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Forecast: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday. No change in temperature.
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LOS ANGELES RAIL STRIKE NEARS



News Behind The News

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—You business men can get a fairly good inside line now on what to expect from congress in the session which opens two weeks hence.

Many things will not be settled definitely until President Roosevelt discloses his hand. However, the congressional leaders have been canvassing income members and believe they know the general layout. At least they have made preliminary private reports to the White House, which might be summed up about as follows:

The vote on the world court will be adhered to by the senate late in February after a decade of delay. The soldier bonus will go whooping through both houses, probably by two-thirds majorities, because conservative republicans are secretly planning to vote very close, with odds now favoring adoption of a Roosevelt unconditional compromise, cancelling interest and confining cash payments to those reasonably in need.

The NRA reorganization will not meet much opposition because it will be confined to eliminating price fixing and such generally approved corrections. There will be a total of just about as much spending as this year, as curtailments proposed by the administration will not be generally acceptable to congress.

There will be no new money legislation, no new silver legislation. Congress will go on reform legislation and probably will adopt a plan of old age pensions as well as unemployment insurance. (The Townsend crowd is making a deep impression already among congressmen here.) There will be no general tax legislation and no further tariff legislation.

The longest and biggest battle will be fought over the social reform legislation. It will not be between pros and antis, because nearly everyone seems to favor the general principle. The important fighting will be between advocates of the principle, who have a dozen different plans, ranging from more or less socialistic ones on up.

The session undoubtedly will drag on, despite present new deal plans to curtail it and adjournment will come probably in May or June.

There has been a more or less warm rumor in the highest financial circles that Mr. Roosevelt shortly would take the other nine cents out of the dollar. The government is very cagey in talking on that subject, but responsible officials say the time for further devaluation will not arrive until the United States and Britain reach some permanent stabilization agreement.

Few know it, but the new deal would terminate automatically before next June 30 if this congress did not renew Mr. Roosevelt's authority.

A private survey shows that the law now calls for the following dates this coming year: NRA, PWA and labor board, June 15; RFC, February 1; PERA, May 12; drought, June 30; presidential reorganization of government departments, March 3; railroad coordination, May 2. Nothing important would be left except the AAA, of course, which will follow Mr. Roosevelt's recommendations, but if it wanted to kill the new deal all it would have to do would be to let it die.

The NRA is not saying anything openly yet, but it has been investigating to ascertain who is behind a certain well-known court test case against the NRA.

COMPLETE TIUUP IS THREATENED IN SYMPATHY MOVE

Southern Pacific, Santa Fe and Union Pacific Workers May Join Interurban Walkout Is Indication

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—(AP)—D. A. Mackenzie of Cleveland, O., vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, today said he had been given the authority to declare a sympathy strike of union workers of the Southern Pacific, Santa Fe, and Union Pacific railroads in the event Los Angeles Interurban workers decide to walk out.

The authorization, it was explained, did not designate the area that might be embraced by the sympathy strike. While officials of the unions had previously been quoted as saying any sympathy strike probably would be confined to the Los Angeles harbor area "at first," Mackenzie yesterday said it might extend to Portland, Ore., El Paso, Tex., and as far east as Salt Lake City, Utah.

Union workers of the Interurban system, operating by the Pacific Electric Co., linking Los Angeles with adjoining communities have threatened to strike if demands for wage increase and readjusted working conditions are not met.

Officials of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Brotherhood of Railroad Signalmen representing the three transcontinental railroads have conferred here as to their attitude in the event of a strike by the Pacific Electric men.

"I have been voted the authority to withdraw men from service if and when it is necessary to take that action. If a strike is called on the Pacific Electric," said Mackenzie after a conference in a local hotel of 50 Brotherhood representatives.

Mackenzie said the exact time of the Pacific Electric strike would not be announced. In some quarters it was estimated the strike would not materialize, but Mackenzie predicted the electric transportation system either would meet the demand for 75 cents an hour for workmen and conductors or there would be a tie-up of all transportation in and out of Los Angeles.

BAD CHECK ARTIST TO BE SENTENCED

HAMILTON W. MARNELL, about 50, who gave his address as California, was lodged in the county jail yesterday with bail set at \$1000, after pleading guilty to charges of passing fictitious checks. Date for his sentence had not been set this afternoon.

Marnell, charged with passing a bogus check for about \$18 at the Rex Cafe last year, was arrested recently at San Diego, Cal., whence he was taken to Los Angeles to be sentenced for a misdemeanor. From Los Angeles he was brought to Medford, arriving and being committed to the county jail Saturday night.

State police state that Marnell has a lengthy police record, and that he claims to be a retired army captain and advertising man.

LIQUOR PERMITS MAY COST LESS

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—As the Oregon liquor control commission met here today to prepare a draft of recommendations to the next legislature, there was a current but unconfirmed report that the commission will recommend that liquor permits be reduced to 50 cents. The charge now is \$1.

Nazis Deny Hitler Wounded by Silesian Girl

POWER ISSUE HITS ROCKS AGAIN WITH F. R.'S ULTIMATUM

Plea for Cooperation in Court Test Met by Demand That Industry Clean House — Rate Reduction Held Need

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The "war clouds" began to gather again today around the power issue after the Roosevelt administration turning thumbs down on a plea that it cooperate in putting its power policies to a quick, final test in the supreme court, demanded that the industry "clean house."

The answer came only a few hours after Thomas N. McCarter, president of the Edison Electric Institute and a leader in the attack on the Roosevelt plan to use such power experiments as the Tennessee valley authority as "yardsticks" to force down rates, called at the White House.

Memorial Presented
He had brought with him a 5,000-word "memorial" which spoke of "strangulation" of private enterprise by government competition and suggested it was better for the government and power interests to cooperate to preserve the "soundness of existing investment."

"I respectfully urge," it said, "that parties interested and the government unite in taking such proceedings as will bring about a decision of the highest court in the land upon the question (the constitutionality)

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STORES ANNOUNCE CHRISTMAS HOURS

W. F. ISAAC, chairman of the Merchants' association, announced this morning that definite arrangements had been made with the various stores in town relative to closing hours prior to Christmas.

After checking on the stores it was determined that the following hours will be maintained: Department stores will maintain regular hours which provide for staying open late on Saturday only. Grocery stores, down town and suburban, will also maintain their regular hours, remaining open on Saturday until 9 p. m. The variety stores, Woolworth's and Newberry's, will close at 6 on Thursday and Friday and at 8:30 p. m. Saturday. All other stores will remain open until 8:30, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

These hours were determined by a majority vote of the stores in each group and will be observed by most of them it was announced.

YUGOSLAV CABINET DECIDES TO STICK

BELGRADE, Dec. 18.—(AP)—The Yugoslav cabinet reconsidered its decision to resign today after the resignation of the government of Bogoljub Vuchitch, the foreign minister, and Dragutin Kojich, the minister of agriculture.

The resignation of the entire cabinet following a conference later today was regarded, however, as a foregone conclusion.

HAUPTMANN JURY PANEL SELECTED



With Deputy Keith Barry checking off the list, Sheriff John H. Curtis of Hunterdon county, New Jersey, is shown here (right) in the courthouse at Flemington as he picked the first 50 persons who will be summoned in the jury panel for the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby. (Associated Press Photo)

OIL BURNS FATAL FOR ISAAC COWAN, WORKER ON DITCH

ISAAC COWAN, an employe of the Medford irrigation district for the last two and one-half years, passed away early this morning at the Sacred Heart hospital from burns he received while working in an irrigation flume near Lake Creek, Ore., December 17. Death came after a blood transfusion given by his son, Buddy, failed late last night.

The burns were received when Cowan attempted to throw a burning gasoline container away from himself and fellow workmen, the container having caught fire while the men were using gasoline to heat a tar preparation in the flume. In hurrying it away from him the liquid drenched Cowan's clothing, which caught fire.

Born at Monticello, Ind., January 27, 1881, Isaac Cowan was aged 48 years, 10 months and 21 days. He was married to Pearl Dill, January 17, 1918, at Ladysmith, Wis., and two sons, Buddy and Orville Ray, both of whom survive their father, were born to this union.

Mr. Cowan also leaves his mother, Mrs. Hannah Cowan, aged 80; one sister, Mrs. Nora Reynolds, who lives in Indiana, and six brothers: Philip E. and Dillard, of Wisconsin, and Vance, Frank, Roy and Huger, of Indiana.

Mr. Cowan was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Crater Lake Aerie No. 2098. His home was at 426 Benasin street.

Funeral services will be conducted Thursday at 2 p. m. at the Perl Funeral Home.

32 KNOWN DEAD IN HOTEL FIRE

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The number of definitely recorded dead in the Hotel Kerna fire tragedy was increased to 32 today with the death of Dr. Frederick C. Thiede, 45-year-old Grand Rapids physician.

He was the fourteenth person to die of injuries suffered in attempting to escape the flames that swept the hotel a week ago today. Eighteen bodies have been taken from the ruins or from the Grand river into which some of the victims jumped.

derbilt's petition for a stay of execution of Justice Carew's decision. Not only Justice Carew, but Nathan Burkan, the Vanderbilt attorney, and Herbert C. Smyth, a Whittier attorney, questioned the child, the transcript showed.

PENSION FATHER VOICES THREAT TO GET SOLON'S HIDE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Dr. F. E. Townsend threatened today to "kick the hide off congress and send 'em home for good" if his old age pension plan is not adopted.

Seated cross-legged on a bed in a hotel, the tall, white-haired physician from Long Beach, Cal., outlined the strategy he will use to put across the idea of paying \$200 a month to every man and woman over 60 who will agree to quit all remunerative work and spend the money as fast as they get it.

The Townsend plan is the inspiration for some emphatic language these days—pro and con. Dr. Townsend and his supporters say it's the way to solve unemployment and cure the depression. To critics like Dr. Edwin Witte of President Roosevelt's economic security committee, it's a par with perpetual motion, "utterly impossible."

Will Form Capital Club
As soon as legislators get here for the coming session, Townsend and his aides will interview them. Then he hopes to form a Townsend club on Capitol Hill.

There are "thousands" of Townsend clubs throughout the country, he said he didn't know exactly how many; they are growing too fast—and 15,000,000 people have signed petitions favoring the plan, he asserted.

"These people are our real club over congress," he said. "They will tell congress how to vote."

There are some details still to be settled before a bill is drafted. At the moment a study is being made, Townsend disclosed, to determine just how much sales tax would amount to. A tax to be decided by the total amount would be levied to pay the pensions.

3 Per Cent Sales Tax Talked
At present Townsend is taking the arbitrary figure of twelve hundred billion dollars—based on federal reserve board member bank debits—as the annual total. Twenty-four billion is estimated as the cost of a year's pension, so a two per cent tax on all sales is proposed.

To a query whether bank clearances are figured in transactions to be taxed, Townsend replied there was no thought of including them.

Dr. Witte's and Dr. Townsend's figuring produces clashing results. The former, in comparing the plan to perpetual motion and calling it "utterly impossible financially," said it would require more than half the present national income.

"It would require a tax so heavy it couldn't possibly be collected," he said.

But Townsend says there is widespread support for it and that Townsend clubs will be organized in every voting district.

"These people want congress to adopt the plan," he said, "and I think it will."

QUINTUPLETS GLAD DOCTOR IS HOME FROM CITY JAUNT

GALLANDER, Ont., Dec. 18.—(AP)—Dr. Allan R. Dafe, back from a trip to the United States, says his little charges, the Dionne quintuplets, were glad to see him.

"Sure they know me," he said, after greeting the babies. "Look at them laughing and smiling. It's good to be back with them again." As if to show their appreciation, the babies held their own or gained a bit of weight yesterday.

HAVANA NORMAL AFTER BOMBINGS

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Except for discussions concerning 40 bombings which took place in the Cuban capital last night, the city had returned to normal this morning.

Talk of revolution which had swept through the city had died down, largely because most of the political leaders were sleeping after the exciting night.

Terror spread throughout the city shortly before midnight when more than 40 bombs were exploded. Three women and two men were injured by the blasts, which were set off in every section of the capital.

Soldiers spent the early morning hours searching pedestrians, motorists, buses and street cars for bombs.

SANTA COMES TO MID-COLUMBIANS

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—There's no doubt in the minds of mid-Columbia agriculturists that there is a Santa Claus.

Wasco county wheat farmers have received allotment checks in excess of \$140,000 for complying with the government's crop reduction plan; hog-corn allotments have exceeded \$14,000; the AppleGrowers' association of Hood River is distributing \$16,000 to growers in payment for cull and canning fruits; The Dalles Co-operative Growers' association is paying \$28,000 this week to growers as final distribution on the 1933 tonnage of dried cherries, and on Friday the state will make a 10 per cent dividend on savings accounts of the defunct Butler Banking company.

MISSIONARIES QUIT CHINESE PROVINCE

WUHU, Anhwei Province, China, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Twenty all missionaries in the southern section of Anhwei Province were fleeing today from borders of outlaw as political enemies of the Nanking government, which control the area.

The missionaries sought safety in river ports. Reports of increasing disorders, similar to those which recently cost the lives of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Sloan, American missionaries, were received here.

George Aitchison, Jr., United States consul at Tientsin is here to assist Americans who have evacuated their homes.

OFFICIALS CLAIM AUSTRIAN PAPER INVENTED STORY

RUMORS SAY DER FUHRER TARGET OF DAUGHTER DISMISSED SILESIAN NAZI CHIEF — GIRL DIES IN ATTEMPT

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Rumors that Reichsfuehrer Adolf Hitler had recently been wounded or shot at were scornfully described as "ridiculous inventions" in official quarters today.

(The newspaper Linzer Volksblatt of Linz, Austria, had published a report saying what it called "a trustworthy source" had stated Hitler was recently wounded by a German girl.)

These rumors reached Berlin today almost simultaneously from Austria, Russia and Holland.

An official spokesman, commenting said: "If the saying is true that people wrongly reported dead or wounded are assured of a long life, then Der Fuehrer will live to the age of Methusalem."

Today's rumor was that Hitler was shot at by a daughter of the dismissed Silesian Nazi chief, Brueckner.

Since July, 31, and on the story has been circulated that a daughter or a niece of General Kurt von Schleicher, former chancellor of Germany, who was killed in the "blood-purge" of last July, had emptied a revolver at Hitler.

Last Sunday, London heard that a strange airplane had fired a machine gun at Hitler's plane as it flew over East Prussia.

Hitler, however, has not been near East Prussia since the funeral of the late President von Hindenburg in August.

The Reichsfuehrer today received General Joachim von Ribbentrop, his personal diplomatic envoy, who reported to him the result of his recent visit to London and Paris.

LINE, Austria, Dec. 18.—(AP)—Today's issue of the newspaper Linzer Volksblatt said Reichsfuehrer Hitler had been wounded by a revolver shot fired by a girl in Berlin.

The newspaper, claiming it had the story from "a trustworthy source," said the girl was the daughter of Lender Brueckner of the Silesian provincial Nazi party and that she went to Berlin after her father's arrest.

There, the newspaper stated, she fired a shot from a taxi as it passed Hitler's car.

The story has it that the girl and her taxi driver were killed by Hitler's guards.

BIG INHERITANCE TAX ON PORTLAND ESTATE

SALEM, Dec. 18.—(AP)—A check for \$18,438, inheritance tax due the state from the estate of Mary A. O'Donnell, Portland woman who died last May 22, was received by the state treasurer here today. The tax was on the estate valued at \$432,523.

The property also paid a federal estate tax amounting to \$38,807.

BRIDGE WORKER DROPS TO DEATH IN STREAM

REKEDSPORT, Ore., Dec. 18.—(AP)—The collapse of a piece of scaffolding upon which he was working sent Albert Butler of Reedsport to his death last Monday.

Butler, employed on the Umpqua coast highway bridge, was thrown into the river when the working platform gave way.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

SANTA MONICA, Cal., Dec. 17.—One of the most honest divorce reasons I ever heard was given the other day by some fellow. "She suits me fine, but I just can't afford her."

I guess Florida is destroyed by the cold beyond any hope of ever coming back, by what I read in the papers out here.

I see where somebody has started a movement to "un-recognize" Russia. We don't sell 'em as much as we thought we would. I imagine their recognizing us hasn't turned out so hot for them either.

Will Rogers

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