

The Weather
Forecast: Unsettled with occasional rain tonight and Thursday; little change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 36
Lowest this morning 35

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News Behind The News
By PAUL MALLON
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WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Those busy new deal planners who dumped their empty-ump thousand word report on President Roosevelt's desk two weeks ago, didn't bother to explain it, but their program for immediate legislative proposals boils down to just three things.

Congressmen who haven't the patience to wade through the verbiage can get at the gist of the board's report by a glance at its subjects, which are land, water, minerals, public works and planning.

What the board wants congress to do this winter is, first of all, to approve establishment of a permanent national planning board to be coordinated with the forty-two state planning boards now in existence.

Steps number two and three are to authorize a continuing public works program to spend as high as \$5,000,000,000 a year for ten years, and to authorize a land retirement program. What this latter means is that the federal government would buy submarginal lands and restore them to timber or grass.

None of this is very radical and bears no relation to the Russian five-year plan the new deal bears to communism. The Roosevelt planners do not, of course, seek to take over any private property (excepting those waste lands which nobody wants anyway). In the words of one of them, what they hope to do is to plan for depressions just as the army plans for war.

This planner explains a really radical approach would not even admit the possibility of recurrence of depressions, yet this admission is implicit in the board's whole program. In a word, the report outlines a conservation program.

Much of the report was couched in such general terms as to be largely meaningless until clarified by publication of the detailed reports on which its conclusions are based. For instance, in all its talk of public works, the board barely touched on the moot housing subject.

New deal publicists again displayed their talents for timing in releasing the natural resources board report on the very day that the nation's leading business men had gathered at that West Virginia spa to form their own recovery program.

2 TENNESSEANS ARE SHOT DOWN BY GUARDSMEN

Unknown Number Wounded in Attempt to Take Negro From Shelbyville Jail — Prisoner Spirited Away

SHELBYVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 19.—(P) After at least two men had been slain and an unknown number wounded by bayonets and firearms in the hands of National Guardsmen policing the assault trial of E. K. Harris, 22, a negro, Harris was spirited out of the courthouse.

A gas mask covered the face of the negro, who is charged with attacking a 14-year-old school girl. He was placed immediately in a car with a deputy sheriff and five national guardsmen and was driven swiftly away from the courthouse square where a mob of several hundred men had made three rushes on the courthouse.

Shortly afterward, the guardsmen, who had retreated into the building when the crowd made its third advance, marched out carrying their firearms, and left the square for an unannounced destination.

The belligerent mob drawn up across the street, following the shooting, cursed and threw stones at the soldiers as they departed.

The guardsmen fired on the crowd when the mob advanced to the courthouse door and threatened to beat it down. Members of the mob estimated that at least three persons had been slain and several others seriously wounded.

The known dead were Pat Lawes of Chestnut Ridge and R. O. O. Edwards, 30, a house painter.

Business chiefs for peace with administration

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Business leaders of America have virtually decided to advocate cooperation with the government, without specifically naming the Roosevelt administration.

CARDENAS TAKES MEXICAN OATH



When General Lazaro Cardenas, with arms extended, took the oath of office at ceremonies in the National stadium, Mexico City, he became that republic's youngest constitutional chief executive. He is 39 years old. (Associated Press Photo)

\$44,000 BALANCE URSCHEL RANSOM YET TO BE FOUND

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 19.—(AP)—Uncle Sam went treasure hunting today.

No Long John Silver was the expedition leader, Harold Nathan, portly, spectacled and middle-aged assistant director of the division of investigation of the department of justice. Nor did members of his crew resemble the popular conception of seekers after buried wealth.

Romance also was lacking in the setting.

The government agents are seeking approximately \$44,000 of the \$200,000 ransom paid by Charles F. Urschel, Oklahoma City oil man, for his release from kidnapers. The suspected cache is believed to be part of the \$90,000 received by Albert Bates, now serving a life sentence for the crime.

Search attorneys vaulted. Bates was captured in Denver, Ben B. Laska, veteran Denver attorney, who defended him in the trial, Monday was arrested here, accused of accepting \$10,000 of the ransom money for his fee. Laska's home and bank vaults, Nathan revealed, already had been examined for a trace of the money for the government man admits that no marked bills have been found in Laska's possession.

However, under Nathan's direction, about \$46,000 has been recovered from hiding places in Oregon and Washington in activities that Nathan described as "outshining any of romantic fiction."

JAPANESE COUNCIL APPROVES JUNKING NAVAL LIMIT PACT

Tokyo Government Confident Can Meet Any Situation Which May Result—Hopes for New Treaty

(By the Associated Press.)
The tri-power naval conversations ended in London today as the Japanese privy council approved abrogation of the Washington naval limitation treaty.

LONDON: The delegates of the United States, Great Britain and Japan formally adjourned the naval conversations in progress for the past three months. The negotiations terminated without agreement, in accordance with the stand of the American delegates, no date was set for renewal of the discussions.

GENEVA: League of Nations circles heard with interest reports that the United States was contemplating the virtual abandonment of its doctrine of "freedom of the seas." The reports were interpreted as lending hope for creation of an international police force to be employed in the interests of peace.

By GLENN BABB
(Associated Press Foreign Staff.)
TOKYO, Dec. 19.—(P)—The Japanese government acted today to scrap the Washington naval treaty and ex-

OLD AGE PENSION PLAN IS DRAFTED FOR LEGISLATURE

PORTLAND, Dec. 19.—(AP)—A system of age insurance incorporating some of the elements of employment insurance, to be controlled by the state, collected by the state, and paid by the state, is to be proposed to the Oregon legislature at the January session.

The announcement was made by Charles H. Gram, state labor commissioner, in an address late Tuesday at the 25th annual meeting of county judges and commissioners of Oregon.

The plan Gram has in mind would be self-supporting. Every employe over 18 years of age would be taxed one per cent of his wage, but not to exceed \$15 a year. From this fund perhaps \$60 a month would be paid to every citizen as he becomes unable to work by reason of the age of 60 years.

Governor-elect Martin, who likewise addressed the county judges and commissioners, explained that he was inclined to believe Oregon should postpone any action on old age or employment insurance until after the federal government has indicated what steps, if any, it will take in this direction.

Gram suggests the tax be collected by the state tax commission, and that the insurance or "pension" be disbursed by the state industrial accident commission. Thus no additional machinery would have to be set up, and economy of administration would be guaranteed.

ROOSEVELT READY TO FINANCE CITIES IN PRODUCING POWER

Loan of Federal Funds for Municipal Plants Is Plan Where Private Companies Keep Rates Too High

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—(AP)—President Roosevelt is ready to loan federal funds to New York or other cities for construction of municipal power plants if investigations prove they can be operated cheaper than by private companies.

This was made known today at the president's semi-weekly press conference in giving his views on current topics.

The president took up the question today with Mayor LaGuardia of New York and City Commissioner Davidson. They have refused bids of private companies to supply next year's power on the ground they were exorbitant.

Navy Studying Question
It was disclosed today that the navy is making a study to determine whether power can be obtained cheaper through construction of its own plants in its yards than through private purchase.

The president said he was maintaining silence on his legislative program until it is presented to congress January 3.

In all probability he will not make the radio report to the nation he had planned before congress meets.

Carefully guarding details of his message to congress, Mr. Roosevelt disclosed he would pursue his policy of the past and submit a series of separate messages on specific propositions after presentation of his opening report.

W. A. ("Bill") Gates of Gates & Lydard is congratulating himself today on having at least one clerk at Economy Groceries No. 1 who "gets his man."

The Groceria's edition of the Northwest Mounted is Merritt Probstfield, who ran down an alleged bad check artist about 2 o'clock this afternoon and in the ensuing scuffle held the man until the arrival of city police, who gave the offender's name as Clifford Knight, 32, reputedly an employe of Mrs. Vista Orchard.

The chase began shortly after Knight allegedly bought a few cigarettes at the Groceria, giving a check for \$7.50 in payment. Suspicious of the check, the clerk telephoned the bank, learned that the check wasn't good and set out in search.

Husband Confesses In 'Trunk Murder'



John H. Happel, 53 (above), was captured and jailed in St. Louis and admitted the Los Angeles "trunk murder" of his wife, Mrs. Rosabella Marie Happel, chief of Police John McCarthy said the prisoner said he beat his wife to death because of her persistent nagging. (Associated Press Photo)

MISSING CARMEL WOMAN TRAILED BY POLICE DOG

CARMEL, Calif., Dec. 19.—(AP)—A police dog today picked up the trail of Mrs. Elroy Botsch Schaffner, wealthy Chicago woman, missing from her home here, and followed the scent for more than a mile until it disappeared on the Carmel ocean beach.

Meanwhile Sheriff Carl H. Abbott was investigating an unverified rumor that Mrs. Schaffner's 2-year-old daughter, Eliot, and her maid were being closely guarded to prevent the possibility of their being kidnaped.

Officers also were investigating the possibility Mrs. Schaffner might have been kidnaped following a report that a screen had been torn from the rear window of her home.

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SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLAN AUTHORIZED BY CITY COUNCIL

Greeley and Hansen of Chicago Will Draft Specifications—Site On Peyton Tract Chosen for Plant

At a regular meeting last night of the city council, before which little business was brought, a contract for general plans and specifications of the sewage disposal plant is to be constructed. It has been announced that the site chosen is the R. E. Peyton tract, lying between Bear creek and the old Pacific highway north of Biddle road.

A plan for the development of Prescott Memorial park by the Civilian Conservation Corps was approved, and the fourth application for a CCC camp to be located at the park, on the slopes of Ross Ann, was sent to Robert E. Fechner, Washington, D. C., national commander. Besides the development of the memorial park, the CCC camp, which would be maintained for nine months, would engage in Bear creek cleanup work between the south city limits and the southern boundary of the fairgrounds, when and of this land is acquired by the city. The council also authorized a survey of this land to determine what sections are available for park purposes.

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Indianaapolis, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Gevelieve Roth, attractive 24-year-old investigator who worked her way into the confidence of Chicago underworld characters and aided in the arrest of John Burns, Chicago mobster, that attended her trial.

Chicago, Dec. 19.—(AP)—Robert Shannon, 40, arrested here two weeks ago in connection with a warehouse robbery, was today sentenced to serve seven years in prison when he pleaded guilty in circuit court.

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Chicago, Dec. 19.—(AP)—The unofficial report came out of a conference between representatives of the unions and officials of the trainmen's strike today, that the unions first asked a wage scale of 75 cents an hour and they reduced the amount to 62 1/2 cents.

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