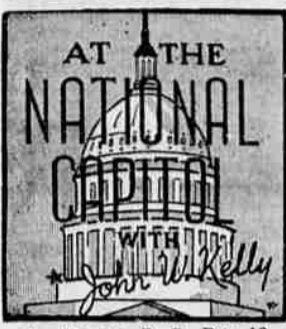


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LEAGUE DEADLINE IGNORED BY RUSSIA



REDS' EXPULSION SEEN NEXT STEP IN GENEVA MEET
 Soviet Sources Say Diplomatic Break With Britain, France Will Be Result.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 12.—Employers of the Pacific Northwest who have had unpleasant experience with lawyers and examiners of NLRB should follow with interest the hearings being conducted into that federal agency by a special committee of the house of representatives. This committee is determined to learn what, if anything, is wrong with NLRB, the Wagner act and why there is now such criticism of the act and its administration by both CIO and AFL as well as the harassed boss.

It will be disclosed that many practices of the field force (examiners and the lawyers) which have caused the indignation of employers were unknown to the three directors of NLRB sitting back in the national capital, in complete ignorance of the razzing of employers, the doctoring of the records and the piling up of unnecessary costs. Enough documentary evidence has been assembled by the committee to demonstrate that the policy of many field agents of the board was never to give the employer a break.

Dozens of mill operators, thousands of employes in Oregon and Washington are sour on the board. What took place in the Pacific Northwest was typical of occurrences throughout the country from Atlantic to Pacific.

In a way, the special house committee will take NLRB to the cleaners.

ORIGINALLY the White House opposed creation of the house investigation, but this attitude has been modified. The administration recognizes that unless the Wagner act is to be tossed into the ash can and NLRB liquidated, there must be amendments to the statute and the board curbed, its scope of jurisdiction limited by specific legislation, with law and not regulations, as the guide posts for the triumvirate.

Neither of the two principal labor organizations want the act repealed nor NLRB abolished but they, no less than employers, express dissatisfaction with parts of the act and its administration. In short, NLRB.

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REDS' EXPULSION SEEN NEXT STEP IN GENEVA MEET

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Geneva tonight said Russia was being given until 10 a. m. tomorrow (1 a. m., PST) to reply to the League of Nations' telegram calling on her to submit her conflict with Finland to mediation.

The extension was agreed on because of uncertainty as to when the telegram reached Moscow.

Previously it was understood the 24-hour time limit expired at 6 p. m. (9 a. m., PST) today.

Geneva, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The 24-hour deadline for a reply to the League of Nations' offer to mediate the Russian-Finnish war passed today without a reply from the Soviet Union.

The deadline was 6 p. m. (9 a. m., PST), but officials said consideration still would be given a reply if it were received later.

Nevertheless at 6 p. m. the 13-national league committee considering Finland's appeal for aid began drafting a report to the league assembly which would condemn Russia as an aggressor.

Steps Not Suggested
 The committee adjourned nearly two hours later after adopting five pages of its report to the league assembly. Delegates said this part included condemnation of Russia as an aggressor, but did not suggest what steps the league should take.

Tomorrow's public session of the assembly was set for 10 a. m. Although the committee met—

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Ballard Named President Oregon State College

War Bulletins

Moscow, Wednesday, Dec. 13.—(UP)—Soviet Premier and Foreign Commissar Vicheslav Molotov today rejected the League of Nations' offer to mediate the Finnish-Russian hostilities.

Paris, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The French high command, in its evening communique, reported German forces had attacked between the Saar river and the Warndt forest tonight but French troops held their lines.

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Loss of the British steamer King Egbert, 4,500 tons, in the North sea was disclosed today with landing of 32 survivors. The King Egbert sank after an explosion. On man was drowned. A neutral steamer picked up the survivors.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The 3,782-ton Swedish steamer Torne struck a mine and sank today in the Oresund 25 miles south of Copenhagen. The crew's fate was not immediately known.

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A Reuters (British news agency) dispatch from Moscow today said it was reported reliably that since beginning of the Finnish conflict Russia had recalled to the colors reservists who were released after occupation of eastern Poland.

RUSSIANS HALTED ON EASTERN LINE WITH HEAVY LOSS

Finns Say Dead Invaders Lying in Heaps Before Positions; Destroy Tanks.

Copenhagen, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Finnish telegraphic agency reported tonight it had information that Soviet Russia, irritated by stubborn and unexpected Finnish resistance, was preparing to throw a million and a half first class troops and one thousand planes into an offensive against Helsinki. The major thrust, the agency said, was expected in the Karelian isthmus.

Helsinki, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Finnish military authorities announced tonight Finnish troops had stopped a large scale Russian offensive along the eastern front leaving the Russian "dead lying in heaps before our positions."

The Finns said many Russian tanks had been destroyed and the Russian air force was described as active but "largely ineffective."

The enemy launched a powerful attack today along several sectors of the Karelian isthmus, a Finnish communique said. "Hard fighting took place all day especially on the hill overlooking a church at Muola."

Tanks Destroyed
 "Almost a constant series of attacks were repulsed, the enemy suffering tremendous losses. We destroyed many tanks and hundreds of Russians, leaving the dead lying in heaps before our positions."

"Severe fighting occurred also all along the eastern front, particularly at Tolvajarvi and cost the Russians a severe defeat," the communique continued. "Three enemy battalions were destroyed. We captured 27 machine-guns, 25 express rifles, 13 machine pistols and other materials in addition to destroying several tanks."

The communique said "nothing worth mentioning happened" on the sea.

Previously, the invaders were reported as pressing two separate campaigns which might bring Finland to her knees.

Finn Line Holds
 The newer of these parallel offensives took shape along the icy shore of Lake Ladoga and in the lake-dotted country to the north, where numerically superior Soviet Russian forces were bent on rounding the northern part of Lake Ladoga to outflank the stubborn defenders of the Karelian isthmus.

Twelve days of attack by planes, tanks, artillery and infantry had failed to crack the isthmus defenses between Lake Ladoga and the Gulf of Finland—the Mannerheim line—according to the Finnish command, and the Russian strategists may have decided a flanking maneuver held the greater chance of success.

CEMENT COMPANY AWARDS CONTRACT FOR HYDRO PLANT

Gold Hill Plant To Have 1500-Kilowatt Generator And Wing Dam in Rogue.

Plans for immediate construction of a 1500-kilowatt hydroelectric power plant by the Beaver Portland Cement company, to supply the company, "and perhaps part of the city of Gold Hill" with electric power, were announced today by W. H. Muirhead, president and general manager of the Gold Hill concern. Although the amount of money involved in the project was not revealed, it is believed the figure will be between \$150,000 and \$200,000.

R. I. Stuart & Sons of Medford have been awarded the contract for all construction, which will include the plant itself, a 400-foot wing dam extending into Rogue river and the widening and deepening of a mile-long canal. Gilbert Stuart stated that about 25 men would be employed on the project, which will be started within a week or 10 days and completed by June 1, subject to the weather.

Plant on Rogue.
 The power plant will be located on the northeast bank of Rogue river, approximately one mile upstream from the railroad bridge at Gold Hill, at the edge of the city limits. A power line is now being laid from the cement company plant in Gold Hill to the location of the proposed power plant.

The plant will be 60 by 40 feet in dimension and constructed of concrete and timber. It

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Wife Sobs at Mate's Trial



Mrs. John Frederick Wunders (right), sat at the side of her husband, John (left), and sobbed during the 22-year-old father's murder trial in which he was convicted on charges he killed their 16-month-old daughter by turning on the gas jets in their apartment while he and his wife went to a show in Seattle.

EDUCATION BOARD PICKS SUCCESSOR FOR DR. G. PEAVY

Five-To-Four Vote Later Made Unanimous in Favor Of Chancellor's Candidate

Portland, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP) Frank Lewelling Ballard, 48, who did odd jobs to pay for his education at Oregon State college, became president of that institution today.

Ballard succeeds Dr. George Wilcox Peavy, who has reached retirement age and will become president emeritus on July 1, the date the new president takes office.

Selection Criticized
 The selection was made on a five-to-four vote of the board of higher education amid accusations of "political gangster methods on the college campus" by one of the dissenting members.

The vote:
 Aye—F. E. McCallister, Albany; Willard L. Marks, Albany; Herman Oliver, John Day; E. C. Pease, The Dalles; and Edgar W. Smith, Portland. Nay—C. A. Brand, Roseburg; Robert W. Ruhl, Medford; Beatrice Walton Sackett, Marshfield, and E. C. Sammons, Portland.

In explaining his negative vote, Sammons explained that his stand was "not so much because of the man himself, but was in protest against the political gangster methods used on the State college campus to bring about Ballard's election."

Brand Explains Vote
 Brand said he voted "no" because he did not "believe in taking a fine and capable man from a position where he belongs and putting him in a position where he doesn't belong."

Mrs. Sackett moved that the election be made unanimous, and Sammons agreed so far as he was concerned, but added that "there are many hard feelings on the campus." He continued that he hoped "Mr. Ballard will get the full support of the board and faculty together so that he can mend broken fences and hearts."

After discussion, the board voted to make the selection unanimous.

The new president was selected for an indefinite tenure at a salary of \$7500 a year. The vote came on the recommendation of Chancellor Frederick M. Hunter, who placed only one name before the board.

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\$5 DONATION FOR FINNS ON GRANTS PASS RECORD

Grants Pass, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—L. G. Thayer laid four one-dollar bills on a newspaper desk today and said it was for relief of the Finnish people.

Told that his was the first local contribution, although former President Herbert Hoover issued a call for funds last Friday, Thayer in an amazed and breaking voice demanded his money back.

He wrote a check for \$5 instead.

Dashing Douglas Fairbanks Succumbs to Heart Attack

Hollywood, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Douglas Fairbanks, Sr., who leaped to film fame with his spectacular acrobatics, died in bed today of a heart attack. He was 58.

The dashing Don Juan, for 15 years the ranking male star of pictures, succumbed after a day's illness at his beach home in nearby Santa Monica.

At his bedside were his widow, the former Lady Sylvia Ashley, and his brother, Robert. His son, Douglas, Jr., was called a few minutes before Fairbanks died at 1 a. m., but had not reached the house.

His life in recent months had been quiet and retiring. He was seen occasionally at Hollywood functions and only last Saturday, in the best of spirits, attended a football game.

Condition Unrecognized
 He did not complain of illness until Monday morning, but even when he suffered a slight heart attack in the afternoon physicians did not consider his condition serious.

Fairbanks' career in films started in 1914. His early successes were chiefly notable for his athletic accomplishments and a flair for romantic comedy.

He was divorced in New York in 1918 by Beth Sully Fairbanks, whom he married in 1907. Douglas, Jr., is their son. A little over a year later, Fairbanks and Mary Pickford were married here. For years, their romance was considered ideal by all Hollywood. Their mansion, "Pickfair", was the scene of some of the film colony's most famous parties.

Named Co-respondent
 But in 1933, Miss Pickford announced their separation. A year later, Lord Ashley won a divorce from Lady Ashley, the former Sylvia Hawkes, British musical comedy star, naming Fairbanks as co-respondent.

Early in 1935, Miss Pickford sued for divorce. On January 14, 1936, Miss Pickford was given a final decree and less than two months later Fairbanks and



DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS

Lady Ashley were married in Paris.

Miss Pickford later wed Charles (Buddy) Rogers, actor and orchestra leader.

Fairbanks rose to his greatest fame after his marriage to Miss Pickford. He began producing as a member of Famous Players-Lasky and later United Artists, in which he was associated with D. W. Griffith, Miss Pickford and Charles Chaplin.

His greatest personal successes of the period were "Robin Hood," "The Mark of Zorro," "The Thief of Bagdad," "Don Q. Son of Zorro" and "The Three Musketeers." All were characterized by his leaps from ever-present danger.

LOWER FREIGHT RATE ON APPLES AND PEARS DECLINED BY BUREAU

Chicago, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The Transcontinental Freight Bureau declined today a request of fruit growers of Washington, Oregon and California for reductions in freight rates of apples and pears.

Chairman J. G. Stubbs announced the bureau's decision after a meeting of a day and a half. He did not comment further.

The present rates, filed in March, 1933, will remain in effect. The transcontinental rates for pears are \$1.50 per hundred pounds, with a minimum of 34,000 pounds, or \$1.63 on a minimum of 26,000 to Chicago or farther west, and 27,500 east of Chicago.

Apple rates, with a 37,000 pound minimum, are \$1.31 east of Chicago and \$1.05 to Chicago. The growers had asked \$1.10 on pears, with a 36,000 minimum, and the following apple rates: \$1.10 to east; \$1.05 to Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Cleveland; \$1.00 to Detroit and Cincinnati; and 90 cents to Chicago.

Eight transcontinental railroads were represented on the bureau.

POLICEMAN'S PENSION DWINDLES TO 12 CENTS

Portland, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Patrolman H. E. Taft, retired, gets \$10 a month when there is sufficient cash in the policeman's pension fund. The December payment amounted to 12 cents.

The pension board asked the city council to remedy the situation by passing a special ordinance.

BELGIAN FISHERMEN FIND MINES IN NETS

Ostend, Belgium, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A Belgian fishing fleet returned safely to port today to tell of running into a French mine field. When they drew their nets three mines went off in succession. The fishermen cut their cables and fled.

CHRISTMAS TREE CUTTER JAILED FOR SIX MONTHS

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Carl Fink, 50, pleaded guilty in federal court yesterday to cutting down 735 trees in Lassen national forest for Christmas sale, and was sentenced to six months in the county jail.

He is a Siskiyou county lodge owner.

DELAY SENTENCING OF MAN WHO STOLE NIECE

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 12.—(AP) Sentencing of Otis V. Miner, 51, Oklahoma railroad worker who confessed stealing his niece in 1929, was delayed a week yesterday by Superior Judge Arthur T. La Prade.

Miner said he took Alice Vestal, then a minor, from her home to Picher, Okla., where he married her in 1932. Four children were born to them before she left him last July and went to live with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Vestal, in Ashland, Ore.

SIDE GLANCES

Mary Reinhart being simply snowed under with details of organizing a huge New Years Eve whirling-ding but getting a great bang out of it all.

Marjorie Findley and hubby Dwight almost falling out of their chairs while viewing with interest the lady rasslers at the weekly riots.

Art McVeigh looking like a slim version of brother Santa Claus, so loaded down with packages was he.

Babe Lewis losing her coin purse containing Christmas spending money just at the height of the holiday season.

BREMEN NEAR HOME PORT

Berlin, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The great liner Bremen steamed safely into German waters tonight, once more escaping the British navy's net on her homeward voyage from Murmansk, her Russian Arctic refuge.

German authorities said she had arrived within an unidentified "safe zone" under command of Captain A. Ahrens, the skipper who took her out of New York August 30 and sailed her into Murmansk by a far northern route.

Earlier authorities had indicated she was expected at a German port, presumably Bremerhaven.

The asserted German scouting planes were hovering over the Bremen as she neared a home port after an absence of more than three months, and these planes compelled a British submarine which was encountered to submerge.

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The German luxury liner Bremen, successful in dodging the British fleet since war started, was sighted this morning by a British submarine which the admiral said refrained from attacking her without warning.

The admiral's announcement said the submarine in failing to attack without warning acted according to "the rules of sea warfare."

The admiral gave no hint as to where the submarine encountered the Bremen or whether it took any action to capture her.

REDS SINK GERMAN SHIP

Helsinki, Dec. 12.—(AP)—A report from the Finnish port of Manyuoto tonight said the German freighter Bollheim had been sunk in the Gulf of Bothnia by a submarine which a survivor said he believed was part of the Russian naval blockade of Finland.

The submarine was said to have sunk the steamer with approximately 15 shells. Several officers were killed. Most of the crew reached land in lifeboats.

The Bollheim was en route to Hamburg with a load of grain.

Several of 29 survivors who were landed by a lifeboat at Merikarvia, on Finland's west coast, insisted the submarine was Russian although it was not definitely identified.

The captain, second officer and radio operator were killed by shellfire.

TO SEEK EXTENSION OF RECIPROCAL TRADE ACT WHEN CONGRESS MEETS

Washington, Dec. 12.—(AP)—President Roosevelt said today congress would be asked at its next session to extend the reciprocal trade agreements act.

The act has been under fire recently from many Republicans and some Democrats at the capitol.

Mr. Roosevelt told reporters at his press conference congress would be asked to extend the act but the question of possible modifications had not yet been raised. Nor did he indicate whether as far as he was concerned any changes might be suggested.

A great many countries, he asserted, are potentially in the field for American export increases, along lines of what he termed successful efforts to boost shipments abroad thus far.

JOSEPHINE RECALL WILL BE DROPPED

Grants Pass, Dec. 12.—(AP)—An eight-day Josephine county sensation, a recall move against County Judge W. A. Johnson and Commissioner Richard McElligott reached its apparent finale today.

T. H. Dawson and Wm. L. Schroeder, two leaders of the six-man committee which filed preliminary petitions and circulated others, signed a statement today declaring their intention of dropping the entire recall movement.

They said economy and reduction of high taxes were their aim in asking the recall; that they were dropping it because they were told it would mean added expense to the county. They said they expected the newly-formed Josephine County Taxpayers league, which held an open meeting on the subject last night, to carry on the economy move.

Although 250 crowded into the circuit courtroom, fireworks fizzled. The throng applauded speakers from among their own number who said they came expecting to hear something and were disappointed.

MADELAINE CARROLL IS GRANTED DIVORCE

London, Dec. 12.—(AP)—Madeline Carroll, British star of American films, today was granted a divorce from Captain Philip Astley on grounds of misconduct with a woman named Dorothy Everard. They were married Oct. 2, 1931.

GRENBEIMER TO HEAD COUNTY POLIO DRIVE

Portland, Dec. 12.—(U.P.)—Dr. E. T. Hedlund, postmaster here and state chairman of the 1940 campaign for the aid of infantile paralysis victims, appointed William Grenbemer of Medford to be chairman of the drive in Jackson county.

Radio Highlights

By Associated Press. (Pacific Standard Time)
 Tonight: Europe—WABC-CBS 5:55, 8; MBS 6; WEAF-NBC-East 8.
 Wednesday: Europe—NBC-Chatins 5 a. m.; WABC-CBS 5 a. m., 3:30 p. m.