

WAR COSTS SEND YEAR'S SPENDING NEAR NEW RECORD

Over Ten Billion Gone and Over Half of Year To Go —British Outlay Vast.

Washington, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Treasury expenditures this fiscal year passed \$10,000,000,000 today with more than half the year yet to go.

The treasury said that from July through December 13, it spent \$10,056,519,075, of which \$7,200,650,058 went for defense.

If the spending rate is maintained, as the budget bureau expected, the current fiscal year ending next June 30 will be the most costly in United States history. Spending already is within \$2,700,000,000 of all that was spent in a full 12 months last year.

London, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Sir Kingsley Wood, chancellor of the exchequer, told the house of commons today that Britain has spent 8,300,000,000 pounds (\$33,200,000,000) to fight the war so far.

At the same time commons unhesitatingly voted Britain's fourth 1,000,000,000-pound \$4,000,000,000 war credit for the current fiscal year. No questions were asked.

In requesting this new loan Sir Kingsley disclosed that only 225,000,000 pounds (\$900,000,000) was left of the 3,000,000,000 pounds (\$12,000,000,000) voted since March 31, and that Britain is spending at the rate of 12,000,000 pounds (\$48,000,000) a day.

Saying that expenditure was likely to be 200,000,000 pounds above the estimates for the fiscal year ending March 31, 1942, Wood hinted that the costs of the war in the far east might result in the need of new borrowing.

The new credit voted by commons made a total of 4,000,000,000 pounds (\$16,000,000,000) for the fiscal year.

SPYING GERMAN HELD BY LOS ANGELES FBI

Los Angeles, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Ernest Frolich De Meyer, 27, identified as an alien German baron by the federal bureau of investigation, was arrested yesterday and jailed on charges of impersonating an army officer and suspicion of espionage.

FBI agents said De Meyer was wearing the uniform of a U. S. army officer when arrested near harbor defenses. They said his Hollywood apartment yielded uniforms of the U. S. army, navy and marine corps; a shortwave broadcasting set and what appeared to be data on coast defenses.

Pincer Attack on Luzon



The Japanese landing at Aparri (1), was followed by one at Legaspi (2) the United States army reported. Japanese bombers centered their raids on Batangas Province (3), Clark Field and Olongapo.

ELECTION FRIDAY AT BLUE LODGE

For many years, the third Friday in December has been the day of election and installation of officers in Medford Lodge No. 103, A.F.A.M. This year will be no exception to the old rule, and on Friday Dec. 19, Medford Lodge will elect and transact whatever business may come before it. Ezra M. Wilson, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, will be installing officer. From all reports, it is expected that a goodly number of the craft will be present. Light refreshments will be served.

Technocrats Pledge All Efforts in War

Local members of Technocracy Inc., have been informed by Howard Scott, director in New York, that he had wired President Roosevelt placing at the executive's disposal the entire personnel and equipment of Technocracy Inc., on the North American Continent.

The Technocracy director also urged the president to declare war on signatory countries of the Axis pact or fascism.

MATTHEWS TELLS REACTION OF BOYS AT NAVY STATION

A letter from Jim Matthews, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Matthews, of route 2, Medford, gives an interesting insight on how Uncle Sam's boys in the service reacted to Japan's sneak punch at the islands.

Young Matthews, who entered the navy in February of this year, is stationed at the Naval Air Station in Corpus Christi, Texas, under training in the gunnery department.

He wrote his parents that on Sunday, December 7, he went to Sunday school in the new chapel at the base and had a "swell noon meal" of chicken fried steak, candied sweet potatoes, peas, mashed potatoes, noodle soup, coffee, ice cream and cake. About 2 p. m. the new came in of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

"When the first report came through there wasn't a sound in the barracks," Matthews' letter said. "Everyone was listening as if they couldn't believe what their ears were hearing. Then the tension broke—one or two of the fellows shouted—they were glad we were in it at last."

"By supper time tongues had begun to wag and the mess hall was noisier than I have ever heard it; like a hive of bees."

"If you see any worried navy mothers, tell them we are all well and happy and that every man is confident that the material he has to work with is the finest in the world. And that with the trust of those loved ones at home he cannot fail."

Penny a Plane Club Members Will Give For Planes Downed

Marshall, Tex., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Would you give a penny for every enemy plane shot down by United States forces?

That question was asked 203 Marshall citizens. Two hundred answered "Yes." The "A Penny a Plane club" resulted. Marshall hopes the idea will spread.

Harry Adams of Marshall, who started the club here and signed up 200 members in four hours, said the plan was outlined to him by a friend from the Argentine.

A South American club rapidly drew 50,000 members, whose contributions made possible the purchase for the British of a fighter plane costing \$75,000 each month, Adams was told.

Members—anyone may join—are being asked to drop their contributions in boxes to be put up in public places. Funds will be turned over to the federal government.

A penny a plane doesn't seem like much—but with two million members the receipts on seven enemy planes shot down would be \$140,000, Adams pointed out.

"Think how good that will make the fellow who fired the guns feel," he said.

OREGON BOWS TO DUQUESNE 33-28

Pittsburgh, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Duquesne University's basketball squad repeated last year's performance and defeated the University of Oregon's travelling team, 33-28, in the feature game of a triple bill here last night.

The Dukes clinched the game with a 10-point third period spurt after a heated second period in which the lead changed seven times.

Noszka, a guard, scored 16 points for Duquesne while Fuhrman and Marshik collected six each for the visitors.

Last year's game was taken by the Dukes, 37-34.

6 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



BUY TRINKETS FOR THE TREE!
Buy Christmas Seals

JUNK MEN PLAN COOPERATION IN SCRAPIRON DRIVE

Harry Kaplon and Harry Rubenstein, owners of the Medford Bargain House, returned last night from a meeting of California junk dealers and a conference with OPM representatives in San Francisco and today pledged their full cooperation to the government without thought of profit.

The meeting was held, Mr. Kaplon explained, to make uniform plans to keep the country's scrap metal moving to the mills for manufacturing arms and ammunition. The government needs all kinds of scrap metal and the junk dealers, at their San Francisco meeting, pledged full aid, Mr. Kaplon stated. Profit, he added, was made a secondary consideration.

Prices for scrap have been stabilized, the price now paid by junk dealers being \$7 a ton, Mr. Kaplon said, adding that when delivered prices are quoted at Pittsburgh, the public should remember the cost of transportation.

Mr. Kaplon stated that his concern was now trying to work out a plan to receive scrap paper. The government wants scrap paper utilized but thus far the collection and transportation problems have not been solved, he said. If arrangements can be made with the railroad to spot a car where the scrap paper may be delivered directly, the Medford Bargain House may be able to start receiving the paper around the first of the year, Mr. Kaplon said.

RAILROAD BOARD FINISHES WORK

Chicago, Dec. 17.—(AP)—Chairman Wayne Morse of the Railroad Emergency Mediation board announced today the board had finished its work of bringing about a settlement of the rail labor wage dispute which had threatened a national strike on carrier systems.

The final document issued, he said, was the award covering an agreement on vacations for 90,000 non operating employees of 14 unions. Wage and other issues applying to these workers and 350,000 members of five operating unions, Red Caps and Railway Express Agency employees had previously been settled by signed agreements.

County Defense Council Instructions for Public

The Jackson County Council of Defense issues another of a series of statements to give the public official instructions regarding various phases of civilian defense. The council suggests that these daily statements be clipped out of the paper and saved for future reference and for comparison with any changes that might be made in the regulations from time to time. Any changes, the council said, will be referred by number to the corresponding statement to which it applies.

"Some misunderstanding exists with respect to the nature of a 'blackout' and the way it is effected by the organization furnishing the supply of electricity to the community.

"Blackouts do not entail turning off the SUPPLY of electricity in a community. Such a procedure would seriously interfere with our own military activities and would be detrimental to civilian morale. It would cause a serious hazard in hospitals and other public services.

"In European countries, long subject to blackouts, every effort is made to maintain continuous electric service for the reasons given.

"The company supplying electric service will upon orders from the properly constituted authorities shut off the street lights and other services but it remains the duty of every householder, store owner or building operator to black out his own premises.

"Because of the needs of the military and populace as mentioned above, the regular electric service will continue to be operated during blackout unless prevented by accident or enemy action."

STAYS TO TEACH

Easton, Md.—(AP)—Miss Elizabeth Hooker of Baltimore landed at Tred Avon airport to refuel her plane and so impressed Manager Malcolm Hathaway with her flying skill that he persuaded her to stay as instructor for a group of CAA students. At 25, Miss Hooker, a Smith college graduate, has been flying 10 years.

TALL STORY

Carlsbad, N. M.—(AP)—Western peace officers have organized the "6-foot-4" club. All of its 10 members are six feet four in height. It has a president and nine vice presidents "and no particular purpose." Charter members are from New Mexico, Texas and Colorado.

Closing time — Classified Ads 4 p. m. — Too Late to Classify 12:30 p. m.

In 1189 decreed all houses should be built of stone. They were for about two centuries.

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ADRIENNE'S

Japanese Suicides; Depressed by War

Stockton, Calif., Dec. 17.—(AP)—Depressed over the American Japanese war, George Okada, 25-year-old American born Japanese celery packer hanged himself in a bunkhouse today.

"Everyone is so kind to me here," he wrote in Japanese. "let me die in the United States."

FREE AIR FOR FISH

New York—Service stations provided free air for fish, traveling from the New York aquarium, which is being torn down, to the Boston aquarium.

LONDON'S STONE HOUSE

London—Because of the many fires in London, the lord mayor

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