

NEW RAIL WORK IN STATE URGED TO AID WORKERS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—In the hope of relieving the unemployment situation in Oregon, State Labor Commissioner C. H. Gram has sent a letter to Senator McNary asking him to use his influence to get the interstate commerce commission to speed up action on applications for railroad development in this state. If the applications, or any of them, are granted, he said it would mean much to persons now without work.

While perhaps we have no greater degree of unemployment than that of a year ago," says the letter, "it seems that there is more distress as a result of a somewhat slower summer season, wherein work is not sufficient to permit our working people amassing surplus against the winter slack period."

ROCKFORD TUTOR MANIAC VICTIM, POLICE BELIEF

ROCKFORD, Ill., Dec. 14.—(AP)—With nearly a week gone by without their having established a motive for the slaying of Cordelia Gummershimer, Rockford authorities today were diverted temporarily from their investigation of the teacher's death, to an inquiry into the possibility that a maniac might be at large in this vicinity. George Meredith, 25, a farm hand, told the authorities that a man had jumped on his automobile, early Friday while he was passing a lonely curve near here, and had swung on him viciously with a section of pipe—the same type of weapon wielded by the slayer of Miss Gummershimer on last Sunday. Meredith, who suffered an ugly but not dangerous wound, said the attack was without provocation. On the theory that the teacher might have been the victim of a chance assault, the authorities for the time being are following this trail.

Rockford police also plan to interview a Madison, Wis., woman who was said to have important information regarding the Gummershimer slaying.

The "Professor Hugo" on whom hopes for some light on the case had been pinned, turned out to be Dr. Hugo Broeker, Houston, Texas, a professor in Rice institute. Acknowledging his friendship revealed through letters of the teacher, Dr. Broeker, who met the Rockford woman last summer at the University of Wisconsin, said he knew nothing of her personal affairs.

Ralph B. Howe, Chicago Seed company official, who had been sought when letters from him were found in the slain teacher's effects, sent word from Miami, Fla., that he met Miss Gummershimer last April on a train bound for Buffalo and had later corresponded with her.

A reward of \$500 has been offered for the arrest of Miss Gummershimer's slayer.

NORTHWEST CO-OPS CONFER ON JOINT WATER - RAIL RATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Heads of a dozen co-operative and farm marketing associations, members of the farm rate council, conferred here today on means of obtaining through joint water and rail rates on the Panama Canal route.

The council, composed of farm groups in Washington, Oregon and Idaho, proposes to seek congressional legislation with a view of making the through joint rates mandatory. H. H. Richards, Pendleton, past president of the farmers' union in Oregon, and president of the council, presided at the meeting.

Efforts are being made by Richards and others to develop an association among farm bodies similar to the rate associations maintained by merchants and manufacturers. At today's meeting it was pointed out that the shippers of the Pacific northwest are compelled to pay local rail rates from Atlanta and Gulf ports to interior points when they ship by water to southern and eastern states.

GO DOWN WITH SHIP SPANISH SAILORMEN

LONDON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The sinking of the Spanish steamer Antonio Garcia and the probable loss of four men in a collision were reported in London today.

News of the sinking was received by the London agents of the owners of the Greek steamer Hydra whose captain sent the following message: "Collided with Spanish steamer Antonio Garcia. She sank. Have collected the crew except four. Have sustained damage to the forepeak. Proceeding to Vico for repairs."

NEW WARDEN AND HUGE INCOME TAX IRON HAND WILL SLASH ASSURED RULE AT AUBURN BY SENATE VOTE

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Auburn state prison, which three days ago was the scene of the second bloody conflict in five months between convict mutineers and the forces of law, tonight had a new official in control, replacing Warden Edgar S. Jennings.

Dr. Frank L. Christian, superintendent of the Elmira state reformatory, today was appointed acting warden by Governor Roosevelt. Since the riot on Wednesday, in which Jennings was held for several hours as a hostage by the convicts, and which cost the lives of the principal keeper and eight convicts, George A. Sullivan, sergeant of the prison guard, had been acting warden under appointment by Dr. Raymond P. C. Klob, state commissioner of corrections.

At the same time Governor Roosevelt ordered Colonel George Fletcher Chandler, founder and first superintendent of the New York state police, to conduct an investigation, as the personal representative of the governor, into the conduct of convicts, guards and others during the mutiny.

Directing Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo, and the district attorney of Cayuga county to "take and indelibly mark" in connection with the Auburn prison riot precedence over any and all other cases at the term of court beginning January 6, Governor Roosevelt also issued a statement in which he said:

"The very first duty of the grand jury should be to return indictments for murder in the first degree against any and all persons who may be guilty under the law of the murder of the principal keeper, Dunford. "It is time that prisoners of the state have a clear understanding that violence to guards and keepers will be immediately and drastically punished. The purpose is also to accomplish immediate justice in relation to all acts in connection with the riot covering any inmates, guards or any other person or persons who may have been guilty of any violations of the law."

With the completion of proposed airports, which have been listed with the department of commerce, the United States soon will have nearly 3,000 flying fields.

VARE ADVISED TO FORSAKE POLITICS AS HEALTH FAILS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A slash of \$100,000,000 in next year's dues of individual and corporation income taxpayers was assured today with the adoption by the senate of the house tax resolution by a 63 to 14 vote.

Republican and Democratic leaders joined in support of the proposal and repeated attempts to amend or substitute the tax cut were overwhelmed throughout a long day of debate.

Western Republican independents assailed the reduction as a gift to the rich but Democratic spokesmen supported the contention of administration leaders that it had buoyed up a delicate economic situation and was vital in the revival of good conditions throughout the country.

Eleven western Republican independents and three Democrats were the only ones voting against the resolution on a roll call reached late in the day.

The resolution still must be signed by President Hoover and it goes to the White House on Monday. Mr. Hoover already has indicated he and his signature is expected forthwith. The legislation is the first of the regular session which began two weeks ago to complete the congressional agenda.

GOLDEN FLOOD ON WAY TO EUROPE

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Announcement by Lazard Freres today that they had shipped \$4,000,000 in gold on the S. S. France last night, for Paris, brings the amount of gold shipped from New York this week end to an estimated total of \$40,000,000.

It was reported today that a shipment of \$7,000,000 had been taken by the Midland Bank of London, in addition to the \$10,000,000 reported earlier in the week by the National City bank. The shipment left last night on the Beogradia.

The Bremen, sailing tonight, will carry \$11,000,000 from the Irving Trust company, to the Midland Bank and \$1,200,000 from the International Acceptance Bank for delivery in Germany.

VARE ADVISED TO FORSAKE POLITICS AS HEALTH FAILS

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14.—(AP)—William S. Vare will be advised by his personal physician Dr. Elwood R. Kirby, not to run for the United States Senate next spring.

This was learned late today when Dr. Kirby, after going to Atlantic City to examine his patient and finding him in "nearly normal condition," gave out a statement explaining that he felt the strain of a campaign would be too much for Mr. Vare.

Mr. Vare on returning to Philadelphia a week ago from Washington, where he was refused a seat in the senate, announced that he "was in the fight to the finish," and would be a candidate in the May primary.

STATE GETS REST IN LEGAL RUMPUS

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Tired and exhausted after a week of scolding sessions, attorneys, defendants, judges and newspapermen here to attend the disbarment and Thomas Mannix, Portland attorney, quit at noon today. The hearings on the Mannix disbarment will be resumed Monday morning, the case against Joseph Mannix having been concluded Thursday night.

Mannix was on the stand most of the day Friday and concluded his testimony today. A. E. Reames, Medford, who conducted the prosecution of Mannix, continued to direct his questions at the attorney's part in the prosecution of both the state and federal suits of the various cases which have resulted from the tangled affairs of the E. Henry Wemme estate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Henry buying of the railroad shares, presumably in expectation of favorable merger developments, featured today's brief session of the stock market. Renewed liquidation developed in the industrial and public utility groups, forcing many of the leaders down 1 to 3 points, but irregular recoveries took place in the last hour of trading.

YULETIDE NEEDS MAY FORCE END ILLINOIS STRIKE

TAYLORVILLE, Ill., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Belief was expressed by mine officials tonight that the National Miners' Union coal strike in Illinois is fading in the face of Yuletide needs.

While pickets of the National Miners' Union—offshoot of the United Mine Workers of America—were dispersed as fast as they appeared at mines, hundreds of miners quietly filed back to their places underground.

Hundreds more issued forth from the black earth at quitting time, their pockets bulging with the fruits of one of the fattest paydays on record in the southern Illinois field. On this more than anything else, mine officials based a prediction that, while time on Monday morning would find most of the mines operating at full blast.

Nearly 500 deserted the striking ranks in the Taylorville district to wield their picks in Peabody mine No. 8, at Tovey and Pana. Only a few strikers stood about in chilly groups as their mines resumed.

Another force of 400 men returned to work in the Belleville district and pickets were only partially successful at Livingston, Ill. There they seized the dinner pails of several workers, but no disorder followed.

At Panther Creek mine, near Auburn, the strikers failed for the third time in a picket attempt. They were turned back on their way to the diligences by county authorities.

Before they were dispersed, however, the pickets stopped a group of 100 men going to work at Cora, north of Springfield. About 175 workers entered the mine later without molestation.

FLOOD STUDY IS SPUR TO SEARCH FOR QUAKE CAUSE

ST. LOUIS, (AP)—St. Louis university this fall began search for the cause of frequent earth tremors in the area that once was visited by the worst earthquake ever recorded on the North American continent.

This search, strangely enough, is not so much concerned with earthquakes as with flood control.

If the location and the causes of the tremors can be ascertained accurately, the Rev. Father James B. Macelwane, S. J., head of the university geophysics department, says the findings are likely to influence the placing of earthworks for Mississippi flood control.

The studies are made in the "New Madrid" district, comprising a territory 150 miles long and 50 wide from southern Illinois well down into Tennessee in the river valley.

In 1811 and 1812 there were disastrous quakes which opened huge fissures near New Madrid, Mo., and to which the formation of the Reservoir lakes in Tennessee are attributed.

About 2,000 lesser quakes followed. The tremors now occurring in this area are unnoticeable except on seismographs. They occur about once a month.

Father Macelwane will use two seismographs set up at widely separated points in the district to attempt to determine the center of the disturbance.

If certain lines through the district are found most frequently subject to tremors, it is possible that lines of concrete posts may be erected to mark them and to use as geodetic checks on horizontal and vertical land movements.

The survey includes portions of Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas.

BARI, Italy (AP)—Albania is becoming one of Italy's best customers for spaghetti, macaroni and other edibles of that ilk. Within the past year 614,000 pounds of table tucker tape, enough to hang a suspension bridge across the strait of Otranto, passed through this port, Albania bound.

GENEVA (AP)—The mandate commission of the League of Nations has been told by Belgium that in the African state of Ruanda Crundi the use of liquor is reserved for white folk. Natives are allowed no alcoholic beverages and Europeans may each have only three quarts a month.

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