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Highest yesterday 52
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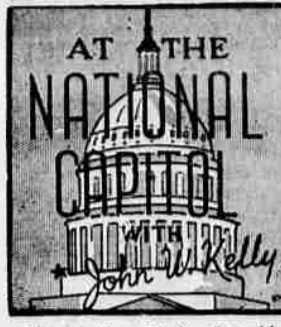
MEDFORD MALL TRIBUNE

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Washington, D. C., Jan. 11.—First battle of the administration this session to induce congress to approve a major policy of the new deal has commenced with Cordell Hull, secretary of state, presenting arguments why the reciprocal trade act (it expires June 12), should be extended for three more years. Before the hearings end in the house and are transferred to the senate, every representative and senator of the Pacific Northwest will have plenty to say—against the extension.

The extent to which treaties already made and others in negotiation, affect Oregon and Washington is rather remarkable. The man in the street is paying small attention to the current struggle over this issue in congress, but the producers who recognize how it is impairing their income are clamoring for information. Individuals and groups are so worried over trade agreements that many have come to the national capitol from time to time to lay their troubles before the state department and members of the delegations.

FOR instance, Alton Hurley, Salem, Ore., came to protect the Oregon turkey industry (Oregon stands fifth in turkey production), from threatened competition from Latin America. R. R. Reter of Medford, Ore., came with a group to save the pear and apple growers of Hood River valley, from similar fruits scheduled to be let in from South America. B. A. Ward, of the Pacific Wool Growers Association, came to show what the depreciation of the pound sterling has been doing to the wool market. The Oregon State Horticultural Society, meeting at Hood River, submitted to the state department (copies to the Oregon senators), resolutions opposing the trade agreements, citing

New York, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Henry L. Doherty's great fortune, composed mostly of cities service securities and Florida real estate, has been bequeathed in its entirety to his widow, who before their marriage 11 years ago had nursed him through a critical illness.

The will of the 69-year old utilities magnate, who died December 26 in Philadelphia, was filed for probate today. It was brief and the only beneficiary listed was Mrs. Grace Doherty, the widow.

First Passenger Rides K. F. Airway

Portland, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Former Mayor J. R. Roberts of Redmond went into state aviation records today as the first airline passenger out of central Oregon.

He came to Portland yesterday on the Oregon Airway's trial trip from Klamath Falls, launching the central Oregon route.

Rosalie Leslie being so very very absorbed in the fashioning together of a pert blue afghan.

Jim (Ned Sparks) Garvin disappointed because swarms of friends neglected to offer congratulations on his new membership in the Active club.

Doc Walt Hoppe taking up accordion lessons to satisfy his craving for the finer things of life but admitting that it has always been his desire really to beat the daylight out of a xylophone.

DEFENSE OUTLAY IS DEFENDED AS PEACE PROGRAM

Rep. Woodrum Criticizes Those Who See F. R. Request As War Step

Washington, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The house was asked today to approve President Roosevelt's request for \$267,000,000 for emergency defense outlays as a peace program—not a war program.

Representative Woodrum (D., Va.), house appropriations committee member, made the statement as debate opened on legislation to appropriate that sum. He criticized those persons who claimed the new funds meant that the United States was about to go to war or about to be attacked.

"Some say, who are we going to fight—who's getting ready to jump on us," Woodrum remarked. "The same reasoning applies to the question of why have any army at all."

Anything Can Happen
"If there's one thing that America has learned it is that anything can happen anywhere. Let us not say that it can't happen here. America is not getting ready to make war on anybody. We're preparing for peace. This is not a war program, it's a peace program, and America has always stood for peace."

Woodrum began his remarks by pleading "100 per cent" cooperation with President Roosevelt's expressed hope of trying to reduce next year's deficit and to keep from going above the statutory \$45,000,000,000 federal debt limit.

Congress apparently had stymied itself on the anti-lynching bill and an independent budgetary survey as a house move gained momentum to keep 1941 expenditures within President

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COLD AIR CURRENT FELT IN MEDFORD

High pressure areas over the Pacific ocean and in the Idaho-Utah region sent cold air currents in motion today and put a slight chill on the balmy weather Medford has been enjoying since last Sunday. It was still, however, far from cold here and the weather bureau said there would not be much change in temperature.

The mercury early this afternoon stood at 43 degrees as against 50 at the same time yesterday. Yesterday's maximum of 52 degrees was only seven degrees below the maximum in Los Angeles, heart of southern California's famous sunshine belt.

HOT CLUE FOUND IN LAW SLAYING

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 11.—(AP)—A "metal object" which might lead to the arrest of the slayer who bludgeoned Mrs. Dick Law, CIO leader's wife, to death Friday night, was found today by Aberdeen police, Chief Geo. Dean said here at noon.

Without describing it in detail, Dean said the object might have been the murder weapon, and added that it was "a very important bearing on the case." He did not say where it was found.

Roy Gardner Ends Notorious Career by Suicide in Hotel

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The notorious career of mail robber Roy Gardner, who boasted that he could escape from the law, was closed in suicide today because he could not escape from the stigma of "ex-convict" after nearly 20 years in prison.

Fashioning a lethal chamber in the bathroom of his hotel quarters here, Gardner, about 56, breathed deadly fumes which he created last night with chemicals, and died quickly, "old and tired" but bearing "no malice toward any human being."

Since his release from Leavenworth federal penitentiary in June, 1938, he had tried to rebuild his life in the world outside bars, trying the motion picture business, writing and lecturing.

Can't Come Back
"All men who have to serve more than five years in prison are doomed," he said in a note, "but they don't realize it. They kid themselves into the belief that they can 'come back,' but they can't. There is a barrier between the ex-convict and society that cannot be leveled."

Gardner, whose final capture in Arizona came about because he refused to shoot at his captor—he never fired a shot in a long series of robberies—was solicitous to the last.

On the door of the bathroom, he posted a note which said "do not open this door. Poison gas. Call the police."

Always "Played Ball"
Gardner's note, addressed to newsmen, asked that they "let me down as light as possible," because "I have always played ball with you all the way, and now you should pitch me a slow one and let me hit it."

The ex-convict, whose criminal career began with an \$80,000 mail robbery in San Diego in April, 1920, said he would have "checked out" then had he known what the future held "and saved my loved ones the disgrace and shame that they have had to endure these many years."

He added that every convict on forbidding Alcatraz island, where he served about five years, "would be better off if they would jump in the bay and start swimming for China."

Gardner appended a request to newspapermen that they not bring the name of his married daughter into the story of his death "because her in-laws do not know she is my daughter."

His wife, who separated from him for 15 years by his prison sentences, obtained an annulment of their marriage in 1936, and later married again, said "I regret this very much" when informed of Gardner's death at

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BIOFF WANTED ON ILLINOIS CHARGE

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Gov. Henry Horner announced today he would sign a requisition for the extradition from California of William Bioff, west coast labor leader, to finish serving a jail term imposed in 1932.

Bioff was sentenced to six months for pandering, but served only a few days.

Bioff, 41, now Hollywood representative of the International Alliance of Theatrical State Employees and Moving Picture Machine Operators, was indicted by a federal grand jury yesterday on income tax evasion charges at Los Angeles.

FINNS CONTINUE SMASHING REDS

Helsinki, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Smashing of Russian attacks on the Salla and Petsamo sectors was reported in the Finnish army's daily communique today.

Salla is on Finland's eastern front and Petsamo on the extreme northern corridor to the Arctic Sea. The Russians were thrown back, it was said, after an attack for which they had prepared by artillery fire.

These were the only developments reported in the communique.

281 New Flu Cases
Portland, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The state health department said Oregon physicians reported 281 new cases of influenza for the week ending January 6.



Roy Gardner (above) shortly before his incarceration in Atlanta penitentiary for mail robbery.

BANDIT GARDNER HID IN EAGLE PT. TO HEAL WOUNDS

Roy Gardner made a personal appearance on the stage of the Rialto theater here and gave a lecture on "Crime Doesn't Pay" on October 9, 1938. A feature film especially booked for the Gardner appearance was "King of Alcatraz."

A few days prior to his Rialto engagement, Gardner arrived here and was interviewed by the Mail Tribune, the story being published October 6. He was then en route to Grants Pass and Roseburg to fill theater engagements.

Visit Recalled
It was Gardner's first visit to Medford in 17 years, he recalled. His previous visit was in September, 1921 when he was a fugitive from McNeill island penitentiary. At that time he holed up in an Eagle Point boarding house until bullet wounds in both legs healed during his escape.

Once during his stay at Eagle Point he came to Medford to have his hair cut and in the barber shop heard patrons discussing his escape and relating what they would do if they could get their hands on him.

It was while Gardner was here for his Rialto appearance in 1938 that he wrote the letter to a newspaper woman in Lodi, Cal., that subsequently led to his arrest on a charge of sending obscene matter through the mails. It was brought out that he had entered into an agreement with the woman to write a story of his life and arguments ensued which led to the writing of the abusive letter. The charge was later quashed.

Postmaster Frank DeSouza recalled today that he resided in Phoenix, Ariz., when Gardner was caught there in an attempt to rob a mail car on November 15, 1921. The mail clerk attacked Gardner and overpowered him. It was then discovered that Gardner's pistol was made of wood. The train robber always boasted that he never physically injured anyone in any of his crimes.

SHAUGHNESSY TO COACH STANFORD

Palo Alto, Calif., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The appointment of Clark D. Shaughnessy, 47, of Chicago, as football director for five years, was announced today by President Ray Lyman Wilbur of Stanford university. Shaughnessy succeeds Claude E. "Tiny" Thornhill, recently dismissed.

Shaughnessy is coach at Chicago university, which announced football would be abandoned next season. The brief announcement by Dr. Wilbur made no mention of what salary had been offered the Chicago mentor

HOPE IS HELD FOR RESCUE OF MINERS TOMBED BY BLAST

Crews Struggle to Reach 87 in Coal Mine Depths—At Least Four Known Dead

Bartley, W. Va., Jan. 11.—(AP)—As rescue crews struggled through debris and gas toward 87 miners entombed by an explosion that killed at least four, a mine official expressed hope today "50 or 60" would be found alive.

The crews, which have pushed almost a mile and a quarter through the blast-wrecked corridor in the Bartley No. 1 mine of the Pond creek Pocahontas Coal corporation, were reported within a few hundred feet of the men trapped by the blast yesterday.

Manager Hopeful
G. J. Stollings, general manager of the corporation, reported at noon the crews might reach the men within six hours and added:

"We're very hopeful that possibly 50 or 60 can be found alive."

Veteran miners in this squalid southern West Virginia coal village shook their heads, however, and expressed fear all had perished. George Pile, company auditor, said the "chances are heavily against finding any of the men alive."

The known dead: Roy Evans, 41, motorman, married, four children; Roy Hyatt, 32, motorman, married, four children; Charley Moffitt, negro, married, four children; One man still unidentified.

The body of Evans was discovered as rescue workers advanced to within 100 feet of the estimated center of the explosion which tore through three sections of the pit.

Wives and children of the trapped miners and hundreds of curious who gathered near the mine stood dumbly in a cold, sleety rain waiting for word from the eight rescue crews.

Occurring at 2:20 p.m. yesterday, the explosion at first was believed a slate fall and it was more than an hour before seriousness of the accident was known above ground. Forty-seven diggers in an eastern section of the workings came out at 4 p.m., unaware there had been a blast.

Cause of the mishap was not determined immediately, although District Mine Inspector W. C. Sturgis theorized it might have resulted when the men cut through to some long unused, gas-filled entry. The state department of mines reported the Bartley No. 1 was gaseous, but was thoroughly rock-dusted.

FEDERAL SPENDING OVER FIVE BILLION

Washington, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Federal expenditures for this fiscal year have passed \$5,000,000,000.

The treasury said today that, including transfer of \$268,000,000 of social security tax money to the old age reserve fund, it spent \$5,012,026,993 between July 1 and January 9—slightly over six months.

President Roosevelt estimated in his recent budget message to congress that the spending total exclusive of the social security transfers would total \$9,199,253,641 by June 30.

The spending total was nearly twice the size of the revenue figures for the same period. By January 9, the treasury had taken in \$2,851,085,159, leaving a \$2,160,941,834 deficit. This, in turn, was responsible for a record high debt of \$42,040,575,811.

WYOMING RETRIEVES SEIZED SNOWPLOWS
Jackson, Wyo., Jan. 11.—(AP)—The state of Wyoming has retrieved its purloined snowplows by promising to keep Teton pass open "as long as possible" this winter.

Two hundred Jackson Hole citizens, some carrying pistols, took the idle equipment Tuesday night to clear the 26-mile pass that winds over the Tetons to their closest rail point, Victor, Idaho.

RECIPROCAL TRADE DEFENDERS BY HULL; CRITICS ASSAILED

Secretary Says Choice Lays Between Ruin Or Heights of Economic Progress

Washington, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Ascribing "flagrant and unscrupulous suppression and misuse of material facts" to critics of the reciprocal trade program, Secretary Hull declared today it had expanded markets for American farm and manufactured products.

He appealed to the house ways and means committee to renew the expiring trade agreements act in order to aid in worldwide economic readjustment after the European war.

"The choice before us," Hull said, "is whether we shall lead the way toward the slough of despair and ruin for ourselves and for others, or toward the heights of economic progress, sustained prosperity and enduring peace for our nation and for the world."

Democratic Method
He took issue with members of congress who are demanding senate ratification of each agreement by asserting the method followed in state department negotiations "is democratic in every sense of the word."

Hull's statement, opening the congressional fight over the reciprocal trade issue, was voiced in familiar atmosphere. For 18 years as a representative from Tennessee, he was a member of the ways and means committee, historically the battleground in congressional tax and tariff fights. Some of those who heard his plea had served with him.

In concluding the pact, Hull said, American tariffs have been lowered only where they are "unduly burdensome" and where other countries have agreed to accord better treatment to United States exports in return for tariff adjustments.

ACTRESS CHARMS CHATTY BURGLAR

Santa Monica, Calif., Jan. 11.—(AP)—Wendy Barrie, 27-year-old screen actress, was held up by a burglar in her home today, but instead of taking loot he promised to send her a diamond.

The red-haired actress said she was awakened by a hand over her nose. Screaming and struggling, she was finally quieted when the man drew a gun. For 20 minutes the intruder, whom she described as about her age, sat on the bed and told of his exploits.

"He asked where my money and jewelry were, and I told him I had none at home," she told detectives. "He said he guessed I was right, because he couldn't find any."

"He was about six feet two, smooth shaven and wanted to talk about himself."

"You've been so nice, I'm going to get an unset diamond from one of my jobs and leave it in your mailbox for you," he said.

She said he left quietly. She immediately called police.

PORTLAND CONTRIBUTES \$4356 TO FINN RELIEF

Portland, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Portland displayed its friendliness to Finnish war refugees today by increasing its share of a national contribution campaign to \$4356.

dealing with supplies was reported especially to be under a penetrating inquiry, which, it was said, already has led to executions.

Immediate verification of the reports was lacking.

There were persistent reports the Russian forces were being reorganized because of weaknesses shown up in the invasion of Finland.

These reports reached not only Helsinki but several other Scandinavian capitals.

Western Romeo



With a court order, which he hoped would force Mrs. Louise Deshler to present her daughter, Isabel (above) in a San Francisco court, John B. Adams (lower), San Francisco's "Romeo" voted "I'm going to marry her if I have to go to the supreme court to do it." He said Mrs. Deshler was preventing him from seeing her daughter.

SWEENEY WILL SEEK RENOMINATION FOR COUNTY TREASURER

Ralph E. Sweeney, county treasurer, announced today his intention to file for renomination for the office, in the May primary of the Democratic party.

Sweeney is serving his first term. As yet no Republican candidate for the office has appeared on the horizon and it is not expected the treasurer will be opposed in his own party.

Candidates have started to stir in the county, but are not expected to be in full bloom until the first of March. This will give nearly three months in which to meet the voters, as the primary election will be held May 17.

It was reported this week that Otto Caster, of Phoenix, former county commissioner, would run again for the berth on the Democratic ticket. Caster served one term, and was defeated in the last general election by William Perry, Republican, of Eagle Point. The commissionership held by Ralph Billings of Ashland is up for a contest this spring.

MINERS' BODIES TAKEN FROM HUGE ORE SLIDE

Bingham, Utah, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The crushed bodies of two miners were recovered early today from tons of ore loosened by an unexplained explosion in the world's largest open cut copper mine.

A third victim's body was found last night.

The dead: Teofilo Martinez, 27, Copperfield; Giuseppe de Marchi, 38, Highland Boy; Nikola Tomas, 24, Highland Boy.

Soviet Officers Face Purge Because of Finland Debacle

Copenhagen, Jan. 11.—(AP)—Reports were received here today that more than 100 Soviet Russian officers had been called before the Finnish front, some of them to face trial before special courts.

The reports, which reached Norwegian and Finnish quarters from numerous sources, said the officers would be tried before courts consisting of people's commissars.

The Russian commissariat

FRUIT MEN WILL STUDY RATES ON ELECTRIC POWER

Traffic Assn., Fruitgrowers League Name Committee for Local Survey

Announcement was made today of the appointment of a committee "to make a study of ranch and fruit industrial power rates" in the Rogue river valley.

The committee represents jointly the Rogue River Valley Traffic association and the Fruitgrowers' League, Inc., and was appointed by the presidents of the two organizations acting together. Appointment of the committee was authorized by both groups. Jack Spalding, sales manager of Southern Oregon Sales, Inc., is president of the traffic association and S. G. Nye heads the league.

The committee, the announcement said, has authority to call in outside experts if it is deemed advisable or necessary.

The committee is composed of David Holmes, chairman, Bear Creek Orchards co-owner; S. M. Tuttle, general manager of the Southern Oregon Sales, Inc.; Major Morris, manager of the Medford Ice & Storage company; Martin Luther, manager of Rogue River Orchards, and H. S. Deuel, a co-owner of the Del Rio Orchards.

GERMAN WARPLANES DROP NO BOMBS IN WIDESPREAD FORAYS

London, Jan. 11.—(AP)—German warplanes ranged from Scotland to the southeast coast today in the third day of stepped-up aerial warfare.

No bombs were dropped on land and no alarms were sounded and, in contrast to the heavy Nazi attacks on ships off the coast Tuesday which started the aerial spurt, the only victim was a small coastal vessel set on fire by a bomber.

There were two additional marine losses, however, as a ship believed to be Italian struck a mine off the east coast and an unidentified vessel sank after collision off the west coast.

The three victims brought the toll for the last three days to 15. The 10,000-ton liner Dunbar Castle struck a mine and sank Tuesday and 11 smaller vessels were bombed and machine-gunned.

The British retaliated yesterday with an attack on the German island of Sylt, and a subsequent clash between British and German warplanes over the chill North Sea brought conflicting accounts from the two capitals.

EDISON APPROVED AS AIDE FOR NAVY

Washington, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The senate speedily approved today the nomination of Charles Edison as secretary of the navy after Senator Borah (R-Idaho) had protested against legislation recommended by Edison to give President Roosevelt certain broad peacetime emergency powers.

The senate also confirmed the nomination of James H. R. Cromwell, husband of the wealthy Doris Duke, to be minister to Canada.

CAVES VISITATION SETS NEW RECORD

Grants Pass, Jan. 11.—(AP)—More tourists than ever before were guided through the marble labyrinths of the Oregon Caves in 1939. Manager George Sabin reported to the Oregon Caves Resort company today that 46,513 persons made the trip, an increase of 6,156.

The figures are only for those entering the caves and do not include the total entering the national monument area.

Frank Mashburn was reelected resort president.

SIDE GLANCES

by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

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