

The Weather Forecast: Sunday, rain; not much change in temperature.

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By PAUL MALLON Copyright, 1934, by Paul Mallon WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The merriest political prank of the Christmas season was the one invented by Messrs. Roosevelt and La Guardia on the New York public utility boys.

At least it certainly was bright, and probably was intended as a prank, when the two clever political pranksters announced they were going to build a Public Light plant in New York.

Unless the new deal gnomes here miss their guess, no bricks will be laid for that plant. The PWA may allocate some money for it, but long before any of it is spent for construction, the private utility company is supposed to give in and announce a sharp reduction in rates.

Another suspicious aspect is the way the meeting between President Roosevelt and Mayor La Guardia was arranged.

La Guardia was supposed to officiate at the marriage of a friend in New York on the day he came to the White House. The marriage engagement had been made a month before. It was not called off until just before Mr. La Guardia treated a hasty summons from the White House and caught the midnight train.

Apparently the initiative in the move was Mr. Roosevelt's, although the publicity was handled in such a way as to create the impression that La Guardia came down here demanding money. These two make a hard pair when it comes to playing games.

There is another Yuletide game going on which has most of the insiders muddled. No one seems to be able to figure out who is putting it over on whom in the deep court between the senate committee investigating committee members and the administration.

There seems to be little ground for the current story that the committee took that income tax sheet of Mr. Roosevelt's friend, Bernard Baruch, merely because Roosevelt and Baruch took the play away from the committee on curtailing war profits.

The Nye committee has or should have (whichever the new dealers) the records of revenue agents on Baruch's income for the missing years 1918 and 1919. These were never destroyed. They show Baruch's income for the two years was less than \$23,000. They show also that all old returns on incomes of less than \$25,000 were destroyed before Mr. Roosevelt became president.

No one will say anything about it, but Baruch's income for the two years is really supposed to show a net loss. That sounds like a fair assumption in view of the fact that he transferred his investments to liberty bonds for those two years and was bound to have sold many of his investments at a loss when he entered government service.

One thing of which you may be sure is that the scrap is proof of sharp feeling between the Nye committee and the White House and you have not yet heard the last of it.

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RICHBERG WARNS NATIONAL WEEKLY OF LIBEL REEFS

Forthcoming Article in Saturday Evening Post by General Johnson, Ex-NRA Chief, Brings Notice of 'Legal Responsibility.'

(Copyright, 1934, by the Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP) Donald R. Richberg recovery co-ordinator, has written the Saturday Evening Post that it "must accept full legal responsibility" for any derogatory statements contained in a forthcoming series of articles by General Hugh S. Johnson, who resigned as head of the NRA after an extended dispute with Richberg.

In a letter to George Horace Lorimer, editor of the magazine, written December 14, he said he had been "told by several persons, seeming to have sources of accurate information," that a book from which the articles are to be excerpted "includes certain definitely described attacks upon me which, if made, would be untrue, maliciously libelous and designed wholly for the purpose of doing me harm."

"I suppose there is nothing lower in the scale of publishing than the publication of character assassination for the purpose, either of venting personal spleen or building circulation," the letter continued.

"I should not assume that the Saturday Evening Post would stoop to put itself in that class of publications. It is possible, however, that you may have assumed that General Johnson's statements can be relied upon and can be supported by evidence which would be given credence in a court. On the other hand, many of the charges which General Johnson has loosely made in private conversations regarding me and my activities can be completely disproved by documentary evidence and the testimony of a large number of credible witnesses.

"Under the circumstances, I simply desire to notify you that if you take the responsibility for publishing the statements by General Johnson, derogatory to me and obviously designed as destructive to my personal and professional reputation, you must accept full legal responsibility for taking such action without any adequate effort to assure yourself of the truth of the libel."

Beyond saying that he did write the letter in question, Richberg tonight would make no statement. His differences with Johnson, which preceded the latter's withdrawal from NRA, were long a matter of common knowledge in Washington.

Senatorial in fact, Johnson walked out of a White House conference attended also by Richberg and other high officials and promptly dictated a letter of resignation to the president. The chief executive asked him to reconsider, and he did so.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Little Gloria Vanderbilt slept tonight in her mother's home for the first time in two months.

With her mother, she left almost immediately for a tour of the crowded stores, leading Mrs. Vanderbilt a merry chase.

Screaming with laughter, in one Fifth avenue establishment, the child raced from one toy display to another, crowding in among other youngsters to fondle an attractive doll, to climb on a toy merry-go-round. She took a punch at a punching bag.

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CONVICTS FREED IN SERUM TEST



Two life term convicts at the Colorado state prison were freed in accordance with an agreement made a year ago when the men were inoculated with live tuberculosis bacilli—but failed to contract the disease—as part of a test of a serum developed by Denver physicians in an attempt to prevent tuberculosis. Gov. Edwin C. Johnson (left) is shown congratulating Mike Schmidt and Warden Roy Best is bidding farewell to Carl Erickson (right) as the convicts departed.

FEDERAL TAX AS FARM PRODUCTION CURB PREDICTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Federal taxation to compel farmers to hold their production down to usable limits loomed as an even more imminent probability today in the farm administration.

Results of the Kerr-Smith tobacco act referendum, showing overwhelming support of producers of that crop, coming swift on the heels of the failure of the international wheat agreement, the first attempt at international amity in the field of economics; the slow progress in drawing reciprocal trade agreements; new moves toward self-sufficiency among European nations; development of substitutes for American farm products; and bilateral trade agreements between foreign nations cutting into American markets abroad.

These factors spell enforced self-sufficiency for the United States, many of them believe, and almost inevitable compulsory control of farm production to prevent accumulation of new surpluses by those farmers who would expand production.

GREENOCK, Scotland, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Miss Betty Gow, former nurse of the Lindbergh baby, was said by a relative today to be en route to the United States under close guard the Aquitania "for fear something may happen to her."

"The last time Miss Gow was in New York," said this relative, who would not allow his name to be used, "she stated she would be afraid even to set foot in the United States again."

"Things happened during her brief visit on that occasion that I cannot divulge."

Miss Gow was said to have been heavily disguised, but the relative failed to explain why the purser of the Aquitania declined to admit she was on board when questioned by wireles.

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MARTIN APPROVES SYNDICALISM LAW, AND FEW PARDONS

Governor-Elect for 'Law and Order' and Will Veto Any Repeal Anti-Red Curb—Hits Coddling of Criminals

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Strengthening of Oregon's criminal syndicalism law was urged in a resolution adopted by district attorneys of the state at their annual convention here today.

The county prosecutors declared the 1933 legislature, in repealing certain amendments, had "wrecked the criminal syndicalism law." They urged that these provisions be restored.

If the "teeth" are restored it would be a crime merely to be a member of or to assemble with any organization advocating violent overthrow of the government under the law as amended last year, it is necessary for the state to prove that a person actually advocated criminal syndicalism or solicited membership in an organization which advocates such action.

The prosecutors recommended, too, that contributing to the delinquency of a minor be made a felony with maximum punishment of not to exceed five years in prison. The offense now is a misdemeanor, punishable by a maximum of one year in jail.

Governor-elect Martin, appearing before the meeting of district attorneys, declared that "if the legislature passes a law to do away with our criminal syndicalism law, I'll veto it. I am for law and order."

Martin declared, too, that sentimentalists, shedding tears for convicted criminals, will find no warm reception from him.

"I am heartily in favor of the way the government is going after the big criminals," he said.

"Just the other day," he continued, "a fellow came up from Salem and told me that inmates of the state penitentiary have heard that I am not keen for pardons. He warned that we might have a riot out there. Isn't that a fine state of affairs?"

REASONABLY GOOD WOOL MART SEEN

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A "reasonably good" marketing season for the country's wool growers was predicted today by F. B. Marshall, secretary of the National Wool Growers' association.

This is the face of the fact that about 25,000,000 pounds of wool was still unsold December 1 and that about 80 per cent of the 1934 clip apparently will be carried over into 1935, he said.

WINS Legal Fight Over Popular Song



David Graves George (above) of Detroit, Mich., whose authorship of a once-popular song, "The Wreck of The Old 97," was upheld by the Supreme court, said he planned to travel with the \$1,000,000 or more which the decision is expected to mean to him.

NO SCHERMERHORN PAROLE IS WORD

SALEM, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The state parole board at its last meeting here refused to take immediate action toward the release of Gordon L. Schermerhorn, ex-sheriff of Jackson county, because he had not yet served his minimum term as required by law, members of the board stated.

The former sheriff is serving a three-year term at the state penitentiary for participation in a ballot theft at Medford.

Schermerhorn's parole was recommended by a number of Jackson county officials, and his name had been placed on the December calendar for consideration, allegedly by mistake, parole board members declared.

NEW EVIDENCE ON SNEEZE DANGERS

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Evidence, produced by experiments, that infective germs, expelled by a person's coughing and sneezing may stay alive in the air for many hours, was made public today by Harvard scientists.

This discovery, which promises to revolutionize present day thinking on the possibility that certain respiratory infections are air borne, was made by William F. Wells, instructor in sanitation, Harvard school of public health, with the assistance of Wyman R. Stone, graduate student in the Harvard school of engineering.

The two scientists say they have produced evidence that minute drops expelled by a person in coughing, sneezing or talking, do not fall to the floor immediately but evaporate and may leave behind infective germs which drift about for hours.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP) NRA today admitted the impossibility of enforcing price fixing in the lumber industry in an order, effective immediately, eliminating minimum cost protection price provisions from the industry's code.

NEW COMPROMISE BONUS PAYMENTS BEFORE PRESIDENT

Veterans Would Get Cash Next Year and Government Saved Billion Under Plan — Administration Studies Proposition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A new soldiers' bonus proposal which would result in the payment of \$1,200,000,000 in cash to veterans took a high place on the list of compromise plans submitted to the administration.

Informed sources, who declined to be quoted by name, said the scheme had been given careful study by officials familiar with the troublesome issue who hope to avert a strong move for immediate cash payment of the certificates.

The latest plan—should it be accepted—is depended upon by its initiators to settle the question and to save the treasury a billion dollars besides.

The proposition calls for the certificates to be paid in 1935 and the law would be amended so they would rate from Armistice day, 1918, instead of 1925 as at present. The certificates under existing legislation would mature in 1945 but the bonus group wants immediate payment.

On this basis the certificates would be paid on a maturity of 17 years, instead of 20 as proposed in the Patman bill.

Advocates of the plan argue that if the date of the certificates were moved back to the end of the World war, veterans would receive all but three years of interest on the certificates if they were paid in 1935.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The vanguard of a congress destined to deal with many a projected depression panacea today had piled up at the capitol an array of suggestions for soothing the nation's economic ailments.

With the opening of the seventy-fourth congress only a week and a half away, leaders today took stock of pre-season proposals. They found not only a dozen or more different ideas for paying the soldiers' bonus and insuring against old age and jobless poverty, but complete agendas for the session from every political faction, each running into the billions of new appropriations.

The administration has indicated a policy of retrenchment wherever possible, however, and leaders count on the huge democratic majorities to halt any moves for runaway inflation to help pay the cost of relief or other recovery methods not approved by the White House.

Republicans, too, are ready to demand smaller outlays although some of their members are among those demanding large expenditures.

President Roosevelt has about completed his message to congress. He probably will deliver it in person to a joint session on January 4.

FOREIGN TROOPS OCCUPY SAAR FOR PEACE AT POLLS

Nazi Defiance to L. of N. Orders Mild — Forces of Four Nations in Nazi-Soviet Invaders Surrounded, Seek Peace.

By MELVIN K. WHITELEATHER (Copyright, 1934, by the Associated Press). SAARBRUECKEN, Saar Basin Territory, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Foreign troops occupied German soil once again tonight, bringing back memories of the post-war occupation of the Rhineland.

The battle flags of four nations flew over this rich basin as Britain, Italy, Holland and Sweden sent soldiers to back up the league of nations' determination that the plebiscite January 13— at which Saarlanders vote to remain under the league, rejoin Germany or join France—must be peaceful.

Simultaneously with their arrival began the four-day political truce called by the league of nations governing commission in an effort to keep the territory quiet over Christmas.

The soldiers, almost 3,000 of them this time, crossed the German border with the German government's permission, but Nazis in the Saar, not consulted in the matter, were withholding old-fashioned German hospitality while their press poked sly gibes at the league's first international army.

The troops, pouring into the Saar from before dawn until after dusk, were reminiscent, Saarlanders said, of the American, French, British and Belgian, occupation of the Rhine after the World war. There was no French troops along this time, Pierre Laval, anxious for peace, had told the league France would stay out.

The final unit of Holland's troops was the last to arrive during the day. A regiment of Dutch marines marched through the streets at 8:30 p. m. The final British contingent, crackling jokes while marching in perfect file behind its band, paraded the narrow main street of Saarbrücken this afternoon, and succeeded with its good humor in thawing out the frozen faces of some Nazis.

Thousands of Nazi flags, however, were flaunting their swastika above the heads of the marching Tommies, apparently in defiance of the league order forbidding display of any insignia after today.

The display of force backing the Geneva decision to keep the Saar quiet during the voting was impressive.

TOKYO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Rengo (Japanese) news agency dispatches from Harbin tonight said Soviet authorities were seeking to avert bloodshed after Soviet infantry troops invaded Manchoukuo from Siberia.

The troops, asserted to have crossed the border near Tunghing 50 miles south of Suifenho, were surrounded by Manchoukuo troops and their communications cut "in an effort to check their further military activities," the Rengo report said.

The dispatches said Soviet authorities had asked Manchoukuo to allow the Russian soldiers to retire with their arms, and proposed an amicable settlement of the affair. This the Manchurian government was reported considering.

While the foreign office in Tokyo had no official report of the affair and indicated it did not credit the report, it was admitted Soviet farmers recently entered Manchoukuo Tunghing vicinity.

The Rengo advised said the soldiers, after advancing into Manchoukuo territory, began setting up military equipment. What this equipment was the dispatches did not specify, nor was the number of troops indicated.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—(AP)—For the first time in three years, Patricia McGuire, the modern sleeping beauty, is to join the family circle around the Christmas tree.

She slipped into that strange, unnatural sleep on February 15, 1932.

Last Christmas she was still unresponsive to the work.

Today—though she is still in a twilight sleep—sickness—her brown eyes have the sparkle of one who sees again.

EXILE NEAR FOR SLEEPING BEAUTY AT FAMILY TREE

MOSCOW, Dec. 21.—(Sunday)—(AP)—The commissariat for home affairs announced early today that Gregory Zinovieff and Leo Kameneff, one time prominent communist leaders, were among 15 members of Zinovieff's former anti-Soviet group arrested in connection with the assassination of Sergei Kiroff.

A special council under the auspices of the commissariat of home affairs will consider exiling from Austria Zinovieff, Kameneff and five others of the group concerning whom not enough data was available for their immediate trial, it was announced.

FARLEY HOISTED ON OWN PETARD

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Postmaster General James A. Farley, whose familiar plea has been to "mail your Christmas packages early," just got around to some of his own Christmas shopping today.

Joining by hundreds of other hurried shoppers, the genial postmaster general was so busy he didn't even have time to drop into his office at the Biltmore hotel.

BOLT DEFI MADE BY PROGRESSIVES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—A frank threat to bolt the party unless house Republicans back a "progressive" candidate for the speakership was added today to Senator Borah's demands for a G. O. P. reorganization.

Simultaneously, a call was issued for the Republicans to meet January 3 to select their speakership nominee. Since there are only 102 Republicans in the house, it will be snowed under by the 222 Democrats.

But he will remain Republican floor leader and thral party leader.

The bolt" threat was made by Representative-elect Burdick (R., N. D.)

ENGLAND MURKED BY HEAVY FOGS

(By the Associated Press) London, reports that England bids fair to celebrate Christmas in a series of fogs, the first of which on Friday night was so terrible that traffic was disorganized throughout the country and several lives were lost in accidents.

It is an old and familiar story for Britain. Indeed, these winter fogs through long generations have become so much a part of the life of the people that an Englishman feels he has been robbed of some of his birthright if he doesn't see at least one "pek souper" during the season. Just so a Georgian might feel if the magnolias failed to bloom, or a Kentucky colonel if a blight descended on his mint plants.

Jean Hamill, Neimoyer, Funeral services for the late Jean Hamill Neimoyer will be held at the First Episcopal church this afternoon at 2 p. m. Rev. Joseph Knotts officiating. Interment in Jacksonville cemetery.

FAIR AND NORMAL WEATHER OUTLOOK

Oregon: rain Sunday; snow in the mountains; Monday clearing and colder; fresh and strong northwest wind off the coast.

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