secretary.

Reports last night indicated that approximately 80 per cent of all eligible employees had made application for membership in the new local as their choice as representative for collective bargaining with the employing company.

Speakers at the meeting were A. W. Chisholm, Portland, IEU president, and J. G. Wolf, Portland, field representative for the IEU. J. P. Hamre, E. J. Boech and Everett Kramer were appointed representatives of the local on the Silverton planning council.

Because of a statement published in a recent issue of the Silverton paper, sponsored by the local CIO-IWA, attacking the IEU and the dissolved IEU local 28, members of the new local unanimously adopted the following resolution as an expression of their position:

"Whereas, this statement quoted only portions and half-truths of the details of a settlement agreement which was reached between all parties concerned, including the national labor relations board, and the IEU, and it is possible to mislead impressions of the actual status of the matter, and

"Whereas, the obvious purpose of the statement was to misinform and confuse those concerned regarding the validity of the IEU general organization and local 28, district 2, of the IEU, and it is possible to mislead impressions of the actual status of the matter, and

"Therefore, IEU local 50, district 2, hereby asserts that it considers this action by the IEU as a derogative attempt to thwart the desires already expressed by an overwhelming majority for representation through the IEU, and furthermore that this action is a violation of good faith insofar as it affects an agreement which was made by and with the national labor relations board by all parties concerned, including the IEU."

Officials of the Engineers Public Service company, which controls the Puget Sound utility, conferred with a Washington delegation headed by Paul J. Raver, administrator for the Bonneville power authority, and it was understood that a formal bid would be submitted for the properties.

Raver disclosed last month that he was preparing to file an offer on behalf of the city of Seattle, Wash., and public utility districts in the Puget Sound area, and it was believed that his bid would top by a considerable margin the \$83,000,000 reported to have been offered by the Seattle interests last July.

Cokesmen for the parent Engineers Public Service company had characterized the \$83,000,000 bid as "not worthy of serious consideration," on the grounds that the properties involved represented an original investment of \$118,000,000.

Clyde Welborn Dies at Toledo

Word has reached Salem of the death of C. S. Welborn, 55, former mayor of Toledo and clerk of the Lincoln county draft board. Mr. Welborn died from a heart attack Monday. He was well known in Salem.

Services will be held at Trinity Methodist church in Toledo at 10 a. m. Thursday with the graveside services to be held at the Twin Oaks cemetery at Turner at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Survivors include the widow, Mrs. George H. Welborn; daughter, Cleone; son, Gale; brother Carl of Portland, and five sisters.

After holding the tenancy of a farm for seven generations, a family near Cheshire, England, has just given it up.

northwest delegation and plenty of opposition will come from members of congress representing eastern states. The bill would permit Bonneville administration to purchase private plants and dispose of them to PUD.

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Salem Sketches By Will Danch



"The chief is sending us to Dallas. He says we can all learn plenty about directing traffic by watching Harold Worley, the schoolboy patrol leader!"

Pearce Building In Use Next Month

With expectancy of its being ready for occupancy by February 1 or shortly after, work on the new Pearce building at Commercial and Court streets has been progressing rapidly and the owners, Helen Pearce and Dorothy Pearce, are able to announce that much of the space on both floors has been rented and negotiations are good that by the time the building is ready for use it may be all under lease or very nearly so.

The structure will present a handsome and most modern appearance both outside and inside.

The outside finish immediately under the windows and next to the sidewalk will be black in Carrara glass, one of the finest of the more modern effects. The plasters between the windows will be in a creamy white with a trimming of maroonish tinge and the four-foot separation between the lower and upper story windows along the complete front and side of the structure will have the same creamy white effect with the same maroonish edging. The top strip will be in concrete.

The windows will be set in steel frame of the latest design, easy of operation. The glass will be of the latest glare-proof type in the transoms and at the same time a type of glass to give a beautiful effect. Interior decorations throughout will be along ultra-modern lines as well as designed for both beauty and convenience.

The main store room at Commercial and Court streets, a space 56 by 42 feet, will be occupied by Mrs. W. L. Allen, now operating the Capital Variety store at 1262 State street. She will move that store from its present location and plans a new name not yet decided upon. However, the stock will be greatly enlarged and widened in scope, offering, states Mrs. Allen, an extremely high-class variety stock of gifts, novelties and similar lines designed to furnish a range of merchandise which will include numerous articles of a quality and kind unobtainable elsewhere in the city.

Has Faith in Salem
"Our three years in the Capital Variety store have convinced us of the future and stability of Salem and led us to establish our home here permanently. I have watched Salem closely and am convinced of the future of Court street. Our store has been a history of expansion and we are continuing so in this move to the downtown section in the center of what we consider one of the most favorable locations in the city."

This store will have display windows on both streets, Commercial and Court, will have entrances on both streets as well and Mrs. Allen states it will be equipped with most modern fixtures and lighting effects with all interior details in keeping with the building. Her store also will have advantage of a full basement, as will all the stores in the structure.

In addition to the main store on the corner there will be four other

between the storerooms which will be occupied by the barber shop and Calkins Finance company.

The east end of the upstairs for a full 70 foot depth has been leased to the Armstrong School of Dancing and here a studio of exceptional beauty and loveliness is being worked out. In addition to being furnished with practically every feature essential to the most modern studio of this character.

Two Studios Planned
There will be one large dancing studio and a smaller one. In addition there will be dressing rooms for men and women, shower baths, for men and women, and other conveniences.

The dancing school will also have its own private entrance off the main stairway. The upstairs will be equipped with hardwood floors throughout.

On the west corner, over Mrs. Allen's store, Dr. R. O. Wikstrom will have a complete and expansive suite for his dental offices, including operating rooms, X-ray rooms, as well as reception rooms and all appointments necessary to an up-to-the-minute dental office.

The Misses Pearce, when they decided to reconstruct the building so long in their family on this prominent downtown corner, decided it should meet every specification for a structure of today and as the plans unfold it is evident they are having their wishes gratified.

American investments in Brazil are now estimated at over \$500,000,000.

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