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Forecast: Partly cloudy to night and Friday; little change in temperature.

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Less Fortunate

Now is a good time to clean out the things around the home you no longer need or use.

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ROPER TO LEAVE ROOSEVELT CABINET

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SHISM SEEN GROWING IN REPUBLICAN RANKS

HOOPER HELD SPOKESMAN OF GOP FUNDAMENTALISM

MEMBERS IN CONGRESS VIEWED AS MODERNISTS

EX-PRESIDENT LUGING UNYIELDING OPPOSITION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The division among Republicans is rapidly becoming as serious as the division among Democrats.

Before election, Hoover personally intervened in several states, urging local candidates to blast the New Deal in his own state manner.

Now Hoover has taken the election results as the text for a practical sermon, which he addresses to every one of the Republican politicians encountered in his journeys about the country.

The difference between Hoover's fundamentalism and the doctrine of those who may be described as Republican modernists is nowhere more striking than here in Washington.

The Republican members of congress whom the former president privately denounced as namby-famby and lacking in principle, are modernist almost to a man.

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Commerce Aide Will Return to Private Affairs

President Accepts Resignation, Effective Dec. 23 With 'Sincere Regret'

More Resignations Rumor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt accepted today the resignation of Secretary of Commerce Daniel Roper effective December 23.

The president said in a letter, made public by the White House, he knew the "impelling personal reasons" which prompted Roper to ask to be relieved of his duties and "I accept your resignation with very sincere regret."

Roper's resignation was the second among cabinet members within recent weeks. Attorney General Cummings has resigned to resume law practice.

More Rumored

Rumors of other changes in the cabinet have circulated ever since the November 8 election. Among those who have been mentioned in that connection are Secretary of War Woodring and Secretary of the Navy Swanson.

The White House announcement said Roper wanted to return to private life to attend to personal affairs. Roper's letter of resignation disclosed he had expressed to the president on several occasions since March 4, 1937, "my desire to return to private life in order to give needed attention to my personal affairs and which I have not been able to do while in public office."

Speculation as to a successor dealt primarily with the name of Harry L. Hopkins, the WPA administrator and close personal friend of Mr. Roosevelt.

Roper was born in Marlboro county, South Carolina, in 1867. He graduated from Trinity college, now Duke university, and taught school before being elected to the state legislature at the age of 25.

Although Roper's resignation had been rumored from time to time for more than a year, he was always vigorous in his denials until the death several weeks ago of his son-in-law, David R. Coker. It was understood by friends the death both saddened Roper and thrust upon him the responsibility of managing the large estate left by Mr. Coker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Brien McMahon, assistant attorney general, said today "leads indicating E. Dennis Coker" had engaged in shipping arms and munitions to belligerent countries in cases labeled milk of magnesia are now being investigated by the department of justice.

Coster, president of McKesson and Robbins, Bridgeport, Conn., drug wholesaler, was arrested at Fairfield, Conn., yesterday.

The arrest was in connection with the seeming discrepancy of \$15,000,000 in the assets of the huge drug business he built.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press (Time is Eastern Standard) NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Frank Parker returns to the Burns and Allen broadcast tomorrow night, replacing Tony Martin.

Representative Martin Dies of Texas, chairman of the congressional committee investigating un-American activities, will broadcast on WJZ-NBC Saturday. He speaks in the National Grange program at 12:30.

Tonight: Talks—WABC-CBS 7:15, Gen. Hugh S. Johnson on the president's birthday celebration; WJZ-NBC, 8:30, George H. Davis on "Congress and Business" and William Green on "Congress, Labor and the Election"; WJZ-NBC, 9:30, America's Town Meeting. "What Is America's Greatest Need Today?"

What to expect Friday: WEAF-NBC—6:30, Pan-American congress.

Jackson Couples Go to Yreka for Marriage Papers

Jackson county couples are now flocking to Yreka, Calif., to procure marriage licenses, according to a telephone message received today by County Clerk George R. Carter, from the county clerk of Siskiyou county, California.

The Siskiyou county clerk telephoned for information on the age requirements and other minor legal points of the Oregon marriage law. Under California marriage laws, couples must wait three days after filling the application before a marriage license is issued.

Yreka is located 62 miles from Medford, on the Pacific highway. Only two Jackson county couples have taken the medical examination required under the Oregon marriage law the past week, according to the county clerk, but the certificates authorizing issuance of licenses have not been received. One groom called three times for the necessary papers, and irked by the delay, made arrangements to marry in the state capital.

U. S. Would Unify American Pacts

LIMA, Peru, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The United States laid before the Pan-American conference today a project for unifying all existing Pan-American peace, conciliation and arbitration agreements into one fundamental constitution of peace for the western hemisphere.

It does not carry existing agreements any further and makes no fundamental changes except in regard to arbitration.

This followed disclosure by Argentine delegation leaders that Argentina had taken a dominant position in negotiations over a plan for non-partisan solidarity and the United States had abandoned all hopes for a pact against outside aggression in favor of a mere declaration of policy.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, speaking at ground-breaking exercises for a memorial to Thomas Jefferson, praised Jefferson today for "establishing the practical operation of the American government as a democracy and not an autocracy."

Added Funds for Military, Relief Await Congress

Money to Operate WPA Until July 1 Must Be Considered Early in Session

Defense Big Factor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Administration requests for extra army and navy appropriations, and for an additional relief fund which may run as high as \$800,000,000 will be the first "big money" problems before the new congress.

Funds to operate the WPA until July 1 must be considered early in the session, because the current allotment may be exhausted by February 15. The amount needed will depend on the size of relief rolls during the winter and spring, but WPA officials already are making preliminary estimates.

Congress also is expected to get an early start on the national defense program. Well-informed house members said today the war department has submitted to the budget bureau an estimate "somewhere between \$900,000,000 and \$650,000,000" to run the army in the next fiscal year. This would be between \$150,000,000 and \$200,000,000 above this year's total.

President Roosevelt has indicated he would ask for a \$150,000,000 increase for the navy, which got \$546,000,000 this year.

Approval of the increases would send the appropriations for the armed services to their highest peace-time level.

While details were lacking as to how the additional funds would be spent, Mr. Roosevelt has indicated a substantial part of the increase for the army would go toward the projected expansion of the air corps.

Sprague Picks Aide in Recent Campaign for Secretary's Job

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Governor-elect Charles A. Sprague announced today that Cecil L. Edwards, 31, Salem, would be his private secretary, and that Mrs. Helen Webster Beclar of Portland would be assistant secretary.

Edwards served as Sprague's campaign manager for Marion and Polk counties. He was secretary to State Senator Douglas McKay during the past three legislative sessions, and was taken the medical examination required under the Oregon marriage law the past week, according to the county clerk, but the certificates authorizing issuance of licenses have not been received.

Mrs. Beclar was a member of the secretarial staff of former U. S. Senator Frederick Steiwer (R., Ore.) for seven years and was employed in the law offices of Maguire, Shields and Morrison in Portland. She was graduated from the University of Oregon in 1925.

In the university she was secretary of the Associated Students, and a member of the executive council. Sprague, a Republican, will take office January 9.

Jap Ambassador

Chamberlain Believes Germans Realize Disparity in Finance Might Be Deciding Factor in Conflict

By the Associated Press

British Prime Minister Chamberlain declared today Britain's financial power was a curb on Nazi thoughts of war.

The prime minister's brief but outspoken reference to Germany was set out to indicate a stronger line toward the Nazi leadership since the German ambassador and other Nazi representatives boycotted the speech Tuesday night in which he rebuked the German press for its attack on Earl Baldwin, former prime minister.

The prime minister declared German statements realized that in a war "of long duration" Britain's financial resources "might prove to be a deciding factor."

France Army Budget Up

Amid increasing strain on French-Italian relations, the greatest French arms budget since the World War was voted to parliament for approval.

In Rome, Achille Starace, secretary-general of the Fascist party, ordered Fascists to resign from an association of French and Italian war veterans and from the Italian war veterans group.

The order was linked with the Italian claim for territory or greater privileges in French possessions in Africa and the Mediterranean to which France has answered that she would fight to protect her empire.

The Spanish civil war thundered back into action on two long-quiet fronts. Insurgent artillery bombarded government lines in northern Catalonia close to the French frontier. In the south, government advances said, an insurgent tank and infantry charge was repulsed with heavy losses west of Pozoblanco.

The French ordnance and extraordinary budgets appropriated almost 400,000,000 francs (about \$20,000,000) to the nation's armed services. This sum represented 65 per cent of the government's estimated 1939 income.

To Build Huge Navy

The money will go to build a French navy rivaling the combined fleets of Italy and Germany, to increase the personnel and speed up warplane production for the air force, to buy new and better guns, improve fortifications and increase the mechanization of the army.

7 Boys in Lockup Admit Long List of Minor Thefts

City Police Today Had Apparently Smashed a Youthful Gang of Lawbreakers Whose Activities Extend Over Six Months and Range from Petty Larceny to Burglary and Breaking and Entering

Arrested yesterday and this morning and being held in both the city and county jails are six 16-year-old and one 17-year-old boys who were questioned today, but released, all now in custody have confessed to various crimes, police said, and one or two others now at large and suspected of working with those being held will probably be apprehended immediately.

A considerable amount of loot has been recovered by police, including a tire and rim stolen of a parked car belonging to Linn Mills, two Kodaks, several rolls of film and several bottles of hair oil stolen recently from the warehouse of the California-Oregon Freight Lines, and a miscellaneous assortment of automobile accessories, including two yellow fog lights.

Police said the boys have all confessed to car jacking, washing and stealing, thefts of bicycles and bicycle equipment, and two of the youths have admitted breaking into Franklin's grocery store November 19 and stealing candy, soda pop and potato chips.

The youthful gang has not worked as a unit, police said, although they have known of the activities of each other. Two or three of them would prowl together and at different times, police explained. Because they have not pooled their loot, police are attempting to recover stolen property.

All the boys will probably be held in juvenile court next Tuesday before Judge Earl B. Day, police said, with various charges being preferred against them.

Names of the boys were withheld pending disposal of the cases. City police recently arrested two other local youths for car prowling. One of them, Norvin Duane Coble, 16, was sent to the state training school at Woodburn. The other was paroled to relatives in Central Point.

CAPT. EDEN PROUD OF COLONIAL ANCESTOR

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Capt. Anthony Eden told America today he was proud that in the pre-revolutionary days when his ancestor, Sir Robert Eden, was colonial governor here "Mayday was a center of political and religious freedom" and Sir Robert "a liberal who sympathized with 'the American view.'"

Standing in the barroom of historic Hammond-Harwood house, where Sir Robert may have dined with the bellies of 1775, the tall British statesman in a brief nationwide broadcast he liked to relive the pages of history today—"a history in which we can both take pride."

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New Pear Price Record Is Set By Order Here

What is believed to be a new world's record for the price of pears was established today when Rosenberg Brothers filled an order for two Christmas gift packages containing 24 Comice pears each for dispatch to Manila by Clipper plane.

With the Clipper transportation charges included, the two boxes of pears cost the purchaser \$85. Thus the 48 pears delivered figured at \$1.77 each.

About \$3,700,000 was spent for food supplies in the Medford CCC district for the six months ended November 30, it was learned at headquarters here today.

Of the total about \$1,000,000 was spent for canned and sacked food supplies, \$700,000 for fresh fruits and vegetables and \$2,000,000 for poultry, dairy products, onions, meat and meat products, records showed.

Ninety-nine percent of the total expended went to farms in the Pacific coast. The approximate amount expended per day per enrollee for food in 43 camps, headquarters said.

The Medford CCC district comprises the largest part of Oregon and northern California and covers about 90,000 square miles. Enrolled strength of the district is between 5,000 and 6,000 men.

SCHOOL VACATION TO START DEC. 22

Christmas vacation period for some 2750 students and 106 teachers of Medford's public schools will start one week from today, December 22, and end on January 2, inclusive, the city school superintendent's office announced. Students and teachers will not return to school next Thursday and will enjoy a 12-day vacation before resuming study on Tuesday, January 3.

First semester ends on Friday, January 20, with the final examinations scheduled for the week ending on that date.

Students and teachers at St. Mary's academy and high school will enjoy a 13-day holiday vacation, classes being suspended following completion of studies next Tuesday. There will be no school Wednesday, St. Mary's vacation period ends on January 2, with students and teachers resuming their studies January 3. First semester ends January 20.

SNELL IGNORED BY BACKERS OF BILL

SALEM, Dec. 15.—(AP)—Today the State Earl Snell said today he had received no reply to his request that the Associated Farmers and the Eastern Oregon Wheat league reveal the names of persons who contributed to the \$20,000 fund to support the bill to regulate picketing and boycotting, passed at the November election.

Snell said he did not know what action would be taken if the request, made two weeks ago, were denied.

Debt of Nation Takes Big Jump on Bond Paying

Per Capita Average Now \$303—Interest Over Billion Per Year—Five Billion Deficit This Year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The treasury's debt took a spectacular jump today to the unprecedented average of \$303 for every man, woman and child in the country.

This was payment day for investors on \$730,000,000 of new bonds and notes sold by the treasury, boosting the debt to a new record of \$39,400,000,000. If the treasury's indirect obligation on \$5,000,000,000 worth of securities issued by government corporations were added in, the per capita debt would be \$341.

The amount due and unpaid on war debts owed the United States by European nations also reached a new peak today. It passed the \$2,000,000,000 mark, as another installment became due, with only Finland waiting at the counter to pay.

On the direct national debt alone, the interest cost is now more than \$1,000,000,000 a year, or almost equal to the combined cost of the army and navy.

Direct treasury obligations are about 50 per cent higher than at the war period peak of \$25,595,701,548 on August 31, 1919, and more than double the post-war low of \$16,525,087,087 on December 31, 1930.

Of the subsequent \$23,375,000,000 debt increase \$4,800,000,000 was added during the last two years and two months of Herbert Hoover's administration, and \$18,475,000,000 since the start of the Roosevelt administration in March, 1933.

This fiscal year, the government is spending \$9,000,000,000 and expects to collect only \$5,000,000,000, leaving a deficit of \$4,000,000,000. This deficit must be raised by borrowing, except for \$1,400,000,000 obtained through the cashing in of sterilized gold and a smaller amount of cash on hand.

Finland to Pay

As for the war debts, the Finnish government advised the state department its check for \$23,955,500 would be paid at the federal reserve bank in New York.

No other money was expected, nor was any promise anticipated from the 12 other debtor countries to pay in the future or to propose any plan for settlement.

A total of \$160,217,934.37 fell due today. The previously due and unpaid balance on debts in default since 1932 to 1934 was \$1,891,499,906.63, thus making the total amount now owed \$2,051,707,241.10.

The nations in default are Great Britain, France, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Italy, Hungary, Poland, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Rumania and Yugoslavia.

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Other unique provisions: "To any unmentioned person who shall attempt to break this will, the sum of \$1."

"To my name, oblivion. I specifically forbid its use or association in any prospective fund, memorial, scholarship or trust of any nature. I desire that Dr. Warren Hunter perform necropsy; that there be no funeral service of any sort; that the 11th stanza of Swinburne's 'Garden of Proserpine' and the entire 'Thanatopsis' of Bryant be read aloud over my body by a lay person; that my cremated body's ashes be strewn by a paid employe on the waters of the Straits of San Juan De Fuca."

Dr. McLean's estate exceeded \$100,000, mostly insurance, which he left to his widow. He bequeathed his library to the University of Oregon medical school.

Rain in California Ends Long Drought

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