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AT THE NATIONAL CAPITOL

Washington, D. C., Jan. 6.—New bills to deal with Harry Bridges, west coast labor leader, have been tossed into the legislative hopper; others are being written. Report of James M. Landis, Harvard law professor, giving Bridges a clean bill of health, instead of ending the controversy over the alien, has but added fuel to the flames.

One proposal goes so far as to withdraw benefits from members of any union which is directed by an alien. The opinion of Landis is known as one of the "hot dog boys" because introduced to the new deal by Felix Frankfurter, now an associate justice of the supreme court, that an alien agitator, a man whose allegiance is to a foreign country, can create trouble in the United States with impunity appears to be shared by few members of congress, and the further fact that the administration has conducted the activities of this alien will be the inspiration for many debates in the months to come.

ALREADY the American Legion and the AFL are preparing to support such legislation as is deemed necessary to dispose of Bridges. There may be reprisal in other directions, such as transferring from Madam Perkins some of the few bureaus which she still retains as secretary of the department of labor. (Miss Perkins has disposed of her famed tricorne hat, now wears one which is more becoming, but less distinctive).

There are a series of measures which appear rather harsh on aliens, and they range from concentration camps for the undesirable (there are more than 600 Russians Joe Stalin refuses to take back, so they have no country and therefore must remain here although the immigration bureau would like to ship them away), to expelling the alien unemployed.

Dean Landis dodged giving an opinion on whether the communist party is a subversive organization, but the Dies committee has submitted evidence to that effect.

PRESIDENT Roosevelt has given the nod of approval, which is the reason the U. S. maritime commission is permitting a number of American freighters, which operate be-

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FIRST LADY AND MARY IN MOVIES

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Mary Pickford, "America's sweetheart" as a movie star, credited Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt with being a better actress than she tonight at a White House mobilization of American women for the "fight infantile paralysis" drive.

With movie cameras grinding, the first lady, smiling and poised in a long bronze lame gown, announced that the committee for celebration of the president's birthday was trying "to raise the ammunition" with which to fight infantile paralysis epidemics. "That means money," she explained.

Then she introduced Miss Pickford, who looked very petite in a turban, dress, fur jacket and gloves.

FREQUENT RAIN DUE COMING WEEK

Northern California: Rain Sunday, moderate temperature, increasing southerly wind, becoming gales on the coast and fresh to strong in the interior Sunday.

MURDERED WOMAN PAID YULE VISIT TO MEDFORD KIN

Bloodstains On Sidewalk Give Clues To Aberdeen, Wn., Tragedy—Mrs. Dick Law Slain.

Mrs. Dick Law, 24, wife of a C.I.O. labor official, brutally slain Friday night in her home at Aberdeen, Wash., was a Christmas time visitor in this city. She visited here with Mrs. Laura Vickery, 232 South Grape street, mother of her husband. Accompanied by her young son, she left here Wednesday for her Washington state home. She was known to a number of local people, including Mrs. Eva Nealon Hamilton. The boy slept undisturbed through the tragedy.

Mrs. Vickery, mother of Mrs. Law's husband, is a widow, and is ill. She underwent an operation three months ago. She has a daughter, Winnifred, Dick Law, the husband of the murdered woman, spent two days here at Christmas time.

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Mysterious blood stains found on the sidewalk near her home and a reported fight between a man and two women shortly before her death, were listed by authorities as important clues today in the brutal slaying last night of Mrs. Dick Law, 24-year-old blond mother and wife of a union official.

Acting police chief Robert Schmidt said a witness reported the fight on a downtown street shortly before 7 o'clock last night and one of the women was described as similar in size and appearance to Mrs. Law. Passersby reported to police they saw a pool of blood two blocks from the Law home and bloodstains on an automobile parked there early today. The automobile was gone when police arrived.

Mrs. Law was found dead less than a month after her husband, a member of the executive board of the CIO-affiliated International Woodworkers Association appealed to police to protect his family.

Law's appeal was made a short time after a riot in which a mob wrecked a workers hall a few blocks from where the Laws resided. Chief Schmidt said he was "probing the possibility that the killing might have resulted from ill will created by labor troubles and the recent raid on the hall, but we are confident no organization had any connection with the slaying."

In Seattle, Harold Pritchett, international president of Law's union, termed the slaying a "terrible thing" and pledged the union's aid in investigating the tragedy.

He said the district union council would employ an expert criminologist and that O. M. Orton, international vice-president of the union, went to Aberdeen last night to make a personal study of the case.

Law has been identified with lumber workers organizing since 1933 and his dead wife was active in the union's women's auxiliary, Pritchett said. Eugene V. Dennett, secretary recently responsible for this horrible crime.

of the Washington State Industrial Council, also issued a statement in connection with the slaying. He said, in part, that he placed "full blame for this outrage upon Aberdeen officials, whose cynical disregard for law and order in the recent vigilante outbreak . . . is di-

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Frown On Control

Oakland, Calif., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Federal control of ports or tidal oil lands was disapproved in a resolution passed by the joint convention of the Northwest Marine Terminal association, the California Association of Port Authorities and the San Francisco Board of Harbor Commissioners.

AAA Expenses

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The Agricultural Adjustment Administration reported today that its expenditures, including subsidies paid farmers for cooperating with crop control programs, totaled \$334,586,277 during the first five months of the current fiscal year.

Finns Drive Into Russia



Highlights of the Russo-Finnish war: (1) Finn ski patrols reported menacing Russia's Murmansk railway. (2) Finns, pursuing remnants of a shattered Red division, said to have driven ten miles into Russia and surrounded a second division. (3) Finnish troops also reported to have crossed the border in this sector, and, some time ago, in the Lieksa area. (4) Russia massed troops on the Karelian Isthmus, but Finland's Mannerheim line was considered impregnable in winter. (6) Finns reported to have raided Leningrad with leaflets. (7) Reports from Copenhagen said Finnish bombers had blasted Soviet naval bases at Dago and Oesel.

RUMANIA SERVES NOTICE ON REDS SHE WILL FIGHT

CHAMBERLAIN ON SPOT AS RESULT OF RESIGNATION

King Carol Declares Nation Ready To Defend Against Soviet Union Invasion—Balkans Tense.

(By The Associated Press) Russia and Finland, their land and sea war slowed almost to a standstill, fought in the air yesterday (Saturday) while Russia's Balkan neighbor, Rumania, served a blunt warning she would protect her borders against any aggression.

Finland claimed destruction of 22 Soviet planes Friday and Saturday while Russia said 10 Finnish planes were downed yesterday.

The Finns said Red army planes inflicted considerable damage and killed several civilians at Mikkeli, in south central Finland.

With Russia halted after more than a month of what was intended to be a swift conquest of that little republic, King Carol of Rumania made a blistering address only 12 miles from the Russian frontier—and the Balkans took his words as directed at Russia and Hungary.

Rumanians are "ready to die together to defend their borders," Carol said during a military review at Chisinau (Kishinev), capital of Bessarabia, once a Russian province.

Russia wants Bessarabia and Hungary long has wished the return of Transylvania, a province lost to Rumania in a World war settlement. But diplomats in Rumania believed Carol was encouraged by Finland's rebuff of Russia and would not consider an offer of Hungarian help in exchange for Transylvania.

A conversation which might affect future Balkan politics was under way between Italian Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, and the Hungarian foreign minister, Count Csaky, at Venice even as King Carol spoke.

Italy advised Hungary to seek a peaceful settlement of her claim for Transylvania because of the danger of a Russian invasion of the Balkans, which Italy regards as within her sphere of influence.

The sinking of an unnamed Estonian steamer by a "belligerent" warplane in the North sea 25 miles off the Norwegian coast was reported in a British dispatch. Two men were reported wounded when the crew was machine-gunned as it took to lifeboats.

RUSSIAN PLANE BAGGED BY FINNS IN AIR

Soviet's Blitzkrieg Fails—Finnish Forts Shell Red Supply Columns.

Helsinki, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Twenty-two Russian warplanes—possibly more—have been shot down in the last two days by Finland's stiffening air defenses, military circles asserted tonight.

An army communiqué officially accounted for eight Soviet machines destroyed yesterday at Mikkeli—railroad town about 135 miles northwest of the Karelian Isthmus frontier.

Unofficial but reliable sources reported that eight more planes were shot down today at Uti, 90 miles south of Mikkeli on an east-west railway line.

In addition, anti-aircraft batteries at Savio, northwest of Lake Ladoga, were reported to have destroyed six additional Soviet planes.

The Russians managed to inflict considerable damage at Mikkeli before being driven off. Several civilians, including women and children, were reported killed.

In fighting yesterday the high command reported destruction of two enemy tanks and capture of 11 others along with large quantities of supplies left behind by retreating Red army forces in the center of the eastern front.

Brisly fighting continued on the eastern front at Suomussalmi where the Russians have been beaten back in their efforts to sever Finland's wasp-like "waistline."

The Finns said their coastal forts turned their guns inland to destroy Red army supply columns and artillery.

On the Karelian Isthmus, the high command said two minor infantry thrusts toward the Mannerheim line were repulsed. Russia's attempt at a blitzkrieg, after a 38-day truce against Finland, a country of 3,600,000 inhabitants, has netted her about 5,000 square miles, or about one forty-eighth of the 240,000 square miles she apparently set out to capture.

And Finnish leaders say they gave up voluntarily most of the Finnish territory now occupied by the Red army.

SEA LOSS DROP, SWEDES PERK UP

By Associated Press The 18th week of the war, marked by a continued decrease in destruction of ships, saw a sharp spurt in economic and diplomatic activity as England took steps to tighten its rule of the seas.

Sweden, possibly encouraged by Finnish claims of military successes, protested to Russia over the destruction of the Swedish coastal freighter Fenris, 494 tons, in the Gulf of Bothnia. Survivors said a Russian submarine shelled the vessel and set it afire.

Washington told Great Britain the United States would hold her responsible for any damages suffered by American ships forced into forbidden waters for a contraband search.

The warning followed the taking of the freighter Mormac into the control station at Kirkwall, Scotland, about 250 miles inside the neutrality act's danger zone.

BULLETIN

By the Associated Press Ashland 20, Lakeview 18. Santiago, Chile, Jan. 6.—(AP)—A sharp earth shock was felt here at 11:43 p. m. (10:43 p. m., E.S.T.), tonight.

There were no immediate reports of damage or casualties.

HIMES, HISTORIAN OF OREGON, GOES TO LAST REWARD

Distinguished Figure Long Pioneer, Set Type For First Scott Editorial.

Portland, Jan. 6.—(AP)—George Henry Himes, whose career plumbed the depths of Oregon's history, died here today.

For 42 years curator of the Oregon Historical Society and secretary of the Oregon Pioneer association for 53 years, Himes was the final authority on pioneer lore.

He had been confined to a hospital since December, suffering from a stroke.

The son of Tyrus Himes, a cobbler-farmer of Troy, Pa., he walked most of the way across the plains as a boy of seven, reaching Oregon in 1853. The family settled at what is now Olympia, Wash., where young Himes attended school.

He became a printer, and in 1885 set in type the first editorial written for the Oregonian by Harvey W. Scott, Oregon's most famous editor.

While in Olympia, he began a diary which grew to more than 60 volumes, crammed with histories now of great value to historians. One item, dated March 21, 1868, recorded "printed Cincinnati, J. H. Miller's first poem. Suggested the use of Joaquin."

He was the subject of a biographical volume written by Mrs. Minnie Dee. A park south of Portland was named in his honor and the forest service in 1934 named after him a campground on the Green Water river where the old Pioneer Road first crossed the stream west of the Cascade summit.

In 1866, Himes married Anna F. Briggs at Salem. She died here in 1933. Survivors include five daughters, Mrs. Robert A. Reid, Mrs. Harold G. Rice, Mrs. Thomas W. Mann, Mrs. Edward A. Albrecht, all of Portland, and Mrs. Guy C. Buswell, Tualatin, 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

BRIDE SLAIN BY REJECTED LOVER

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 6.—(AP)—A love triangle ended here today in a burst of pistol fire, which killed a 21-year-old bride of two months and left her rejected suitor critically wounded.

The shooting, described by District Attorney David Carmody as a slaying and an attempted suicide, occurred at the home of the bride, Mrs. Frances Lyon, wife of a Santa Fe garage employe.

Carmody quoted witnesses as saying Lewis Walton, 27-year-old mine worker, shot the young woman as she lay sick in bed, then turned the pistol on himself. Walton was still alive tonight in a Santa Fe hospital, but physicians did not expect him to recover.

OREGON RELATIVES SHARE IN ESTATE

Portland, Ore., Jan. 6.—(AP)—Louie M. Johnson, widow of Samuel W. Johnson, Carbon county, Wyoming, rancher, left an estate estimated between \$300,000 and \$1,000,000, probate records showed today.

A sister, Mrs. Inez M. Eckerson, Portland, with whom Mrs. Johnson, an invalid, had lived until her death December 26, received the bulk of the estate, consisting of oil lands and ranch property in Wyoming.

Rufus M. Eckerson, Corvallis, a nephew, was named executor. A \$50,000 bequest was made to him for the purchase of an annuity for Ruth Strauss Leidig, Carmel, Cal., a grand-niece.

Other bequests, ranging from \$5000 to \$250, were left relatives and friends in Indiana.

Pungle—Or Else

Portland, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Office-holding Democrats had better contribute to the party's national campaign fund unless they want to see a Republican victory, Frank Tierney, state Democratic chairman, declared today.

The response to the Jackson day fund drive has "not been as generous as anticipated," Tierney said.

"Many who have been enjoying good salaries under the Democratic administration are hiding behind their own construction and interpretation of the Hatch act and the civil service interpretation of that legislation," Tierney added.

COUNTY AFFAIRS START TO SIZZLE AT GRANTS PASS

Grants Pass, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The steadily rising temperature of Josephine county affairs climbed three degrees closer to the boiling point Saturday, warmed by the fire of an audit and investigation submitted by Alfred W. Mundt, C.P.A.

Three public letters were issued.

1. Judge W. A. Johnson, writing a letter for the county court addressed to District Attorney Orval J. Millard, said the court is desirous of following recommendations, asked for an opinion on what powers the court has in ordering changes, and called to the district attorney's attention mention of "legal" questions and "irregularities" mentioned by the auditor.

2. The district attorney replied, also in writing, that he would present the matter in full before the grand jury which will meet Monday, and indicated verbally that the jurors would be called upon to make a thoroughgoing study of all allegations.

3. I. J. Hagen, sexton of the county cemetery until recently mentioned in the audit by office official, declared that the report was a "stander." The audit said the sexton had been relieved of his position and had returned \$313 to the county after having made no payment for sale of cemetery lots for a long period.

GIRL, 10, A BRIDE HER MOTHER AND HUBBY SENTENCED

Athens, Ohio, Jan. 6.—(AP)—The four-day marriage of a girl of 10 to a 21-year-old coal miner wound up in a courtroom tonight.

Within an hour after Sheriff Charles Bayless arrested the couple, Mr. and Mrs. Charles William Schall, and the bride's mother, Mrs. Lydia Hudnall, all were sentenced on delinquency charges.

The marriage Tuesday was revealed when Donald Hudnall swore to warrants against his wife, the child, and the husband. Bayless said the mother told a marriage license clerk her daughter, Mary Alice Limberg, was 16.

"Yes, I knew the girl was young but I didn't see anything the matter with her getting married," the mother said. "She's almost as big as I am. Schall is a good worker and will take care of her."

The young couple stood mute while Juvenile Judge Francis White sentenced Mary Alice to an indefinite term in the girls' industrial school at Delaware and Schall to a year in jail. Mrs. Hudnall sobbed as she was sentenced to a year in the women's reformatory at Marysville.

Salem, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Every section of Oregon reported larger payrolls and fewer jobless men and women as the state entered the new year, Silas Gaiser, administrator of the state unemployment compensation commission, announced today.

Portland, Jan. 6.—(AP)—State liquor commission authorities were undecided today how many agents would be dismissed in a reorganization of the enforcement division. Most sources said "probably eight."

ROOSEVELT OKAYS PLAN BY SOLONS TO MAKE BUDGET

Harrison Takes Proposal To President And Approval Indicated—Shuns Delay.

Washington, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Senator Harrison (D., Miss.) talked over with President Roosevelt today his plan for congress to write its own budget, and reported that the chief executive felt it was a step in the right direction.

Doubt that the idea might be carried through was raised, however, by a statement from Senator Byrnes (D., S.C.), who was a luncheon guest of the president, that house leaders were "about right" in contending that the house should proceed ahead with consideration of those supply measures already prepared.

Harrison's proposal is that the house and senate create a 24-man committee to study Mr. Roosevelt's budget for 80 days and then make its own recommendations.

The committee would be composed of members of the house and senate appropriations and revenue committees.

Byrnes, an influential member of the senate appropriations committee, made it clear that he thought it would be best at this time to go along with the usual congressional procedure.

"Desirable as it might be to make a study," he said, "now that the house is ready to consider bills, nothing would be gained by holding them up for 80 days."

The South Carolinian said a joint study "might well be considered for the future," but added such an inquiry should begin in the summer preceding a congress session.

Byrnes' statement, coming after Harrison's, and after both had seen the president separately, led to the impression that Mr. Roosevelt's attitude was that it was a question entirely for congress.

Harrison, chairman of the senate finance committee, indicated that he felt assured, at least, of no administration opposition to his idea.

CHILL OF WINTER SWEEPS TO EAST

By the Associated Press Winter winds whistled across the United States yesterday depositing ice and snow from Utah to the Atlantic coast.

The western snowstorm, sweeping over nine states, left a 12-inch blanket in northwestern Oklahoma and six inches in sections of Wyoming and Colorado.

There was ice skating at Beattyville, Ky., where the Kentucky was frozen from bank to bank, and frosts nipped the fields of northwestern Florida.

Snow, sleet and rain drenched all of Texas, halting air traffic and slowing automobile traffic. Telephone lines in the Panhandle were damaged by heavy loads of ice. In Oklahoma, motorists were advised to stay at home over the weekend.

Three and a half inches of snow fell in the valleys of Utah, while in the mountains five inches more were deposited to bring the total to 32.

New York Solon Passes New York, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Rep. Edward W. Curley (D-N.Y.), died tonight at his Bronx home following a heart attack.

Requiem Mass Woodburn, Jan. 6.—(AP)—Archbishop Edward D. Howard will offer a requiem mass here Monday for Father Joseph C. Heesaker, pastor of St. Luke's Catholic church since 1937, who died Thursday.

Lodge Notices Starting Monday the Mail Tribune will group paid lodge notices on the classified page under the heading "Lodge Notices." Organizations desiring notices to appear under this heading should arrange with the classified advertising department not later than 3:30 p. m. of the day the notice is to appear. Rates will be quoted upon request.