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16 INJURED IN SCHOOL BUS SMASHUP

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SCHEME TO "SELL" PUBLIC ON TAX SYSTEM IS URGED

MORGENTHAU AND HANES SPONSORS OF PLAN

FORUMS OVER COUNTRY PLANNED BY EXPERTS

GREATER TENDRENESS SEEN FOR TAXPAYERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—A scheme to explain the tax system to the public has been laid prayerfully before the president by Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., and Undersecretary John W. Hanes. Although he has expressed lively interest, the president may not be persuaded. But the scheme's mere existence is striking evidence of the new tenderness toward the taxpayer prevailing at the treasury.

To say the least, the scheme is unusual, for it calls for a sort of perambulating discussion group, to talk taxes all across America. If the president approves, the genial and persuasive Hanes will start out with a caravan of tax experts, stopping to hold forums in the chief cities of the twelve federal reserve districts. The forums will begin with brief lectures on taxation by Hanes and his attendant experts. Then responsible malcontents will be allowed to ask questions and present complaints. The treasury men will answer, and in the end (it is hoped) the taxpayers will be both soothed and enlightened.

Speaking seriously, there is a great deal to be said for the scheme. Federal taxation actually represents a

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OREGON PILES UP OLD AGE PENSION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The treasury reported today Oregon employers and employees through wage and payroll assessments had paid \$5,939,350 toward old age pensions for persons reaching the age of 65 years after 1942.

Some lump sum payments have already been made to persons who have reached the retirement age since the social security program became effective in 1936 but regular lifetime, monthly installments will not begin for three years.

The collections, which go into the general treasury fund for future appropriation, cover the fiscal years of 1937 and 1938 and the first four months of the current fiscal year—July 1 to October 31.

The size of the pensions will be based upon the total amount of the wages earned by recipients from the inception of the social security program to the time of application for annuities.

SIDE GLANCES by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Officer Clyde Fichtner firmly but courteously enforcing traffic regulations at a fire, then worrying lest he had offended someone, especially newsmen who swarmed to the blaze.

Nancy Heath rushing to the theater to see it she could be horrified by a double dose of horror films.

Inspector Harold Young being much in demand but much among the misting on account of the Jville postoffice robbery.

Author Helen Hedrick looking amazingly chic in tuxedo topped with a Kelly green chapeau, she greeting an old friend with much gusto.

Fletcher Fish being unaware that a bevy of charming admirers were trying to get his attention by hollering at him.

Lucky James breaking down and inviting to tea a person at whom she was simply furious.

HEAVY VEHICLE DITCHED AFTER CRASHING POLE

School Children Piled Against Side of Bus and Showered With Broken Glass — Tried to Miss Automobile

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Sixteen children were taken to Tacoma hospitals early today after a school bus crowded with 38 persons crashed into a telephone pole and overturned between Tacoma and Seattle.

Several received fractured bones, but none were reported in danger of death.

The bus was en route from Brown's Point and Northeast Tacoma, suburban districts, to the Federal Way school, near Seattle. Going down Julia's Gulch hill, the driver, Wilbur Krobbe, turned suddenly to avoid an automobile he said appeared suddenly from a side road. His heavy bus slithered into a telephone pole, then overturned in a ditch, piling the school children against the side and showering them with broken window glass. The bus was badly wrecked.

At the Seattle office of the state patrol where he was questioned today, it was determined Ralph Hermonson, arrested as the driver of an automobile which figured in a Seattle-Tacoma schoolbus crash was fined and his driver's license suspended in Seattle police court last August.

He was held without charge today pending investigation of the bus crash.

NAZIS SHOT CHILDREN IN ANTI-JEWISH WAVE DECLARES ROTHSCHILD

LONDON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Baron Rothschild told prominent civic leaders today Jewish children were shot down in Germany in the anti-Jewish wave that started there November 10.

In an address at a meeting called to support the "Earl Baldwin fund for refugees," the 28-year-old member of the house of lords also read a message from Pope Pius XII expressing the holy father's "human and Christian approval" for all efforts to help "those who are innocent victims in these sad times of distress."

Lord Rothschild said: "I know children have been shot dead. I have personally interviewed people who have escaped from concentration camps and I can tell you their experiences make the many horrors we read nowadays seem like some nursery game."

He hastened to add "on behalf of Jews throughout the world we have no primitive ideas of revenge against Germany for what they have done to our co-religionists. . . . We cherish peace above all else."

The archbishop of Canterbury called the anti-Jewish measures "without parallel even in the somewhat overblown middle ages."

EUGENE, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Christmas greetings here today included a fitful sign spelling "Welcome" on the front wall of the jail.

Moody Declares Pinballs Gobble Much Relief Coin

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(UP)—Ralph Moody, assistant state attorney general, Thursday branded pinball machines as one of the greatest vices in the country and charged that a large amount of relief money is spent that way.

Addressing the Oregon State Sheriffs' Association, Moody declared pinball machines "are all owned by syndicates in New York and Chicago and operated by gangsters."

"I have never found a single machine that was 'operated on the square,'" he said. "They don't give the sucker a chance."

Moody said it had been proved in Marion county that in some months as high as 40 per cent of relief checks were cashed in gambling places.

He called upon sheriffs to enforce the laws strictly. A bill outlawing pinball machines, when awarded are

Anti-Picket Law Perils Federal Aid in Jobless Insurance

Beauty Parlor Girl Slain



Beautiful Leona Vlugt, 19-year-old Oakland, Cal., beauty parlor operator, slain in an isolated spot off "lovers lane" in the hills above the city, was the victim of a sadist, according to officers who accused Rodney Greig, 21, of the crime. A mushroom picker who found the girl's body, first thought it was a wax model, because it was "so beautiful." Police are shown at the slaying scene. (A. P. Photo.)

Sadist Slew Young Woman To Enjoy Thrill Is Belief

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A keen hunting knife, driven deep into the breast of a young woman, Police Lieut. L. M. Carroll said today, provided a "new outlet" for thrill-seeking Rodney Greig.

Greig, 21-year-old Berkeley railway clerk, was accused of murder of Leona Vlugt, 19, in a complaint signed by the girl's father, Leonard Vlugt. Carroll, after questioning Greig and studying his police record which began when he was 11 years old, said: "This young man is a sadist. He was looking for a new thrill, and he found it by plunging a knife into Leona's body and watching her die. He needed a new outlet. That's the way he found one."

Dr. O. D. Hamling, chief medical examiner for the district attorney's office, gave Greig a sanity test. His report may be filed with the prosecutor today.

Questioned for two hours yesterday by J. Frank Coakley, assistant district attorney, Greig told his story of the slaying. Coakley said. The accused man reiterated his statement he did not know why he thrust the knife into the girl's breast while they sat in his car in "lovers lane" in the nearby foothills. Greig said he was in love with Miss Vlugt, and denied they had quarreled. He declared he had an "impulse." Coakley said. The assistant prosecutor indicated, however, he was not satisfied with the explanation.

Miss Vlugt was slain early Wednesday morning. Her body was found a few hours later by a mushroom hunter.

J'VILLE THIEVES LEFT BAD TANGLE FOR SANTA CLAUS

Thieves who entered the postoffice at Jacksonville Wednesday night, left a bewildering puzzle for Santa Claus and the postal service to solve.

The intruders ripped open approximately 50 Christmas packages, most of them held for delivery the day before Christmas and dumped the contents in a tangled pile in the corner. Authorities reported today. Several packages for dispatches to foreign lands were also opened. Many of the gifts were for children. It will be six weeks before the rightful owners of the packages are determined.

Practically every letter in the post-office was torn open in the robbers' search for money. Sheriff Syd I. Brown states. These two were added to the package tangle. No checks were taken. A COD package containing rings valued at \$62 was opened and left on a shelf.

The combination was knocked off the safe door, but a defective handle prevented the robbers from opening the door. The handle requires a special twist to open the door. When Postmistress Mrs. L. A. Eaton arrived, she applied it and the money bag, stamps, and money orders were found intact.

Sheriff Brown said the postoffice presented the most thorough case of criminal ransacking, that had ever come under his notice.

The robbery is under investigation by postal agents, the state police and the sheriff's office. No clues were reported.

Besides the postoffice two Jacksonville stores, Roy Wilson's and the Godward Mercantile company, were robbed Wednesday night, presumably by the same band. It is figured the thieves obtained \$70 in money.

Limb Kills Logger

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A falling limb fatally injured L. R. Willford, 37, logger for the Flora Logging company, near Carlton yesterday.

Water can be made better.

AMERICAN NATIONS EYE PROBLEMS IN LIMA CONFERENCE

Peace at Home, Opposition to Foreign Aggression Without Isolation From Rest of World Objectives

By Andree Berling

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Twenty-one nations of the western hemisphere opened the eighth Pan-American conference today, to work for peace at home and against foreign aggression but without isolation from the rest of the world.

The momentous developments in Europe and Asia in the past five years, which have seen the rise of fascism, the intensification of fascism, and the Japanese incursion of China, made the conference one of the most important in Pan-American history.

The delegates gathering in the Peruvian house of representatives for inauguration of the conference had in mind economic and perhaps political steps against the authoritarian states.

No Isolation

But from the United States secretary of state, Cordell Hull, who headed the delegation, came the assurance the Americas did not seek to cut themselves from the rest of the world.

In a pre-conference radio address last night he declared the Americas "do not seek regional solution for economic problems" but that they "recognize the inter-dependence of all nations and are eager to see their principles 'adopted by all nations of the world.'"

Members of his delegation said the secretary meant not to turn a back on Europe and Asia but to turn and face it, with eyes aware.

His assurances were seen as directed to Argentina, wishing to retreat old world ties, and against some agitation the United States direct all its foreign trade toward Latin America.

Hull said the Americas were deter-

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CAR, TRUCK SALES TAKE BIG UPTURN

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The Automobile Manufacturers association today estimated factory sales of passenger cars and trucks in the United States and Canada totaled 383,000 in November, a gain of 76 per cent over the October figure of 215,296. It was the first month since October of last year that the total exceeded that for the corresponding period of the previous year. Sales in November 1937 were 376,629 cars.

The association represents all manufacturers in the United States except Ford Motor company.

RANCHER WINS IN COPCO DAM SUIT

YREKA, Calif., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A superior court jury last night awarded C. P. Moore, Bogus creek rancher, a \$7,500 judgment against the California Oregon Power Co. in his dam suit involving water levels caused by a power dam in the Klamath river. Moore, whose ranch is at the mouth of Bogus creek, asserted the dam has caused his property to be alternately deprived of water and flooded by the rise and fall of the Klamath under the dam. The creek runs into the river.

GIANT METEOR FLASHES OVER LOS ANGELES SKY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A large meteor, described as many times brighter than the brilliant planet Venus, swept over Los Angeles shortly before sun up today.

It was visible for five seconds, its color changing from blue to yellow-red.

FRANCE TO FIGHT IF NECESSARY TO RETAIN COLONIES

Anti-French Demonstrations Continue in Rome—Growing Cries for Tunisia May Bring Official Act

By Charles S. Foltz, Jr.

PARIS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Sources close to Premier Daladier said today France would fight, if necessary, to defend Tunisia.

The same sources said Italy's military chances of attacking and seizing Tunisia from Libya or from the sea were "zero."

They viewed the Italian campaign for the French protectorate as simply a "propaganda advance guard" for other and more temperate demands concerning the rights of Italians living in Tunisia.

Reports Italian troops were massing in insurgent Spain near the French frontier, however, were said to be receiving the closest attention of the war ministry.

The French view appeared to be that the troop movements in Spain were concerned only with a future insurgent offensive against Catalonia.

But France took no chances. French military sources said if the reports were confirmed the defense ministry might increase Pyrenean fortifications and take additional precautions by strengthening troops in that region.

By Associated Press

In Rome, anti-French demonstrations continued as 1,200 students marched through the streets shouting "forward Italy" and demanding French territories. The rising volume of fascist cries for Tunisia, French protectorate in north Africa, diplomatic circles predicted, may lead to formal Italian demands for "concessions" there.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SENDS RETAIL TRADE TO YEAR'S TOP LEVEL

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Retail buying, stimulated by Christmas shopping, climbed to the highest level of the year this week at leading centers of distribution, although sales for the country as a whole shaded 2 to 5 per cent under a year ago. Dun & Bradstreet reported today.

Wholesale buying was also brisk, but orders ran under last year by a margin of 2 to 12 per cent.

"Higher temperatures failed to halt the upswing in retail sales," the credit agency said. "As Christmas buying gained momentum, most centers reported their highest totals so far this year."

"Apparel, house furnishings, and electrical appliance departments showed some of the best results, and in the majority of stores the trend was definitely to practical gifts."

"The volume of package deliveries reported by most cities scored an increase over the corresponding period of 1937."

Revival of Americanism Urged by D. A. R. Head

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The national head of the Daughters of the American Revolution urged a House committee today to recommend "a revival of Americanism" to combat subversive activities but advanced a six-point program for more immediate action.

Mrs. Henry M. Roberts' Jr., president-general of the society, told the House committee investigating un-Americanism efforts to check subversive groups "must show to the American people they have for years enjoyed more privileges than can be obtained under other systems through years to come."

Later, Theodore Grabner, professor of philosophy at Concordia Theological seminary, St. Louis, told the committee United States recognition of Russia had become an "entering wedge" for communistic preaching in

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press (Time is Eastern Standard)
John G. Winant, director of the international labor office of the League of Nations, is to address the foreign policy association in New York from Geneva at 2:15 p.m., on WABC-CBS, Saturday on "social change."

Tonight (Friday): Talks—WJZ-NBC and WOB-MBS 10, WABC-CBS 10:30. National Association of Manufacturers, Anthony Eden on "Democracy and the Modern World" and H. W. Prentiss, Jr., on "Industry's Program for the Future."

Saturday: Football—MBS chain 5 p.m., UCL-A vs. Oregon State. WABC-CBS—12:30, launching of S. S. Ancon at Quincy, Mass. 3:30 Sen. Harry Byrd on national issues; 4:30 Christmas Seal program; 6:45 Pan-American congress; Alfred M. Landon, WJZ-NBC—12:30 Farm Bureau Federation; 5, new library of congress musicals.

Most Recent Jobs

VAUDEVILLE SHOW WILL BE FEATURE WITH CAR DISPLAY

Portals to the Lions club big annual two-day show will be thrown open at the Medford armory at 7 o'clock tonight. The big vaudeville show will go on at 8 o'clock.

So pronounced has been the interest in the auto show that the armory will be opened tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock and will remain open the rest of the day, the Lions club announced this afternoon. Originally it had been planned not to include an afternoon showing.

The vaudeville show Saturday night will start at 9 p.m. The climax will be a public dance to Steve Whipple's music.

Leading 1939 motor cars and the newest accessories will be on display at all times during the course of the auto show.

A nominal admittance charge will be made, the entire proceeds to be used by the Lions club in its charitable activities.

TWO NAVY AIRMEN DIE IN SEA CRASH

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Two navy single-seater land planes collided in midair 15 miles southwest of Point Loma about 10:30 a. m. today, crashing into the sea and killing both pilots, according to official reports.

The dead:

Lieut. John M. Duke, 35, and George M. Maddux, 31, aviation machinist's mate, naval aviation pilot, both of Coronado.

The planes sank immediately. Lieutenant Duke's body was recovered, but Maddux' body was still missing at a late hour.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 9.—(AP)—C. C. Baker, 55, Salinas attorney, was sworn in today as a member of the state railroad commission succeeding Wallace Ware, who resigned last July.

That was the comment today of an Oregon compensation commission official, speaking in the absence of T. Morris Dunne, state chairman, and D. A. Bulmore, administrator.

The official said the social security definition of a labor dispute was broader than that of Oregon's new anti-picketing law, which Lee Pressman, attorney for the CIO, contended amended the unemployment law.

MCDONALD SANE WHEN

MRS. KRUEGER SHOT

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 9.—(AP)—A jury decided today that Charles E. McDonald was sane at the time he shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Karl Krueger, wife of the Kansas City symphony orchestra conductor, last August 19 on Hollywood Boulevard.

The verdict makes McDonald liable to a one to ten year sentence.

The court set the sentencing for next Monday morning.

First Citizen

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The really board named Franklin T. Griffith, attorney and president of the General Electric company, Portland's "first citizen" of 1938. Each year the board honors a citizen for outstanding public service and civic leadership.

A Good Time

Friday again. Right now is the time to prepare that WANT AD for the Sunday morning edition. Most folks read about everything in the paper Sunday and it is a good time to advertise.