

The Weather
Forecast
Cloudy with rain tonight and Thursday, slightly warmer.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 49
Lowest this morning 34

Others Happy
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The Capital Parade

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BLANK CHECK RELIEF SYSTEM SEEN DOOMED
EXPECT BYRNES SUCCEED IN CHANGING WPA SET-UP
SPENDING CHANNEL AND POLITICS BAN LIKELY
F. R. FACING HARD FIGHT TO BLOCK REVISION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—South Carolina's canny, pleasant-mannered senator, James F. Byrnes, has announced a determination to reshape relief policy at the next congressional session. He is already at work on a plan, narrowly confining the powers of works progress administrator Harry L. Hopkins and his aides. He is assured of the support not only of many Democrats, but also of most Republicans. In fact, it appears that the White House will have to give in, or face the hardest kind of fight on relief.

Of course, Jimmy Byrnes doesn't always stay hitched. He has a strong personal feeling for the president, which has survived marked differences of opinion on such matters as the sit-down strikes and the purge. But he also has a strong personal feeling for the vice president, who is said to be dead-set on some sort of relief reform. And Byrnes gives every sign of being ready to carry through.

An important indication that he means business was his recent overture to the Republican leadership of the senate which proved ineffectual, that the old Republican-conservative Democratic coalition is by no means intact. Byrnes was told, as a matter of form, that the Republicans would have to stand for their own pet program of returning relief to the states. But they need not do so. He is confident that, after the Republican statesmen have had their say, their leader, the wise, unvoiced Charles L. McNary of Oregon, will line them up solidly behind the Byrnes plan. As the WPA's primary shenanigans have infuriated scores of Democrats, that should leave the senatorial new dealers standing almost alone, with majority leader Alben W. Barkley moaning plaintively but ineffectually at their head.

The Byrnes plan, while still incomplete, is beginning to take rather definite shape. It will not go so far as the often-advocated surrender of relief administration to state authority. On the other hand it will vastly increase the congressional limitations on WPA, which has operated, to date, just about as the whim took Harry Hopkins and the president.

Categories of relief spending will (Continued on Page Six)

SIMILAR EFFORTS IN SOUTH AMERICA DIES GROUP TOLD

Nazis Aim at Espionage Organization, Sabotage Machine and German Minority Says Investigator

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The house committee investigating un-Americanism was told today the spy situation in the United States constitutes "a very serious menace."

John C. Metcalfe, committee investigator, who spent six months checking up on activities of subversive organizations, told the committee "the real aim of the American Nazi movement is to build up in the United States a spy organization, a potential sabotage machine and a German minority."

Similar efforts are being made in South America, Metcalfe said.

In response to questions from Chairman Dies (D-Tex.), the witness said he believed the United States had been placed in "a precarious position" through the efforts of subversive groups to set up sabotage machines. Metcalfe added that besides Germany, other countries which he did not name were engaged in spying activities in the United States.

Draft Report

The committee, meanwhile, began drafting its report to congress which informed persons said would contain specific suggestions for eliminating "subversive activities."

Many of the legislative proposals will be taken from recommendations of patriotic groups for registering alien organizations and for widespread publicity about their membership and activities.

Chairman Dies (D-Tex.) announced the committee, its funds exhausted, would conclude hearings tomorrow.

Summarizing testimony during four months of hearings in a radio address last night, Dies urged the nation to be more concerned with "pro-Americanism" than with "anti-Communism, anti-Fascism and anti-Nazism."

Van Winkle Sees No Conflict From Anti-Picket Law

Singer Relates Gunplay



Wearing dark glasses, Singer Ruth Etting is shown as she arrived in court at Los Angeles to testify against her former husband, Martin "Col. Gimp" Snyder, on trial for shooting her accomplice, Myrl Alderman, who is shown in left background behind man with hand to hat. Just behind Miss Etting, with one eye peeking over the singer's shoulder, is Edith Snyder, Snyder's daughter. (A. P. photo.)

TWO AWAIT QUIZ ON SPY ACTIVITY

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Government agents worked in secrecy today as they prepared to take before the federal grand jury the case involving the Pacific coast manager of the former Berkeley travel bureau and a former Soviet, police officer.

Held under bond of \$25,000 each on spending charges accusing them of espionage U. S. naval intelligence documents to the Soviet are Mikhail Gordin, 34, coast head of Intokahr, Inc., and Hafis Salich, former policeman who had been loaned to the naval intelligence because of his proficiency in the Japanese language.

Asst. U. S. Atty. William F. Palmer, while declining to amplify the charges against the pair, said the case would be presented to the grand jury as soon as possible.

RUTH ETTING MARRIES FORMER ACCOMPANIST IN FLIGHT TO NEVADA

LAS VEGAS, Nev., Dec. 14.—(AP)—In a swift-moving accompaniment to the trial in Los Angeles of her former husband, Martin Snyder, for attempted murder, Miss Ruth Etting was married here today to Myrl Alderman, her former pianist whom Snyder is accused of shooting.

The ceremony took place in the chambers of Judge William Orr, a few minutes after 9 o'clock (P. S. T.). Immediately after the ceremony the party left for the airport to return to Los Angeles in their chartered plane.

The Rev. C. H. Sloan, who had been called to the courthouse a half hour before, performed the ceremony. The couple flew here in a chartered plane from Los Angeles. County Clerk Lloyd S. Payne issued the license a few minutes before 9 a. m. (P. C. T.) and the couple left the office immediately saying they planned to have the Rev. C. H. Sloan officiate at the marriage ceremony.

Ruth Etting gave her age as 37, residence Los Angeles and recorded a divorce granted in Chicago Nov. 30, 1937. Alderman gave his age as 39 and said he was divorced in Los Angeles a year ago.

WALLACE PICKS SITES FOR MILLION DOLLAR FARM LABORATORIES

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace announced today selection of Peoria, Ill., New Orleans, La., a point in the Philadelphia area and one in the San Francisco area for locations of the four \$1,000,000 regional agricultural research laboratories.

The secretary said the locations were decided upon after a study of more than 200 towns and cities.

The Peoria laboratory will serve the northern region; the one at New Orleans, the southern region; the one in Philadelphia, the eastern region; and the one in the San Francisco area the western region.

Officials explained the designation of the Philadelphia area for the eastern region and the San Francisco bay area for the western region meant the laboratories for those areas would be located within the general vicinity of the two cities.

WIFE OF JUSTICE DENIES SMUGGLING

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Elma N. Lauer, wife of Supreme Court Justice Edgar J. Lauer, today pleaded innocent in federal court to an indictment charging her with smuggling and conspiracy. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 and the case was set for January 3.

Mrs. Lauer, who contended the case was inspired by a vengeful servant, entered her plea before Federal Judge Henry W. Goddard.

George Burns, film and radio actor, pleaded guilty Monday to a similar indictment. Several other prominent figures in the entertainment world had been questioned by treasury department agents and representatives of the U. S. attorney's office.

EDEN CHATS WITH HUGHES, PITTMAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Anthony Eden chatted today with Chief Justice Hughes and Chairman Pittman (D. Nev.) of the senate foreign relations committee.

The former British foreign secretary visited Hughes at the latter's home for about 30 minutes and then saw Pittman at the capitol.

Eden said he had no plans for the afternoon except a luncheon at the home of Sumner Welles, undersecretary of state.

Defunct Bank Pays

ALBANY, Dec. 11.—(AP)—A Christmas gift of \$22,572 in dividends for depositors at the First National Bank of Albany was revealed today by C. C. Bryant, receiver. Sixty-two per cent of the total \$465,440 claims has been paid.

Vergez Signed as Manager Of Oaks

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Johnny Vergez, former big league third baseman, was named today as the playing-manager of the Oakland Coast league club for 1939. He was signed to a one year contract by President Victor Devenezani. The Oaks acquired him from Sacramento for the lesser price of \$25,000.

AMERICAN LEAGUE IS ADVOCATED AT LIMA CONFERENCE

Pan-American Doctrine for All American States Is Urged by Foreign Minister De Mesa, Colombia

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Mexico, apparently with an eye on United States claims against her, today sought to place the Pan-American conference on record as opposing the collection by armed force of debts among American nations.

By Andrew Berding

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 14.—(AP)—An appeal for conversion of the United States Monroe doctrine into a pan-American doctrine for which all American states would be responsible was made today to the Pan-American conference by Luis Lopez de Mesa, foreign minister of Colombia.

During his plea for Colombia's project for a league of American nations, Lopez de Mesa said "the Monroe doctrine now can be widened to embrace all free America in its responsibilities."

The Colombian called attention to the altered attitude of the United States toward its southern neighbors since 1923, when Monroe proclaimed his doctrine.

"We are witnessing a wonderful broadening of the idea of statesmen in the republic to the north," he said.

"We are finding new interpretations of a generous nature on the part of our neighbor to the north."

He also called attention to the pressure of European events and political theories on the Americas, subject with which the conference is increasingly concerned.

The peace committee also was called on to consider a possible declaration against recognition of territorial gains made by force, a subject of keen interest to the United States.

The plan under consideration would co-ordinate several existing agreements, and be a declaration against recognition of territory conquered by force, undue pressure or by the threat of force.

It was of special interest since the United States has not recognized Italian conquest of Ethiopia or Japanese conquest of Manchukuo, and the question now is arising whether to recognize the Japanese-sponsored governments in territory taken from China since the Oriental war began in 1937.

FRUIT OF VALLEY WORTH \$3,675,000 AGENT ESTIMATES

Total Valuation of All Crops Placed at \$7,660,000—Drought and Lower Prices Cost Million Dollars

Valuation of the 1938 fruit crop of the Rogue River valley is estimated at \$3,675,000, by County Agent Robert G. Fowler. Total valuation of all crops raised is reckoned at \$7,660,000, approximately a million dollars less than last year.

The reduction is attributed to lower butterfat and dairy prices, and "more or less of a crop failure due to a drought." Between April 14 and September 10, there was no rain. Lack of moisture hit the grain crops.

Next to the fruit, chiefly pears, is the valuation of milk and milk products, estimated at \$1,200,000.

Third comes hay with an estimated value of \$900,000.

Beef cattle value is placed at \$800,000; hogs, \$180,000; sheep, \$80,000.

Grain, other than hay above mentioned, by varieties, is listed as follows: Wheat, \$60,000; barley \$60,000; oats, \$40,000; corn, \$60,000.

Truck crops, such as potatoes, tomatoes, onions and garden stuff, is figured at \$200,000.

Crop prospects for next year are improved, but the question of better prices is problematical, the county agent reports.

JAPAN IN DEAL FOR MEXICAN OIL

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 14.—(UP)—A deal by the Mexican government to sell oil to Japan was reported under way today less than a week after details of a barter arrangement with Germany were published.

The newspaper La Prensa said it understood Japan had agreed to buy a considerable quantity of oil, appropriated last March from American and other foreign companies, provided the Mexican government can arrange to deliver the shipment at some Pacific port.

Neither the amount of the deal nor the price was revealed.

Considerable credence was given the report, however, in view of Mexico's recent indication it would dispose of its surplus petroleum to any buyer. Originally the government had announced it would not sell the seized oil to any but democratic states.

According to the newspaper El Popular, organ of the Mexican workers' confederation, the German deal "is about to be completed."

CUPID IS DELAYED BY RED TAPE ON LICENSE

Two applications for marriage licenses, under the new state marriage law have been made by Jackson county couples, the county clerk's office reported today. The principals have had the required medical examination, but Dan Cupid is all bound round with red tape. The papers have not been filed, and the clerk cannot issue the license.

One of the grooms, a clerk office deputy reports, irked by the delay, announced he had "spent his last dime in Oregon!"

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press

(Time as Eastern Standard)

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—A half-hour broadcast from an informal party to be given Secretary of State Cordell Hull, head of the U. S. delegation to the Pan-American Congress, will come from Lima, Peru, tonight over WJZ-NBC at 8 o'clock.

As a further addition to tonight's broadcasting Robert Taylor, Jeanette MacDonald and others are to contribute an hour's program on WJZ-NBC at 10 in behalf of the National Redaction movement. The title is "America Calling."

Tonight (Wednesday): WEAP-NBC, 7:45, Boy Scout program, Col. Roosevelt.

What to expect Thursday: WABC-CBS, WJS-NBC, WOR-MBS, WMCA-Inter-City, 2:30 p. m. Pres. Roosevelt at ground-breaking ceremonies for Thomas Jefferson memorial at Washington.

The annual President's Ball that raises money for infantile paralysis control, will be the subject of a broadcast by Gen. Hugh Johnson over the CBS network Thursday, 7:15 to 7:30 p. m. EST. Treating the same theme will be an American Medical association dramatization of the NBC red network next Monday, 11:30 p. m. EST.

ATTOENEY RULES JOBLESS AID ACT IS NOT REPLACED

Two Measures Separate and Distinct — Cannot Deny Benefits for Failure to Accept Work in Strike

SALEM, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Attorney General I. H. Van Winkle ruled in an opinion today the anti-picketing law approved at the November election neither modified nor replaced any part of the state unemployment compensation law.

He held the two acts were separate and distinct measures and that the unemployment compensation statute defined in detail conditions under which unemployed may obtain compensation.

The unemployment compensation commission asked the opinion in connection with applications filed by jobless who refused to accept work where there was a strike or a lock-out.

Cannot Deny Benefits

"It is my opinion," Van Winkle said, "that the unemployment compensation law of Oregon contains an absolute prohibition against the denial of benefits to an otherwise eligible individual for failure to accept a strike or a lockout and that such position is, by statute, not suitable work."

A copy of the opinion was sent to the social security board in Washington for use in a hearing January 19 to determine whether the anti-picketing law conflicted with the unemployment compensation law.

At the same time Assistant Attorney General Ralph H. Campbell said reports he and T. Morris Dunne, chairman of the state unemployment compensation commission were to appear before the social security board in defense of the law were "misleading."

"Dunne and myself will represent the state in an effort to convince the social security board that the initiative measure passed by the voters November 8 does not place the Oregon unemployment compensation law in non-conformity with the federal statute which says benefits shall not be denied any person refusing to accept a job made vacant by strike, lockout or other labor dispute," Campbell said.

'NOT ONE INCH' IS FRENCH REPLY TO FASCIST DEMAND

PARIS, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Foreign Minister Georges Bonnet announced today France had informed both Italy and Germany directly she would never yield an inch of territory in response to Fascist demands.

Bonnet's disclosure was made at a meeting of the Chamber of Deputies committee on foreign affairs where he was questioned on Italian demands for Tunisia and other Mediterranean lands.

By the Associated Press

Any Italian aggression toward French Tunisia would be a "matter of grave concern" to Britain, Prime Minister Chamberlain warned today in the House of Commons, where anger mounted over a Nazi rebuff to the prime minister.

Chamberlain's blunt notice came in response to a question in parliament inspired by the recent Italian clamor for Tunisia and other French possessions.

In the midst of ruffled Anglo-British feelings, Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, arrived on an unofficial visit, reportedly to discuss financing of German Jewish emigration.

Prime Minister Chamberlain's rebuke of the German press last night and the consequent absence of all German representatives from the dinner where he spoke raised speculation whether a barrier had arisen to any full peace understanding between the two powers.

Chamberlain deplored the tone of the German press in its recent "vituperation" of former Prime Minister Baldwin and reminded his listeners "history teaches us that no form of government ever remains the same."

MEMEL ANNEXING SEEN IN OFFING

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Berlin diplomatic quarters expressed the belief today annexation of Memel territory by Adolf Hitler's greater Germany is such a matter of weeks.

Events were believed moving at such a fast pace Hitler might be able to call the reichstag together January 30—the sixth anniversary of his rise to power—to welcome 150,000 Memel Germans into the fatherland.

Diplomatic quarters felt conditions had ripened within the 1,099 square miles of territory which Lithuania took from Germany after the World war for a decisive step late in January when the newly chosen Memel diet (parliament) meets.

JAPAN GIVES UP IDEA OF U. S.-BRITISH SPLIT

TOKYO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Japanese quarters said today Japan, apparently convinced it was impossible to drive a wedge between the United States and Great Britain, has decided to follow a "strong" policy toward both.

The summoning home of United States Ambassador Nelson T. Johnson from China and the visit of Anthony Eden, former British foreign secretary, to the United States were interpreted here as certain signs of open Anglo-American co-operation against Japan.

EX-MAYOR GIVEN LIFE IN PRISON

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Duncan M. Johnston, 39-year-old former Twin Falls mayor, was sentenced today to life imprisonment for the slaying of George L. Olson, Salt Lake City jewelry salesman.

District Judge James Porter said he would hear arguments Friday on defense motions for a new trial.

Johnston, one-time vice commander of the Idaho department, American Legion, heard without show of emotion the sentence to life imprisonment "at hard labor," made mandatory by the jury's verdict Saturday which convicted him of first degree murder.

Johnston was arrested June 2, more than a week after Olson's body, a bullet wound in the neck, was discovered in a locked automobile. His arrest followed the finding in his jewelry store rings valued at \$15,000; a .25 caliber revolver the state charged was used in the slaying and keys to the automobile in which Olson's body was found.

Educator Dies

TACOMA, Dec. 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Margaret Craig Curran, principal of the Willard school, Tacoma, died here Tuesday evening. She had been active in Pacific north west educational work for more than 25 years.

13 COLOMBIANS KILLED IN BRUSH WITH POLICE

MEDELLIN, Colombia, Dec. 14.—Thirteen persons were killed today and several others, most of them women, were injured at Segovia in a clash between villagers and the national police. Ten of the injured were in critical condition.

The fight was caused by a dispute between the director of the Segovia jail and the chief of police without the former tried a prisoner without authorization from the chief. Most of the villagers supported the police.

DIME STORE CASH TAKEN BY BANDIT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—A lone-armed bandit took \$1400 from a P. W. Woolworth dime store manager in a daylight robbery on crowded Mission street here today.

Police Ident. J. C. Melloy said John E. Upphoff, Jr., the manager, reported he was on his way from the store to a nearby bank with the money in a satchel, when the bandit, about 45, stopped him.

The man pushed a gun against Upphoff's ribs and demanded the money, then got into a small grey coupe and sped away, Upphoff said.

Women shoppers witnessed the holdup and gave police the license number of the car.

CONVICT GERMAN ON CANAL SPYING

CRISTOBAL, C. Z., Dec. 14.—(AP)—Hans Heinrich Schackow, 26-year-old German steamship company employe, was convicted today of photographing Canal Zone fortifications. It was the Canal Zone's first espionage case.

A federal court jury deliberated about two hours before reaching the verdict of guilty.

Schackow is one of four young Germans accused. The others—Ingeborg Waltrunt Gutman, 19-year-old girl secretary; Gilbert Wilhelm Gross, 24, and Ernst Robert Edward Kuritz, 29, are to be tried later. All were arrested October 16 at Port Kaituma, which defends the Atlantic entrance to the Panama canal.

A federal court jury deliberated about two hours before reaching the verdict of guilty.

FIRST TRAIN CROSSES SAN FRANCISCO SPAN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—(AP)—The first Eastway commuter train crossed the big span on a test run today and coasted into the new terminal at First and Mission streets.

The train will be used to test and tune terminal signal facilities, preparatory to the beginning of regular train service across the bridge about January 17.

Organist and Skier Hans Herlein coming to the aid of the MIT with the correct spelling of the present, singular of the verb "ski" is averring it is "skia."

Zoe Hurd getting fined two-bits for advertising hobby's business in a Keweenaw guide.

Dick Calder recalling the cold, wintry days he once spent in Vermont, he preferring the temperate climate of southern Oregon.

Jim McNeill having a great time showing guests around Toiyland at five department headquarters.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

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