

The Weather
FORECAST
 Fair tonight and Tuesday, continued cold.
TEMPERATURE
 Highest yesterday 50
 Lowest this morning 24

Tell Your Story
 Everyone can use Classified Ads. profitably. There is no set rule for preparing an Ad. Just tell your story completely in as few words as possible and watch the replies come along.

REICH WARNED AGAINST MEMEL GRAB

The Capital Parade

By Joseph Alsop and Robert Kintner
 Copyright, 1937, by The North American Newspaper Alliance, Inc.
 PUBLIC STRUCTURE ART DUE TO BRUCE'S EFFORTS
 FINE MURALS IN EACH P O TREASURY OFFICIAL'S A
 LAWYER-PAINTER SEEN BUILDING ART AGENCY
 1 PER CENT OF COST USED FOR DECORATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Out in Granville, Ohio, a small Baptist stronghold in the farming country, a remarkable event has just taken place. A mural depicting the arrival of the first settlers has just been unveiled at the post office. The obscure painter, Wendell Jones, has shown the pioneers after the felling of a mighty tree for their church's pulpit, when they burst into a spontaneous hymn of praise. By the strange artist's alchemy, he has infused his picture with reality and ecstasy, until it seems to sing as loud as his painted men and women.

That is a remarkable event by any standard—the appearance, in a little town of the Midwest, of one who promises to rank with the first creators of our time. The man responsible is Edward Bruce, director of the fine arts division of the procurement division of the treasury, whose peculiar ambition is to bring good painting and good sculpture into every city, town and hamlet in the United States.

Bruce is an extraordinary fellow. The order he has established several of the leading government economists by asking them to lunch, and urging them to include works of art in the catalogue of the national wealth. The notion was something of a novelty to a hard-headed statistician like Commissioner of Labor Statistics Isador Lubin. That didn't stop Bruce, who argued for it enthusiastically, and ended by threatening to testify on the subject before the monopoly committee.

But the really interesting thing about Ned Bruce is that he is succeeding surprisingly well with his ambition. For a long time, Nevada was the last state he had not invaded, but now he has found a place and a painter for a small project at Lovelock.

On the walls of his office, among multitudes of sketches for murals past and future, hangs a huge map of the United States. Black pins mean finished projects, red pins, unfinished. There are scores and hundreds of pins, scattered all the way from Arcadia, Pa., to Anacortes, Wash., from La Jolla, Calif., to Kennebunk, Me., and Big Spring, Tex. Bruce has a way of looking lovingly at his panorama of pins and telling you:

"Some day, there'll be a pin in every village. Our people are started for pictures. And what a wonderful place for a picture a post office is. Did you ever stop to figure out how

(Continued on Page Four.)

GRANTS PASS, Dec. 12.—(AP)—William Frisch, Holland gold miner buried in a cave-in Sunday, was in a hospital today while attendants said his back may be broken.

Frisch told them he had to dig his way out with his hands and sawl unsaid to the mine entrance from where he called for help.

SIDE GLANCES
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Marjorie Kelly explaining in detail new and simple methods of doing house work and enjoying it, she about to take out a patent on the ideas.

Billy Perl having lots of fun eating quantities of fancy cakes off his mother's tea table and then adding insult to injury by asking Mama Dorothy for a dime to buy something to eat.

Maurine Carroll greeting a friend whom she hadn't seen for ages with enthusiasm and effusiveness.

Promoter Mack Lillard wearing a neighbor grin than usual, he anticipated more than a capacity house at the result's fruits tonight.

Homer Nixon being asked if his fast-growing infant son was able to do his own washing yet, the forest ranger replying the baby makes a good start at it by soaking his spines through.

BRITAIN, FRANCE 'HOPE' GERMANY WILL STAY OUT

Victory for Memel Nazis in Parliamentary Elections Fires Hope for Return to German Government

LONDON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Great Britain has expressed to Germany the "hope" that the Reich will not annex Memel, Prime Minister Chamberlain told the house of commons today. Britain, he said, was joining France in representations to Berlin concerning possibility of a movement to absorb Memel, which was German before the world war, as a sequel to yesterday's elections for the local parliament which resulted in a decisive victory for Memel Nazis.

Desigus Seen
 In reply to a question the prime minister said:
 "There is reason to think that after the Memel elections demands may be made upon the Lithuanian government by majority parties in the diet which would be inconsistent with the statute of Memel (the agreement of May 8, 1924, by which Britain, France, Italy and Japan approved Lithuania's possession of Memel)."

The British government, as a signatory of the Memel convention, can not ignore this possibility.
 "In view of the special influence which the German government is in a position to exert in the matter, the British charge d'affaires in Berlin has been instructed to join with the French ambassador in expressing the hope that the German government will use its influence to insure respect for the statute."

Previously Chamberlain told the house Britain was not obligated to go to the aid of France in the event of an Italian attack on France or her colonies.
 Replying to a series of persistent questions, Chamberlain also disclosed Germany thus far has made no official request for the return of her former colonies, lost in the world war.

MEMEL, Lithuania, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The pro-Nazi Memel directory, flush with what it termed a smashing victory in parliamentary elections yesterday, decreed the end of Lithuanian police powers today in this former German territory.

The decree asserted only police of autonomous Memel would be permitted to control security of the territory lying at Lithuania's southwest corner adjoining Germany.

Lithuanian police who heretofore have collaborated with Memel's autonomous force now will be regarded as private citizens.
 Decision in Berlin
 Political observers declared final decision as to any change in the territorial status of Memel, object of German ambitions to expand along the Baltic, would be made in Berlin, not Memel.

The Lithuanian government which holds a somewhat nominal sovereignty over Memel awaited the return from Berlin of the German minister. It was expected he would bring precise German proposals for the future of the disputed region.

Held as Father's Slayer



Richard Belcher (above), 20, was held in the Redwood City, Calif., county jail as the slayer of his father after he summoned officers to the scene and gave them the gun he said he used. The youth told officers he had shot his father after the latter had beaten his mother.—(A. P. Photo.)

REDWOOD CITY, Calif., Dec. 12.—(AP)—County authorities called a conference today to decide what to do about prosecuting Richard Belcher, 20, for slaying William Belcher, 50, and reported at the same time the youth had told them he was only a foster son of the slain man.

Sheriff's deputies previously had understood Belcher was the youth's father.
 Sheriff James J. McGrath said young Belcher had confessed the fatal shooting of the elder man Saturday and attributed his alleged action to cruelty the elder man had inflicted on Mrs. Ada Belcher, 50. The latter, widow of the slain man, was in a hospital in a critical condition as a result of a beating.

Deputies quoted young Belcher as declaring the Belchers adopted him 17 years ago.
 Under Sheriff Lawrence Nieri reported Richard Belcher told him he had found Mrs. Belcher unconscious from a beating after a night of quarreling with her husband, and he then had borrowed a pistol and slew the elder Belcher.

Select Jury For Roy Wright Trial

YAKIMA, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Eight jurors were tentatively selected this forenoon in the trial of Roy Wright, age 18, Watsonville youth charged with the murder of John D. Moore, Yakima automobile dealer.

Wright's attorney, Eugene Ivy, asked for a stay of trial so he could contact Wright's relatives to get information tending to prove his amended plea of not guilty by reason of insanity, but was denied though the insanity plea was allowed to stand.

First Lady Will Pay Tax On Future Radio Income

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Persons close to Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt disclosed today she intends to pay income taxes on her future radio earnings although the treasury has ruled them tax exempt.

The "purely personal" decision by the first lady, it was said, was made to avoid any chance of future criticism.

DECASTO MAYER STRANGLES SELF IN SEATTLE JAIL

Habitual Criminal Undergoing Trial For Slaying Of James Bassett Leaves Mother To Face Music.

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—"I feel sorry for her."
 These were the words of Mrs. Marian F. Bassett of Annapolis, Md., mother of the missing James Eugene Bassett, when told last night Decastro Earl Mayer, accused of killing her son, had committed suicide.

Her thoughts were for Mayer's mother, Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73, co-defendant in the first degree murder trial under way here. Mayer ended his life yesterday afternoon in the county jail.

"I loved my son and she loved hers," Mrs. Bassett said, speaking slowly with great earnestness. "In all her actions she was guided, I believe, by that affection."

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The first degree murder trial of Mrs. Mary Eleanor Smith, 73-year-old former inmate of the state prison, was alone today to face a first degree murder charge in connection with the death 10 years ago of James Eugene Bassett, Annapolis, Md., man. Her son and co-defendant, Decastro Earl Mayer, 44, serving a sentence in the penitentiary as a habitual criminal, killed himself yesterday in the county jail where he was incarcerated during the couple's trial, under way the past two weeks.

Prosecutor B. Gray Warner was prepared to continue the trial without the principal defendant, but authorities were chiefly concerned with obtaining from Mrs. Smith a clue to the whereabouts of Bassett's body.

Wishes He Had Confessed
 "I wish he had confessed, I would (Continued on Page Eight.)

LIMA CONFEREES EYE PROJECT FOR AMERICAN SAFETY

Plan Advanced by Venezuela Defines What Would Be Aggression Of Non-American Nation.

By Andree Berding
 LIMA, Peru, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Pan-American conference peace committee, with Alf M. Landon as the chief United States representative, took up today a sweeping project for safeguarding the security of the Americas.

The project was advanced by Venezuela. It defines what would be aggression from a non-American nation and calls for immediate consultation and common action by the Americas in the event of attack.

Some of the delegates considered the project too advanced in concept for conference approval in its present form, but from the committee discussion may emerge a draft acceptable to all.

Favorable Omen
 Some delegates saw a favorable omen for peace legislation in the address by Jose Maria Cantillo, foreign minister of Argentina, who said on Saturday the American nations were ready to maintain a common front against any danger which might menace the independence and sovereignty of any of them.

In view of the previous Argentina attitude against any step drawing away from European ties, the feeling prevailed Cantillo took a step further than might have been expected.

Deciding to return home today, Cantillo instructed his delegation to proceed upon the outlines of his speech but no further.

Much criticism of the Venezuela aggression project was that it did not consider the possibility of invasion of the hemisphere by political activities of the non-American nations, which both Cantillo and Secretary Hull, chief of the United States delegation, mentioned in their Saturday speeches.

The United States delegation would like to see something included on this.

Time for Unity
 The Venezuela plan, "without exaggerating future danger" and "without sowing suspicions," declares that "for America the moment has arrived to think and work continually, to unify its action and its methods of defense upon the face of emergencies that might arise."

The definition of aggression includes: force to settle differences rather than use of the courts; declaration of war on one of the signatories; invasion by armed forces; attack by land, air or sea; a naval blockade; support to armed bands invading one of the Americas.

Lad Loses Life Trying To See Stock Of Toys

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Christmas window shopping and a pony scale brought death in "Bethlehem manager" last night to 10-year-old Cyril Shepard, son of a WPA tailor.

He shinned up the scale to gaze into a store alluringly decorated and stocked with toys. The scale toppled over and knocked Cyril through a show window displaying a reproduction of the most sacred Christmas scene.

A silver of glass severed his jugular vein. He died in view of a younger brother.

LABOR WILL FILE ACTION FOR TEST ANTI-PICKET ACT

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—The American and state federations of labor announced they would file action late today to restrain the Portland chief of police and the sheriff and district attorney of Multnomah county from enforcing the anti-picketing act approved at the November 8 election.

Kelley Loe, the organizations' public relations representative, said the suit, brought under a declaratory judgment law, would test the constitutionality of a measure regulating strikes, picketing and permitting members to examine union books.

The measure, condemned by labor on the belief it would destroy the attainments of many years of work, was sponsored by the Associated Farmers of Oregon. The initiative petitions were circulated after a state-wide investigation of labor terrorism.

The plaintiffs included William Green, AFL president, and Frank Morrison, secretary, Paul E. Gurake, president of the Oregon Federation, John O'Neill, vice-president, D. E. Nickerson, executive secretary, and the Oregon Labor Press Publishing Co.

PATRONAGE DEAL REMAINS SECRET

PORTLAND, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A new deal in patronage was voted by the state central committee of the Democratic party at a meeting here Saturday but what it was remained unannounced.

Howard Latourette, national committee man, and Frank Tierney, state chairman, said their proposals followed a conference with Postmaster General Farley, national party chairman, at Chicago recently.

At that time, Latourette said Farley had agreed to dispense patronage through the state committee rather than let certain individuals pass it around.

The county clerk's office announced today, it was prepared for the issuance of marriage licenses under the new Oregon marriage law. Blanks have been received.

COMEDIAN WAITS COURT SENTENCE FOR SMUGGLING

George Burns Pleads Guilty to Federal Charge — Brought Two Bracelets in — Heavy Penalty Possible

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(AP)—George Burns, the radio comedian, pleaded guilty in federal court today to a charge of smuggling. Federal Judge William Bondy deferred sentence until after the trial of Albert Chaperau, also named in two indictments with Burns.

Assistant U.S. Atty. Joseph V. Delaney who handled the case said Burns and Chaperau were named in an indictment of six counts each, charging they brought into the United States and concealed two bracelets.

Co-operation Shown
 Because Burns had shown co-operation with the federal authorities, Delaney said, Judge Bondy permitted his release on his own recognizance pending sentence.

In a second indictment Burns and Chaperau and a woman, Paula Gherinske, were charged with smuggling a ring into the United States.

The maximum penalty is 18 years imprisonment and fines totaling \$45,000 under the nine counts in the two indictments.

The first indictment contained three counts for each of the two bracelets. The counts charged smuggling of jewelry, its receipt, concealment and transportation.

Burns' name was first mentioned in the smuggling case shortly after the indictment of Chaperau and Mrs. Edgar J. Lauer, wife of a state supreme court justice.

Early Witness
 The comedian was among the first of the witnesses questioned by the grand jury.

Chaperau described himself as a former Nicaraguan commercial attaché.

Lauer's Park avenue apartment was raided last October 27 by customs agents in search of goods, hats and other finery. The agents acted on an affidavit by custom agent Gordon Pike that on October 7 Chaperau had passed nine pieces of luggage through customs without examination, a courtesy given consular officials, and he subsequently delivered numerous garments to the Lauer apartment.

POUNDER PROSECUTION OF BOY WHO KILLED HIS FOSTER FATHER IS CLAIM OF CHINESE

SHANGHAI, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A major setback to the long-heralded Japanese mop-up campaign in Shansi province was reported today with the statement by Chinese that 6000 Japanese had been killed there by Chinese Guerrillas.

Chinese sources also reported victories in two other sectors, recapturing cities on the Sinking river and others west of Hankow. (The casualty reports could not be confirmed from other sources.)

The Shansi setback was said to have been inflicted by China's famed eighth army using day and night harassing tactics to force the Japanese to withdraw after a successful offensive against Wutai-sha, the eighth army's fortified base at the foot of Wutai mountain.

Foreign reports said the Chinese had seized large supplies of arms and ammunition by means of a ceaseless hit-and-run campaign aimed at regaining control of the northern province.

Chinese leaders told of their gains in an interview in a Shanghai tea house where they had come after a hazardous journey through the Japanese lines to obtain needed medical supplies. They produced photographs to substantiate their claims.

ROME, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Italy's need of French Somaliland for the development of Ethiopia was declared today by Virginio Gayda, the fascist editor who often expressed Premier Mussolini's views.

Gayda, who previously had aired Italy's alleged grievances against France in Tunisia and her desire for lower tolls and a share in control of the Suez canal, charged the French with hindering Italian colonial interests through possession of Djibouti.

DUCE'S MOUTHPIECE CLAIMS SOMALILAND IS NEEDED BY ITALY

ROME, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Italy's need of French Somaliland for the development of Ethiopia was declared today by Virginio Gayda, the fascist editor who often expressed Premier Mussolini's views.

Gayda, who previously had aired Italy's alleged grievances against France in Tunisia and her desire for lower tolls and a share in control of the Suez canal, charged the French with hindering Italian colonial interests through possession of Djibouti.

That port of French Somaliland is the terminus of the railway linking Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, with the Red Sea.

Gayda's declaration, in his Giornale d'Italia, coincided with other Italian press charges France was arming Tunisia, her North African protectorate, for military use against Italy.

French Somaliland, Gayda wrote, "continues to nullify the policy of friendship and collaboration contemplated in the defunct Italo-French accords of 1935 and continues to be a chronic provocation which can no longer last or be tolerated."

SALEM, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Mrs. Malinda J. Wade, 92, believed before her death to be the oldest living native of Marion county, died Sunday at her home where she had lived for 55 years. She is survived by a son, Murray Wade, well known Oregon cartoonist and publisher, and a brother, George L. Neal of Turner.

Portland, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Cupid's operations, curtailed by the new state law requiring physical and mental examination for both parties to a marriage license, approached normal again today. Although no licenses were issued the first five days the act was in effect, 19 were distributed the next five. The clerk said the number was about average.

BREMERTON MAYOR TO SERVE YEAR IN JAIL

PORT ORCHARD, Wash., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Despite a jury recommendation of leniency, Superior Judge E. D. Hodge today sentenced Jesse Knabb, Bremerton mayor to a year in jail and fined him \$1000 for conspiracy to establish a gambling game.

George Vanderveer, Seattle, of defense counsel, gave oral notice of appeal.

Knabb was permitted three days' liberty in which to raise \$3000 appeal bond.

Walsh Opposes Rearming In Effort to Provide Jobs

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Speaking as chairman of the powerful senate naval affairs committee, Senator David I. Walsh (D., Mass.) said today he would oppose any armament building program "based upon rearmament of arms industries" in general. James P. Byrnes (D., S.C.) head of the naval appropriations subcommittee, felt the navy already was "making good progress" and favored army air force building. William E. Borah (R., Idaho) held that battleships were "for offense, not defense" and urged building planes.

Walsh, before returning to Boston after a week-end visit here, wrote a statement of his views because he considered the question of "armament spending so important."

WEDDING LICENSE ISSUING RESUMES

The county clerk's office announced today, it was prepared for the issuance of marriage licenses under the new Oregon marriage law. Blanks have been received.

It was reported a couple who applied for a license last week, went to Washington state.

The county clerk announced last week, no licenses would be issued until full and complete information was received from the State Board of Eugenics. This restriction was lifted today.

LINDBERGHS TAKE PARIS APARTMENT

PARIS, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Friends of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh said today he had taken an apartment in Paris and settled down here with his family for the winter.

The American flier had found his house on the island of Ile de France, off the northern French coast, impracticable as a winter home, his friends said, and had decided to come to Paris. Here he hoped to find the peace and seclusion he had sought since leaving the United States two years ago to live first in England, then in France.

Mrs. Lindbergh has engaged a nurse to care for their two small sons.

The Lindberghs' establishment of a home in Paris appeared to put an end to reports they intended to move to Berlin. These reports, from German aviation circles, said friends in the German capital were looking for a house for the Lindberghs there.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Senator-elect Downey (D., Calif.) said today he would not introduce in congress the California \$30-a-week pension plan, but would support a modified Townsend plan estimated to give \$60 a month to unemployed persons over 60 years old.

"I am more interested in pension legislation than anything else," Downey said.

The Californian praised the administration's spend-lend program and said it was stopped suddenly the financial structure of the nation would collapse.