

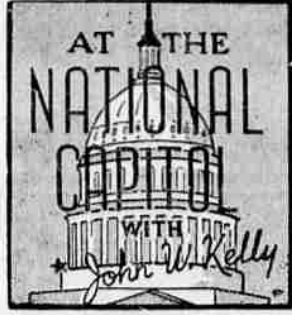
The Weather
 Considerable cloudiness tonight and Thursday, not much change in temperature.
 Highest yesterday 51
 Lowest this morning 32
 Precipitation .02
 To 3 p. m. yesterday .02
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Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—More about wood coke, which has department of commerce, bureau of mines, forestry laboratory, army engineers and President Roosevelt, himself, excited as it may lead to establishing a steel industry in the Pacific northwest, and a market for Bonneville and Grand Coulee power.

Bethlehem Steel declares wood coke is O. K., that it can be used instead of coke from coal, with a greater percentage of pure carbon than the latter, therefore makes better steel. From a laboratory of the bureau of mines a batch of wood coke has been made from plain sawdust. Sample of this coke was taken last week to the forestry laboratory at Madison, Wis., where tests will be made to determine whether it can be produced cheap enough to be commercially profitable.

IN SIMPLE language, the wood is cooked under pressure and heat and from it comes a distillate, which is tar. Then the wood (transformed by the process) and the distillate are combined and treated, resulting in coke of a very superior quality. It has not been demonstrated yet whether Douglas fir (principal wood of Oregon-Washington forests) can produce enough goo, or distillate, but the experimenters say there is a possibility that the waste from pulp mills, which is now poured into the Willamette, Columbia and other rivers, can be used as distillate for the mix.

THIS latter possibility will receive serious study, for if the waste from paper mills is suitable, one cause for stream pollution can be eliminated; the waste being put to commercial purpose instead of being dumped into western rivers and jeopardizing fish life. For more than one reason the Pacific northwest is, therefore, concerned in the discovery of wood coke.

In the final analysis, the problem (Continued on Page Six)

MISS BENGE WEDS ARIZONA RESIDENT
 Reno, Nev., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Marriage licenses issued here today included William P. Heron, 36, San Simon, Ariz., and Gladys Bengé, 35, Heppner, Ore.

Kuhn Enters Prison, Given Special Guard
 Ossining, N. Y., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Fritz Kuhn, the German-American Bund leader, became a special prisoner at Sing Sing today—a man whom it was necessary to place in protective custody to guard him from potential enemies.

SIDE GLANCES
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

The Waits, Virginia and Wilson, rushing down to the depot in the early morning fog to greet a couple of music experts.

Orbin Cooksey not being at all backward about explaining his excellent shooting ability while bagging Tule lake ducks.

Bill Isaacs decidedly perturbed with himself for not playing better bridge and thus winning a prize.

Rosalie Leslie making great plans for an orange blossom and rice event scheduled for the very near future.

F. R. WOULD SEND FINNISH PEOPLE FOOD, CLOTHING

President Studies Plans For Aid—Wires Ernest Hope For Speedy End of War.

Washington, Dec. 6.—(AP)—President Roosevelt conferred with Jesse Jones, Federal Loan administrator, and Norman Davis, chairman of the Red Cross, today on new plans for extending help to the civilian population of Finland.

The conferences were held after Mr. Roosevelt had expressed to President Kallio of Finland his "earnest hope" the Russo-Finnish war would end soon so the little Baltic nation might continue her steady development "untroubled."

Jones said upon leaving the chief executive's office that the question of what might be done for the Finnish people, through the American government's lending agencies, was under discussion.

No Decision
 No decisions were reached, he said, but if anything is done it may be a move toward getting to the Finnish people things to eat and wear.

Specifically, he mentioned cotton, corn and wheat—products of which this country has a surplus.

Davis followed Jones into conference and told reporters afterward that he, also, had talked with the president about relief for Finland.

Much is being done already, he said, mentioning the dispatch to Finland of an airplane with a cargo of medicine.

Mr. Roosevelt's consideration of new methods of extending non-military aid to Finnish civilians followed a disclosure at his press conference yesterday that the next payment on the Finnish war debt, expected December 15, would be segregated in the treasury pending a determination by congress whether the money should be used to help the Finnish people.

Hopes For Peace
 The president cabled the Finnish leader on the occasion of the 22nd anniversary of Finland's independence.

"This anniversary," said Mr. Roosevelt, "on which the Finnish people recall with pride the achievement of their independence gives me yet another welcome occasion to voice the whole-hearted esteem felt for them and for their government by the people and government of the United States."

"It is my earnest hope that these tragic days may not be long in giving way to a happier era to permit the Finnish people to continue, untroubled, the (Continued on Page Ten)

TACOMA DECIDES ITS 'MT. RAINIER'
 Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 6.—(AP)—The state of Washington's most ludicrous feud ended today when the Tacoma chamber of commerce agreed to call Mount Rainier Mount Rainier.

War Bulletins

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The 8,196-ton British steamer Huntsman was reported reliably today to be missing and probably lost.

Copenhagen, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The 2,135-ton Danish steamer Ove Toft sank today after striking a mine in the North sea. Six members of the crew of 21 were missing. The others were picked up by nearby ships.

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Reuters news agency reported from Stockholm today that 50 Italian airplanes had been delivered to Finland by air.

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The house of commons tonight voted approval of the government's conduct of the war, 303 to 125. The vote was against a labor motion criticizing the way the government was organizing the nation's manpower and resources for the conflict.

London, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Authoritative sources disclosed today that British firms had arranged to supply a score of fighting planes and "a considerable quantity" of other war materials to Finland.

STATE, COUNTY LEVY TO BE 13.2 MILLS IN JACKSON COUNTY

The state and county tax levy for Jackson county for the coming year will be 13.2 mills. Inside Ashland which levies its own general road and county library funds, the tax levy will be 11.6 mills. The amount to be raised by tax is \$451,416.53 as certified in the approved county budget.

The tax millage is two-tenths of a mill more than last year, when it was 13 mills. The slight increase is due to the state general fund levy of .3 of a mill.

The millage by funds is as follows:
 State elementary schools, 1.6 mills;

General county, 4.4;
 State tax, .3;
 General county schools and school library, .3;
 County library, .2;
 General road fund, 1.4;
 Market road fund, 1;
 General bridge fund, .9;
 Crater Lake highway bond redemption, .2;
 Crater Lake highway bond interest, .2.

In addition to the above, there are city levies, for each of the incorporated towns of the county, and the school district levies.

JESSEL'S EX-WIFE FEARS VIOLENCE

West Palm Beach, Fla., Dec. 6.—(AP)—George Jessel was placed under a \$1,000 peace bond today by his former wife, Norma Talmadge, in the court of Peace Justice T. M. Rickards.

Miss Talmadge, former star of the screen, said in a formal complaint she feared Jessel would do her bodily harm.

State Attorney Phil O'Connell represented Jessel but did not directly contest the action.

The bond was posted. It was signed by Arthur Hammerstein, Jr., and John H. Dalton.

Miss Talmadge came to West Palm Beach several days ago. Jessel arrived this morning in a private plane from New York.

FIND NO TRACE OF WINNIE JUDD

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Wearily and discouraged searchers renewed the hunt today for Winnie Ruth Judd, mad murderer who they believed still was hiding within a short distance of the Arizona state hospital for the insane, from which she escaped for the second time three days ago.

FINN PRESIDENT SAYS ARMY WILL RESIST TO LAST

Reassurance Given People On Anniversary of Independence—Victories Told

By Lynn Heinzerling.
 Helsinki, Dec. 6.—(AP)—With all Finland fearing a new blow from her Soviet Russia neighbor, President Kyoesti Kallio, in an Independence Day speech today told the Finns they could "absolutely trust" their army to fulfill its "heroic duty" in resisting the Russian invasion.

Finnish officials expressed particular pleasure over a congratulatory message from President Roosevelt on the 22nd anniversary of freedom from Russia. The message was broadcast, followed by "The Star-Spangled Banner."

Bolstering Finland's courage, the government announced that 2,000 Russian troops had been captured since the invasion started last Thursday, and that 64 Russian tanks had been destroyed.

Despite the war, President Kallio and his government held their customary Independence Day reception for the diplomatic corps.

History Repeats.
 "We have been forced to observe our independence anniversary under conditions which have horrified everybody," the president said.

"History repeats itself, since during hundreds of years our people have received fate's heaviest blows from the same source."

A government spokesman again today emphasized Russian losses had been "very great compared to those of Finland."

After a heavy snow this morning, the skies cleared somewhat and the few residents of deserted Helsinki went about their tasks with anxious eyes watching the dark skies.

It was stated Russian planes had been sighted yesterday over Esbo, a few miles west of Helsinki. Authorities speculated the Russians may be seeking a place near the capital for landing infantry troops by parachute.

Russia Humiliated.
 The gulf outside Helsinki is thickly mined and the approaches are well fortified, making extremely difficult any attempt by the Russian fleet to get close enough to shore to land troops.

Political circles felt the Russian command could not long endure the "humiliation" of being held at bay by a nation of Finland's size.

New snow today was greeted enthusiastically by military authorities. They counted it a heavy advantage for Finland's famous skiing machine-gunners and infantrymen.

JOE E. BROWN IN AUTO COLLISION

Los Angeles, Dec. 6.—(AP)—Joe E. Brown, the motion picture comedian, was injured in an automobile accident today.

At a hospital where he was taken, his son, Don, said his father was shaken and bruised and received minor cuts but no bones were broken.

"He will be here for a few days," young Brown said. Police investigators said his auto and one driven by Charles G. Wheeler, 65, collided on Sunset Boulevard near the campus of the University of California at Los Angeles.

Albany Bright Spot In Job Providing

Salem, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The Albany office of the state employment service, center of the state's turkey industry, led the state by finding jobs during November for 1,603 persons. Portland was second with 978.

Russian Bombers Scour for Death and Ruin in Helsinki



This debris-littered street shows a portion of the damage to a residential section of Helsinki, caused by raiding Russian planes which dropped their bombs as Finland was attacked by land, sea and air. More than a hundred civilians were reported killed in a series of raids. This picture was transmitted from London to New York by radio. Above the city seven Russian bombing planes are shown during one of the many attacks upon the capital.

GIRL VICTIM TELLS STORY OF ABDUCTION BY MERRILL BUSBY

Merced, Calif., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Prospects of going to a fashionable school in San Francisco, with pretty clothes, lured Dorothy Thompson, 14, to her Livingston home with Merrill Busby, 28, she told a superior court jury here.

The school girl was the first prosecution witness yesterday against Busby, charged of child stealing, abduction and conspiracy. He was jointly accused with his sister, Sally Stanford, and Dorothy Heber, both of San Francisco, but later they won a separate trial, scheduled for next Monday.

Dorothy testified Busby took her to San Francisco last September 13, kept her in various hotels until September 18, and then took her to Oregon, telling her the police were looking for him. They lived at a tourist camp at Cave Junction, Ore., until federal men took them into custody, she said.

Orange, Tex., Dec. 6.—(AP)—Chairman Martin Dies (D-Tex) of the house committee investigating un-Americanism disclosed through a secretary today that Leon Trotsky and Diego Rivera, famed Mexican muralist, would testify this month on communication activities in Latin America. The committee, Secretary Robert E. Stripling said, probably will hear Trotsky and Rivera "somewhere near the Mexican border" before Jan. 3.

Russians Attempt to Drive Wedge in Northern Finland

Kirkenes, Norway (at the Finnish Frontier), Dec. 6.—(AP)—On this 22nd anniversary of Finnish independence, a Soviet Russian army was reported to have driven almost a fifth of the way across northern Finland—apparently under orders to cut the country in two.

This army was said to have penetrated 35 miles into Finland, reaching Kuolajarvi, on the seventh day of the war, and leaving only 150 miles to be traversed before Finland would be bisected.

Completion of the drive would put red forces on the Swedish border. Just beyond the border lie Sweden's rich iron mines. Observers saw in the relentlessly developing Russian strategy a great menace to Sweden—apart from the disaster it might mean for Finnish troops in the far north.

Region Uninhabited
 Finnish sources contended the Russian advance was discounted in advance because the region already penetrated is practically uninhabited. The Finns declared the invaders would encounter "unbreakable" resistance when they reached Finnish defense positions west of Kuolajarvi.

The base of this Russian cross country thrust was reported to be Kandalaksha, at the westernmost extremity of the White sea, railway station nearest of the Finnish border in that region. Kandalaksha lies 50 miles east of the Finnish border.

In reaching Kuolajarvi, the Russians also gained access to a good highway running 110 miles northwest to the important communications center of Rovaniemi, where Finland's Arctic highway continues northeast to Petsamo and a railway runs southward to the Gulf of Bothnia between Finland and Sweden.

U. S. REPLACES SOVIET AS NO. 1 SUSPECT IN JAPANESE RELATIONS

Tokyo, Dec. 6.—(AP)—The United States was portrayed in the press today as the potential foe of Japan, replacing Soviet Russia in that position.

Although Yakichiro Suma, the foreign office spokesman, declared strengthening of the American fleet in the Orient was not regarded by Japan as a threat, the newspaper Miyako took a different view.

"If America does not want war with Japan, she must reconsider her attitude toward this country," it stated editorially.

(On Dec. 1, the United States fleet at Manila was augmented by arrival of six 1,400-ton submarines, announced as intended for normal replacement purposes. No announcement was made regarding disposition of six older-type submarines already at Manila, however.)

Miyako said the Japanese believed the naval move was designed to intimidate Japan into meeting American terms for a new trade treaty. The old treaty denounced by the United States, is scheduled to expire Jan. 26.

Lakeview, Ore., Dec. 6.—(AP) Funeral services were held at the Methodist church today for Sheriff Herbert H. Carol, 45, who died Monday. The sheriff returned recently from San Francisco where he underwent a major operation.