

The Weather
Unsettled with intermittent rains tonight and Thursday. Little change in temperature.

Temperature
Highest yesterday 53
Lowest this morning 34
To 5 p. m. yesterday 47
To 5 a. m. today 40

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F. D. R. URGES UNITY AND DEFENSE TAX



Message to Congress Calls for Extension Of Reciprocal Trade

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt coupled an emphatic plea for national unity in the face of war-born disintegration abroad today with a recommendation that congress vote new taxes to finance "emergency spending" for a "common sense" national defense.

But, he said in his annual message, "the permanent security of America in the present crisis does not lie in armed force alone." He continued:

"What we face is a set of world-wide forces of disintegration—vicious, ruthless, destructive of all the moral, religious and political standards which mankind, after centuries of struggle, has come to cherish."

Unity Is Safeguard

To this he added that "national unity is, in a very real and deep sense, the fundamental safeguard of all democracy."

Personally delivering his annual message before a joint session of the house and senate, the chief executive called for extension of the reciprocal trade treaty program—already under fire from Republicans and some Democrats—"as an indispensable part of the foundation of any stable and durable peace."

He disclosed that his budget message to be submitted to the new session of congress tomorrow would call for reductions in "practically all other important items" except national defense.

He asked for special taxes to meet that extra cost "in the hope that we can continue in these days of increasing economic prosperity to reduce the federal deficit."

And he declared that an answer must be found "in terms of work and opportunity" for the unemployment problem because "we have not yet found a way to employ the surplus of our labor which the efficiency of our industrial processes has created."

Political Overtones

Then in a paragraph which carried political overtones for many of his listeners sensitive to every hint of politics in this presidential election year, Mr. Roosevelt declared that youth especially has problems of unemployment which must be solved.

"For they, looking to life, are

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—Those people of the Pacific northwest who will become excited and steamed up when they learn how the President has cut the budget items for their favorite project, should also remember their blood pressure and also remember a few fundamental political facts.

Before congress adjourns the session (it opened today) a large part of the cut will be restored and everyone will be happy, except the taxpayers.

OBSERVATION of White House tactics and the practice of congress enables a reasonably certain forecast. "Elementary, my dear Watson," as Sherlock Holmes would say, "Politics," explains disillusioned observers. Here is the picture: President Roosevelt is making a great show of attempting to balance the budget by reducing every estimate submitted (Administrator Raver of Bonneville asked for a payroll of three-quarters of a million, the President lopped off \$100,000), some cut 50 per cent.

Mr. Roosevelt, being a smart politico, knows that congress will disregard many of his reductions; will appropriate the full amount of the estimates he trimmed. Then the President can say to his critics, who point to the deficit of billions, that he attempted to reduce expenses and apply economies, but the congress overrode him. Adroitly, Mr. Roosevelt passes the buck to congress, blames congress for frustrating his planned economies.

BEFORE the end of this week, as word flashes from the national capital of projects imperiled, there will be telegrams, letters, petitions, phone calls from everywhere. (Not excepting Oregon and Washington.) Bolled down these messages will carry the appeal: "Save our project." Remember this is an election year.

Here is about the way congress will react to the constituents: Take the flood-control program. There are many such projects from the Willamette

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KLAMATH LEADING IN INFLUENZA EPIDEMIC

Portland, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Klamath county was first among the counties reporting a total of 171 cases of influenza for the week ending December 30, the state board of health said in a weekly bulletin today.

Baker reported 3 cases, Jackson 15, Klamath 62, Lake 7, Lane 2, Umatilla 9.

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Secretary Ickes appointed Leo Muck, Spokane, chairman of the new forest industry conference today. Muck has been director of forests in the interior department.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Adelaide Swartz still being in a thrilled state over the melding of 1000 acts three times during a recent pinocchle epic.

Harriet Haswell having the distinction of being one of the few first Medfordites to view "Gone With the Wind", she thinking it a mighty fine movie, too.

Helga Lund whipping down to the depot in the pouring rain to greet a pal.

Vern Rolfe not being a very enthusiastic responder to a golfing chain letter, (the latest Medford fad), he answering the misgiving with only one golf ball.

Roommate Slain



After undressing quietly to keep from disturbing her apparently sleeping roommate, Anna Oscilowski (upper), 25, of Philadelphia, crept into bed, then found her friend, pretty Mary Vila (below), 25, dead. Her body had been mutilated after she was knocked unconscious, then smothered, police said.

Program In Brief

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Here in brief is the program recommended to congress by President Roosevelt today:

1. Additional taxes to finance "emergency" expenditures for national defense.
2. Extension of the reciprocal trade agreements act "as an indispensable part of the foundation of any stable and durable peace."
3. Increased appropriations for national defense but reductions in "practically all other important items" of the federal budget.
4. Continued search for a solution of the unemployment problem.
5. Development of a spirit of national unity, in congress and out.

ROOSEVELT MESSAGE PRAISED, CRITICIZED BY SENATOR M'NARY

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—First Republican comment on President Roosevelt's message to congress today expressed criticism of the reciprocal trade treaty program, continuation of which Mr. Roosevelt strongly advocated.

Democratic comment generally was favorable to the message. Senator McNary, of Oregon, the senate Republican leader, said the president's "patriotic utterances were commendable, his foreign trade policy fanciful."

On the other hand, Senator Barkley of Kentucky, the senate Democratic leader, said he thought the message was "sound in principle and excellent in tone." He added:

"I think congress will be compelled to provide revenue if defense needs run above normal."

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The son of Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, he succeeds Secretary Claude Swanson, who died last July 7.

BURGLARS CRACK DR. PASKE'S SAFE IN LIBERTY BLDG.

In a burglary that apparently left no clues, the safe of Dr. C. H. Paske was broken open in his dental offices, 319 Liberty building, sometime between December 20 and yesterday morning, police revealed today.

In the absence of Dr. Paske police did not know whether anything of value was stolen, though it was surmised that whatever gold might have been in the safe was taken.

Dr. Paske has been away since December 20. He left a sign on his door saying he would not be at his office until after New Year's. The transom was left open and it was thought that perhaps the opening gave an entrance to the office.

The burglary was discovered yesterday morning by Kenneth J. Thiede, janitor, when he went in to Dr. Paske's office to deposit mail. Police found that the dial of the safe had been knocked off and the combination tumblers punched out to get into the safe. Nothing inside the safe was disturbed excepting a drawer in which it was thought he dentist kept his gold. Nothing about the offices was apparently disturbed.

It was the first safe "job" attempted in Medford in a long time.

GOVERNOR URGES HELP FOR FINNS

Salem, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Gov. Charles A. Sprague, urging Oregonians to contribute to the Finnish relief fund, said that "not only is Finland a friendly, not only is Finland a friendly, not only is Finland a friendly, but we have in Oregon several thousand persons of Finnish birth or descent whom we respect as industrious residents of the state."

"Our gifts, therefore, will carry a measure of neighborly sympathy as well as provide relief for a stricken people."

18 Perish in Apartment Holocaust

FINNS THROW BACK POWER ATTACK ON KARELIAN ISTHMUS

Helsinki, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The Finnish high command announced today a powerful, Russian infantry attack on the Karelian isthmus had been repulsed "with heavy losses."

Russian fliers bombed Turku and Hanko today in their continuing campaign against Finnish centers, but it was announced officially there were no casualties in Turku and few casualties and little damage in Hanko.

Both cities are in southwestern Finland.

The high command communique on yesterday's fighting said the isthmus attack by the Russians occurred yesterday afternoon in the Taipale river zone after heavy artillery preparation.

The defense repulsed the invaders, it said, with infantry and artillery fire.

Widespread successes also were reported in fighting on the eastern front.

The communique said Finnish defense units repulsed the Russians also north of Kuolamajärvi and defeated a company at Aittajoki.

In the central part of the eastern front, at Suomussalmi, the capture of five tanks and two armored cars was reported.

AGREEMENT ENDS EXTENDED TIE-UP ON FRISCO DOCKS

San Francisco, Jan. 3.—(AP)—An agreement ending San Francisco's long port tie-up was signed this morning and work gangs were notified to begin moving cargo at 1 p. m.

Without fanfare, representatives of the striking C. I. O. ship clerks and employers signed the agreement, and set Friday as the opening date for resumption of contract negotiations.

Acceptance of the settlement plan was voted late yesterday by the union members. It previously had been approved by employers.

The strike has tied up major shipping on the San Francisco waterfront since November 19 when longshoremen refused to cross the newly-posted picket lines of the clerks' union.

Under the seven-point settlement formula, the clerks will drop temporarily their preferential hiring demands and return to work under the same conditions prevailing when the strike was called, pending achievement of a new work contract.

Hitler's Admirer Reaches England Aboard Stretcher

Folkestone, Eng., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Unity Valkyrie Freeman-Mitford came home to English shores on a stretcher today, ending a curious wartime journey from enemy Germany, but her troubles were not at an end.

An ambulance taking her from the Folkestone docks to home in High Wycombe, Bucks., broke down ten miles from Folkestone. So the alluring blonde and her family returned to Folkestone for the night.

VICTIMS TRAPPED BY RAPID SPREAD OF MORNING FIRE

Four Leap to Death From Third Story; Intense Cold Hampers Fire Fighters.

Minneapolis, Jan. 3.—(AP)—At least 18 and possibly 20 persons lost their lives today when an early morning fire ravaged the Marlborough apartment hotel.

One victim, identified as Mrs. Mabel Brown, 34, died in General hospital of a fractured skull. She had jumped from a third floor window with her husband, who was in poor condition.

Three victims had been identified as Otto Franke, about 25; his sister 16, and his mother, about 50.

The 50 other body identified even tentatively was that of Florence Hesse, 30, who jumped to her death out of a third floor window.

Search for Bodies

Firemen, who fought the blaze in sub-zero weather, were still searching for bodies four hours after the alarm was sounded.

Four of the victims were killed as they jumped from top windows in the three-story brick building. Others were trapped in blazing hallways, or dropped to their deaths when the floors burned through and fell.

The number of injured was tentatively set at upwards of 25.

No one knew how the fire started. Some residents said they were awakened shortly before 6 a. m., by the sound of an explosion, but its source was not immediately discovered.

Most of the occupants awoke to find the 85-apartment building already an inferno, smoke and flames blocking halls and stairways.

Blaze Spreads Fast

How the blaze spread so rapidly through the 45-year-old structure puzzled firemen as they poked about through the wreckage in search of more bodies.

The building is in three sections, and firemen said the fire appeared to start simultaneously in all three.

A caretaker said 100 to 125 persons lived in the building.

Two firemen were injured, one suffering a possible broken back when he fell through the roof, the other suffering under-temperature injuries.

One woman, hysterical from fright, was seriously injured when she writhed out of a fireman's grasp as he carried her down an ice-coated ladder from the third floor.

CITY DEPARTMENT REPORTS RECEIVED AT COUNCIL MEET

Three annual reports for the calendar year 1939 were read and filed at last night's regular semi-monthly meeting of the city council.

The fire department's report submitted by Chief Roy Elliott showed that the total fire loss for the year was \$43,781.99, equal to \$3.64 per capita. This compared with \$2,375.45 or 19 cents per capita in 1938, record low year.

The 1939 loss was caused principally by one fire, the blaze at the Medford Ice & Storage company on South Fir street early last summer. Estimates placed the damage at close to \$40,000. It will be recalled that there was a pipeline explosion which ignited ammonia fumes and immediately enveloped a unit of the large plant in flames.

165 Fire Alarms.

During the year the fire department responded to 165 alarms, Chief Elliott's report showed. The fires were listed in 34 different classifications. Leading in number at 43 were fuel fires, a third less than in 1938. There were 17 residence and 14 auto fires.

Estimated value of the property involved in the fires was given as \$1,700,069 on which there was insurance of \$1,404,214.60. Acting Mayor H. S. Deuel commented that citizens here were fire-insurance-minded and said the high ratio of insurance was interesting.

The report disclosed that Chief Elliott made 305 personal inspections of buildings during the year, accomplished the elimination of nine fire hazards, attended fire drills at each one.

421 Court Cases.

Annual report of City Judge Allen D. Curry showed that 421 cases were handled in 1939, 89 fewer than in 1938. Cases of drunkenness led all others by a wide margin at 197.

CCC TRUCK CRASH FATAL FOR YOUTH FROM ABERDEEN, O.

Richard L. Shelton, 23, Camp South Fork CCC enrollee, died in a local hospital last night from injuries received Saturday from injuries suffered in a collision of two CCC trucks on the Butte Falls road. Shelton was the first Jackson county accident victim to die in the new year. The accident occurred at 6:30 p. m. last Sunday, final day of the old year.

The body will be taken back by train tonight to Shelton's home in Aberdeen, Ohio. The youth had been at Camp South Fork since last October.

Two investigations of the fatal accident were under way today and a third appeared probable. Col. Harvey H. Fletcher, Medford CCC district commander, this morning appointed a board of officers to conduct a hearing into Shelton's death and another CCC board was already investigating circumstances of the accident which happened in a heavy fog. Coroner Frank Perli said he had conferred with District Attorney Frank J. Newman and that a coroner's inquest or hearing was pending.

The two CCC trucks side-swiped as they were traveling in opposite directions. One was coming to Medford with 17 men aboard and the other was going from a side camp to Camp South Fork with three men in it. Six of the enrollees were hurt. The other enrollee hospitalized, Joe Martin, 21, was discharged from the hospital and taken back to camp yesterday. He suffered a broken nose.

Shelton sustained internal injuries, broken ribs and a fractured jaw.

REINHART SELLS STORE INTEREST

William Barker announced today his purchase of the interest of Frank Reinhart in the firm of Reinhart & Barker, men's clothing store, located in the Fluhrer building. Mr. Barker has assumed complete charge of the store, with Jack Barr and Bud Fuhrman as members of the staff.

The general business policies which have made Reinhart & Barker's store one of southern Oregon's leading concerns, featuring men's clothing and accessories, will be continued under William Barker's management, it was announced. The firm will be known as "Barker's."

Frank Reinhart, former member of the firm, has not announced his future plans, but it is understood that he will continue to reside in this city. He is a member of the city council and the Medford Rotary club.

JAMES O. McNEILL, FIREMAN, PASSES

James O. McNeill, 35, city fireman, died in a local hospital this afternoon. He had been ill since Christmas and was removed to the hospital yesterday. He resided at 207 North Peach street with his wife and their two small sons.

Dr. Warren Hunter, pathologist of the University of Oregon medical school was to come to Medford tonight by plane or tomorrow morning by train to perform a routine post mortem examination to determine the exact cause of death.

Mr. McNeill was severely "gassed" by ammonia fumes while fighting the fire at the Medford Ice & Storage company plant on South Fir street last July 1. He was hospitalized at the time. He had been with the fire department since April, 1935.

LIMITED LOANS FOR ORCHARDISTS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Walter A. Duffy, regional Farm Security administrator, announced today the availability of a limited number of loans to finance 1940 orchard production in Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The administrator explained funds would not permit expansion beyond the 1939 program but efforts would be made to reach "every grower where a real opportunity for rehabilitation exists."

No loans will exceed \$5000 and in Washington they cannot be made on more than 20 acres. Loans will be made to present borrowers whose total production, harvest and packing costs, including indebtedness from previous years, do not exceed \$7500. The borrower, however, must show progress in rehabilitation.

Bank Call Issued By Comptroller

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—The comptroller of the currency issued a call today for the condition of all national banks at the close of business Saturday, December 30.

Similar condition reports were requested by the federal reserve board and the federal deposit insurance corporation.

REPUBLICAN DECLINES JACKSON DAY INVITE

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—Senator Austin (R-Vt.) declined today an invitation to attend the annual Jackson Day dinner of the Democratic party, January 8.

Austin, invited in a precedent-breaking move, wrote Homer S. Cummings, Jackson Day committee chairman, that he would refrain from attending because of his "high regard for the institution of party responsibility in the American political system."

SOCC LOSES 50-47 TO HUMBOLDT QUINT

Eureka, Calif., Jan. 3.—(AP)—Field goals by Forward Bill Lee and Center Haven Howatt in the last two minutes gave Humboldt State college quintet a 50-47 victory over Southern Oregon College of Education last night.

It was the second game of a two-game series. Oregon won Monday night, 59-41.

\$271,999,523 for Defense Is Requested Immediately

Washington, Jan. 3.—(AP)—President Roosevelt requested congress today to make available immediately \$271,999,523 for the current fiscal year "for the proper observance, safeguarding and enforcing of the neutrality of the United States and the strengthening of national defense."

In a letter to Speaker Bankhead, Mr. Roosevelt said the appropriations requested would supplement funds previously made available for the war department, the department of justice and the coast guard,

FINE COOPERATION IN CENSUS TAKING

Moore Hamilton, assistant area manager of the Oregon census, announced today that the industrial census taking got underway yesterday here with P. D. McDougal working in the area south of Main street and Mrs. Alice Coppin north of Main street. Mr. Hamilton checked on the work from time to time and he and the two workers reported that fine cooperation was received from the persons upon whom they called.

Mr. Hamilton plans to leave Thursday for Grants Pass and Roseburg where he will check on the census progress. He expects to be in Portland over the week-end.

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