

The Weather
 Fair tonight and Thursday but with fog; increasing high cloudiness Thursday; little change in temperature.
 Temperature
 Highest yesterday 41
 Lowest this morning 20

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MEDFORD MAN HELD IN DEATH THREAT



Washington, D. C., Jan. 17.—When the army engineers prepared their report they stated that \$21,314,850 could be profitably expended during the fiscal year ending on the 30th of June, 1917, on the Oregon coast, the Columbia river and the tributaries, and the Bonneville power plant. President Roosevelt smiled and reduced the estimate down to where the pruning will pay for a few destroyers.

Engineers suggested \$1,162,450 for new work, such as Columbia river between Vancouver and Bonneville, \$894,200; for Columbia and tributaries \$50,000 above Celilo to mouth of Snake, and a similar sum for new work on Snake. For carrying on maintenance, \$4,611,700 for rivers and harbors; then \$7,089,200 for more generators for Bonneville (president slashed this to \$800,000), and for flood control on Columbia river and Willamette Valley Project. \$8,451,500.

WILLAMETTE Valley Project may receive approximately one million dollars, instead of the \$6,757,800 the engineers said they could use advantageously in the year beginning next July.

Of the several dams on the project, the Cottage Grove reservoir can be completed with unexpended funds of \$1,481,158 and no additional funds are needed for 1917. For Dorena reservoir, the engineers have an unexpended balance of \$1,505,061, but to complete this unit \$1,960,830 could be used in fiscal 1917.

Fern Ridge reservoir on Long Tom river needs \$1,046,900 (in addition to an unexpended \$1,489,572) to complete. At Detroit, on North Santiam, engineers have an unexpended \$500,364, of which sum \$475,000 will be required for highway relocation. They could profitably use \$2,138,000 in fiscal 1917. This unit requires \$8,409,000 to complete. Also the engineers could use very nicely \$550,100 on Tualatin river and \$62,000 on the Mc-

NEW YORK CHILLS IN COAL STRIKE

New York, Jan. 17.—(P)—With the temperature far below freezing, coal deliveries in four boroughs of greater New York were partially paralyzed today as the vanguard of 5,000 coal handlers went on strike.

The walkout, threatening millions of office workers and apartment dwellers with a mid-winter shivering siege, followed collapse of negotiations between the AFL International Brotherhood of Teamsters and Chauffeurs and the Coal Merchants and Fuel Merchants associations.

Truck drivers, yard men and helpers struck in Manhattan, the Bronx, Queens and Brooklyn.

OFFICERS ARREST C. C. ALLEN AT DOOR OF DIVORCED WIFE

Intended to Slay Ex-Wife, Her Father and Friend is Assertion to Police

An anonymous telephone call to Chief of Police Clatous McCredie, and rapid action by state police last night averted by minutes a threatened multiple slaying, and as a result Christopher Columbus (Cecil) Allen, 32-year-old Medford man, was today being held by Klamath Falls authorities on a charge of threatening to commit a felony.

Allen was arrested by state troopers between 8 and 9 last night at Ellingson mill near Keno on the Greensprings highway, where he had gone with the threatened intention, according to state police, of killing his 19-year-old ex-wife, Daisy Olive; her father, Carl Morgan, and Harvey B. Evans, a friend of Mrs. Allen. Mrs. Allen resides with her parents at Ellingson mill.

Carried Shotgun

State police here said they were informed by Klamath state officers that Allen, when arrested at the door of his ex-wife's home, had in his possession a 12-gauge shotgun, and that he readily admitted planning to kill Mrs. Allen, her father and Evans. There were also several letters on his person setting forth his alleged intentions, state police said.

It was at 7 o'clock last night that Chief Clatous McCredie received the anonymous telephone call that sent state police rushing to Mrs. Allen's home at Ellingson mill. The unidentified person told McCredie that Allen was on his way to his ex-wife's home, afoot, and would attempt to solicit a ride on a truck.

The police chief immediately got in touch with local state police, and the latter authorities notified state police headquarters in Klamath Falls and sent out the warning on their short wave radio. An officer was dispatched from Klamath Falls and a trooper on patrol, in the vicinity of Keno, picked up the radio message. The two state policemen met at Ellingson mill just as Allen arrived there with his shotgun, police stated. He was arrested as he was about to enter the house.

Threatened Sunday

Allen, according to Klamath Falls authorities, allegedly uttered a threat against Morgan last Sunday after the two had had an argument over custody of the Allen's two-year old son, William Lee, who was given to the mother when the two were divorced in Klamath county last October. Later, in Klamath Falls, Morgan beat up Allen, Klamath police explained.

State police here learned that Allen returned to Medford Monday, with his face showing the effects of the fight, and told a friend that he was going to "kill all of them." The friend was quoted by state police as saying he thought he had talked Allen out of the notion.

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Browder Fails in Effort to Modify Passport Indictment

By Pat Yale

New York, Jan. 17.—(P)—Counsel for Earl Browder moved unsuccessfully for a modification of the indictment against him today as the communist leader's trial on passport fraud charges opened in federal court.

George Gordon Battle, Browder's attorney, argued two of the three names under which Browder was accused of having obtained passports were superfluous, inasmuch as he was asked only the "last" name he had used when he applied for a fourth passport in 1937.

In the indictment, he is charged with having masqueraded as

Speaks Tonight



Robert Norton, associate editor of China Today, who will give a lecture on "America's Role in Pacific Affairs" in the Medford senior high school auditorium at 8 tonight. Sponsor is the Jackson County League of Women Voters.

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LONG MUST VIE WITH REFORM CANDIDATE IN LOUISIANA'S RUN-OFF

New Orleans, Jan. 17.—(P)—Ballot tabulations today showed Governor Earl K. Long, chief of the powerful Louisiana political machine his brother built, must face a self-styled "reform" candidate in a runoff Democratic primary in his effort to win re-election.

Continuance of personnel and policies of the regime established by the late Senator Huey P. Long was at issue in the first primary yesterday.

It appeared certain Long would fail to attain a majority over the field by somewhere between 20,000 and 30,000 votes, judging from incomplete and unofficial returns available before noon today, and he must face Sam H. Jones, "reform" candidate and Lake Charles attorney in a runoff February 20.

Jones, who ran slightly more than 30,000 votes behind Long in New Orleans, Long's machine-controlled stronghold, was holding even with the governor in the slow returns from country parishes, and it appeared he might not finish much more than 30,000 to 35,000 votes behind the governor.

Plotters' Powder Traced to Source

New York, Jan. 17.—(P)—Lieut. Col. Edward Bowditch, inspector general of the 27th division, New York national guard, said today federal agents had traced "to their source" the explosive cordite powder and 3,500 rounds of ammunition seized in the arrest of 17 men on charges of seditious conspiracy.

Col. Bowditch implied the powder came from a regular army base.

Hamilton, Bermuda, Jan. 17.—(P)—The 2,777-ton Greek steamer Pleinain, which ran aground off Cooper's Island, yesterday, broke in two today and was reported a total loss. Her crew was brought ashore.

Dude Ranch Cowboy Shot in Holdup Try

San Francisco, Jan. 17.—(P)—A cowboy from a Nevada dude ranch was charged with attempted murder and attempted armed robbery today as he lay in a hospital, critically wounded after a gun duel on crowded Market street.

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WATER RECEIPTS NET \$40,735 FOR YEAR, IS REPORT

3845 Water Users at Year's Windup is Largest Number in City's History.

Medford city water department listed net income of \$40,735.50 for 1939 in its annual profit and loss statement made public today. The income is used for the retirement of bonded indebtedness.

Revenue from water service was given as \$141,631.82 in 1939 and operating expenses were listed as \$66,056.63, leaving an operating profit of \$75,575.19. Of the operating expense, \$10,049.16 was for maintenance.

Income from other sources totaled \$5,635.32, making gross income \$81,210.51. Charges against income totaled \$40,475.01, comprised of \$36,375.01 for interest on the bonded debt and \$3,600 for amortization of debt expense. The gross income less the income charges gave the net income of \$40,735.50.

\$1,300,220 Assets.

Balance sheet of December 31, 1939, showed total assets of \$1,300,220.04. Liabilities included \$739,000 in long term bonds, a designated amount of which is now being liquidated each year. Bonds aggregating \$29,000 were retired in 1939. The bonds are non-callable but, being serial, a certain principal amount is now maturing each year. It has been found expensive to buy up the bonds in appreciable amount in the open market because they are selling at a high premium. They bear 5 per cent interest.

The list of assets showed \$71,296.47 in cash in the sinking fund, \$11,567.11 in war-

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MOTT IS UPHELD BY HIGH COURT

Salem, Jan. 17.—(P)—The state supreme court upheld yesterday Circuit Judge L. G. Lewelling's dismissal of a suit to force former state corporation commissioner James W. Mott, now U. S. representative, to return \$17,103 to the state, while it also upheld Judge Lewelling's contention that a 1939 law setting up new tax foreclosure procedure was advisory rather than mandatory.

The suit against Mott was brought by Jay Moltzner and Mark A. Paulson, both attorneys, who contended that Mott illegally used public funds to pay Barnett H. Goldstein for his services as special assistant attorney from 1931 to 1933 when he prosecuted violators of the blue sky law. Goldstein and the Fidelity & Casualty Co. of New York were named co-defendants.

Borah Bruised By Fall at Residence

Washington, Jan. 17.—(P)—Senator Borah (R-Idaho) remained in his bed today because of sprains and bruises received when he slipped on a rug in the hallway of his home yesterday.

The senator, 75 years old and by his physician, Dr. Worth Daniels, to be resting easily and in no danger. Borah's office said the senator would be confined to his home for several days.

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Mayor Furnas Gets First Dial 'Phone



First of the new dial telephones to be installed in Medford was placed in Mayor C. C. Furnas' office this week by the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co. The mayor is shown (seated) above with three veterans of the local telephone office. Left to right: J. H. Rolston, wire chief, 43 years in the service; R. B. Hammond, manager, 28 years service, and V. T. Wilson, installer, 20 years service. Installation is to continue at the rate of fifty telephones daily until the task is completed.

Hardy Finns Continue Gains As Cold Grips War Theaters

By the Associated Press

In sub-zero cold that hampered military operations in both European wars, Finland today reported new success against Russian forces above the Arctic circle.

A communique said Finnish troops "are fighting successfully in the direction of Salla," and other Finnish sources said progress there gave rise to hopes of further advances.

The bitter cold, checking further activity in snow-blanketed Finland, also paralyzed German and Allied action on the western front.

Britain laid claim to success in her financial and trade war which "has given German economy a sharp shock." R. H. Cross, minister of economic warfare, told the house of commons that the nazi regime had been reduced to the same position as the kaiser's empire was after two years of war.

Coldest in 25 years, the weather increased suffering among Finnish victims of Soviet air raids, but it gave respite from Russian land attacks.

Finnish forces held positions from five to ten miles inside the Russian frontier near Lieksa on the east central front where they have reported consistent progress for the past three weeks.

British newspapers reported a German plot to disrupt Britain's railways had been uncovered and the 600,000 railway employees in the British isles had been constituted a counter-espionage service to watch for sabotage.

PEA SOUP FOG SNARLS PORTLAND TRAFFIC IN EARLY MORNING HOURS

Portland, Ore., Jan. 17.—(P)—Traffic fumbled from Seattle to southern Oregon today in the season's most serious fog.

The blanket was so dense at Portland before dawn, motorists were thrown into confusion and trolleys ran a half-hour behind schedule.

The Oregon Motor association said the dismal cloak extended along the Pacific highway to Seattle. Visibility was the poorest from Portland south through Salem to Eugene and east on the Columbia river highway to Crown Point. The fog clung closely to the Roseburg area but rose considerably at Grants Pass.

Although there were frequent traffic jams and minor collisions no serious accidents occurred in the Portland area. Transport planes delayed schedules and no ships moved in the harbor.

WILL QUIZ HULL ON AID TO FINNS

Washington, Jan. 17.—(P)—The senate banking committee decided today to ask Secretary Hull how American neutrality policies would be affected by extending financial assistance to Finland.

Pending his appearance at a closed session next Wednesday, action on all proposals—among them a plan suggested by President Roosevelt—was deferred.

(In New York today former President Herbert Hoover declared that Mr. Roosevelt's suggestion for credit extension "should be supported.")

On the house side of the capitol, it appeared the Dies committee, which passed out of existence January 3, would be recreated next week. Speaker Bankhead said the house rules committee would meet Monday and he assumed it would approve a proposal to give the committee another year of life. The house was expected to give its approval a few days afterward.

4,000 PORTLAND PUPILS HAVE FLU

Portland, Jan. 17.—(P)—Portland public school attendance lagged about 4000 today because of widespread influenza. School and health authorities said the absences were primarily in the grade school and kindergarten classes.

Several principals, however, said the illness appeared on the wave.

Some schools reported absences ranged from 8 to 30 per cent compared with the season's normal of 4 per cent. One kindergarten was reduced from 25 to 3 students.

The administrative office reported 75 teachers ill.

Navy Flier Killed

Washington, Jan. 17.—(P)—Ensign Malcolm Charles Kirby, naval reserve flier attached to the Aircraft Carrier Ranger was killed when his plane fell into the sea yesterday afternoon.

COUNCIL RETAINS ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS FOR YEAR

\$107,500 in Bonds Paid During Past Year—Expenditures Within Budget.

Re-appointment of all present appointive officers and department heads was approved by the city council at its regular semi-monthly meeting last night. The re-appointment was recommended by Mayor C. C. Furnas in his annual report to the council.

The mayor's report stated that the city maintained itself on a cash basis in 1939, within its budget and with no general fund warrants outstanding at present. The city met its bond retirement and interest requirements, liquidating \$107,500 in bonds during the year, the report said.

Retirement To Continue

The mayor pointed out that bond retirements will continue at a relatively high level during 1940 and 1941 as in 1939, averaging \$124,500 for the three years. From 1942 onward, however, bond payments will decrease substantially and this reduction should be reflected in a lower annual tax levy, the report asserted.

After reviewing the major work of the various city departments in 1939, Mayor Furnas told of the effort of the city administration to keep abreast with civic developments, such as maintaining the community airport on a standard commensurate with aviation progress.

The city has cooperated where possible with federal and other agencies in providing as much relief employment as practical, the mayor's report stated. Continuance of such cooperation was advised.

Agenda Suggested

Mayor Furnas suggested that

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FRUITGROWERS TO MEET ON FRIDAY

A special program of interest to growers has been arranged for the annual meeting of the Fruitgrowers League, Inc., in the Jackson county courthouse auditorium at 1:30 p. m. Friday. The entire program is to be announced tomorrow.

Business to be transacted includes election of directors and a meeting of the new board to elect officers for 1940.

Canadian War Loan.

Ottawa, Jan. 17.—(P)—Canada's first war loan, for \$200,000,000, has been oversubscribed—within two days after it was offered to the public. Cash subscriptions at the close of business last night totaled \$248,804,550, the Bank of Canada announced.

Johnson "Sorry To Say 'Third Term Certainty'

Philadelphia, Jan. 17.—(P)—General Hugh S. Johnson declares he's "sorry to say" that President Roosevelt will be re-elected for a third term after "a crown of gold" nomination speech.

The fiery administrator of the defunct NRA also predicted during a question-and-answer period last night at the annual dinner of the Philadelphia Merchants association that Vice President Garner would soon announce his retirement as a presidential candidate.

"And then," Johnson continued, "a crown of gold speech will be made by some orator and Roosevelt will be nominated by acclamation and elected by all the disident and subsidized groups in the United States—I'm sorry to say."

BULB GROWERS BUCK TRADE PACT RENEWAL

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 17.—(P) Opposition to renewal of trade treaties was voiced in a resolution adopted yesterday by the Northwest Bulb Growers association.

C. W. Orton, association president, said the treaties have encouraged shipments of bulbs to this country from Holland. He said copies of the resolution would be sent to senators and representatives from Oregon and Washington.

Oleen Files

Salem, Jan. 17.—(P) O. Henry Oleen of St. Helens filed today for the Democratic nomination for state representative from Columbia county, the post he held in the 1933, 1935 and 1937 sessions.

SIDE GLANCES
 by TRIBUNE REPORTERS

Emil Mohr being awarded an appropriate trophy by his fellow Activists for excellence of conduct during the past year.

Bill Miller making a valiant effort to publicize Robert Norton's lecture tonight at the high school.

Ed Evanson finding it difficult to put his mind on anything but his part in an installation ceremony.

Doc M. C. Wright explaining it was his "new deal" stogie which caused the fragrant aroma all about him.