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DUCE ORDERS CAMPAIGN AHEAD

Ex-New Dealer Says Farmers Hit by Trade Pact

Editorials On the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

BIGGEST political news of the week:

Senator Borah announces, formally and definitely, that if liberal forces in the Republican party want him to be WILL BE a candidate for the Republican nomination for President.

That is important because Borah is one of the few Republicans who might be able to defeat Roosevelt.

IN THIS column the other day, the opinion was expressed that the present political upheaval in this country will end a long way short of where the radicals want to go and a long way ahead of where the conservatives want to stop.

Borah, as judged by his record, comes pretty close to being the man who fits this trend.

BIG news is in the making, as indicated by this Associated Press dispatch from London:

"The British government was stated by a reliable source today (Saturday) to be considering further precautionary measures against the possibility of a war-like act on the part of Premier Mussolini of Italy because of Great Britain's determination to enforce sanctions against Italy."

DOES Mussolini really think he can whip Great Britain? (France, as you have probably observed, doesn't aim to fight Mussolini, whose Ethiopian adventure she is reported to have OK'd before he began it.)

Well, here is an interesting angle on that, contained in this same Associated Press dispatch from London:

"The attack fears (that is, Mussolini's attack on Britain) appear to be based on a belief in some quarters that Mussolini eventually will have to sue for peace on terms offered by the league of nations, or else try some act of desperation."

WHAT does that mean? Well, it might mean that rather than be starved out Mussolini...

KLAMATH AUTO IN FATAL ACCIDENT

An automobile driven by C. S. Edison, Klamath Falls, struck and fatally injured Jacob Wullschlaeger, 75, at Crowell, Ore., in Lane county, Saturday. The aged man apparently did not see the coming car, and was unable to get out of the way.

Witnesses said Edison was not driving at an excessive speed, and the Klamath man was not held.

E. A. Collier, state highway engineer and brother of Andrew and Alfred Collier of this city, is much improved at Eugene, following serious injuries sustained in an accident there Thursday morning.

Merritt Eastwood, driver of a truck involved in the crash with the highway department car, died at Eugene Friday night.

2 SHOPPING DAYS TILL CHRISTMAS



GEORGE PEEK SEES GENERAL TARIFF CUTS

Major Program Should be Approved by Congress, Claims Speaker.

DIRECT REVERSAL OF POLICY VIEWED

Roosevelt Speech Cited in Argument Offered by Treaty Foe.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, (AP)—George N. Peek, foe of the new deal's foreign trade program, declared today agriculture "is being asked to take the rap" in the reciprocal trade pact with Canada.

Peek, who quit several weeks ago as president of the import-export bank, in a radio broadcast on the national grange program continued his crusade against the trade agreements. The latest such agreements were signed with Honduras and the Netherlands.

Declared Reversal Secretary Hull has struck out sharply at opponents of the administration's program, while the opposition has urged a test of the agreement law in the courts.

"The agreement," Peek declared, involves a direct reversal of the position of the democratic party as laid down in the platform of 1932 and as presented by spokesmen for the party.

"President Roosevelt himself in his Baltimore speech of October 26, 1932, said, 'I know of no effective excessively high duties on farm products. I do not intend that such duties shall be lowered. To do so would be inconsistent with my entire farm program.'"

Needs Congress' O. K. "The Canadian agreement and the other agreements, excepting Cuba, through the operation of the unconditional most-favored nation policy, substantially effect a general tariff reduction. This is a matter of major national policy upon which congress has not passed."

He declared his belief that congress should be consulted specifically regarding the agreements, "regardless of the technical authority granted to the president."

"I have greater respect for our representatives in congress than has the chairman of the trade agreements committee (Dr. Henry F. Grady) when he says 'we will do it more carefully and scientifically than is possible by legislative action.'"

WINTER OPENING BRIGHT BUT COLD

Saturday, December 21, marked the official close of autumn, and temperatures appropriately continued to hover well below the freezing mark. The sky, however, was clear.

The low temperature for the day was recorded at 19 degrees, and the mercury rose only to 32 degrees for the maximum temperature.

Prospects for a white Christmas seem remote, for the predictions for the coming week indicate that far western states will enjoy fair weather with somewhat higher temperatures, with possible rains about the middle of the week.

Forecasts for Sunday are for fair weather with local valley fog, little change in temperatures and moderate easterly winds off the coast.

SCHALL BETTER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, (AP)—The condition of Thomas D. Schall, blind Minnesota senator injured Thursday by an automobile, was reported "slightly improved" today in a bulletin issued by Dr. George W. Calver, capitol physician.

State D. A.'s Seek Tighter Laws to Halt Crime Wave

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21 (AP)—George Coddling of Jackson county was elected president of the Oregon District Attorneys as they and the State Sheriffs' organization wound up their annual meetings here today.

C. C. Probstel, Umatilla county, was named vice-president and James R. Bain of Portland secretary-treasurer of the prosecutors, Hit False Swearing

The district attorneys unanimously authorized a committee to draft legislation relative to false swearing in legal proceedings. This was one of a series of actions by the prosecutors and sheriffs to tighten law enforcement and to safeguard law enforcement officers.

In a joint session, the sheriffs and prosecutors recommended an amendment making the slaying of a peace officer in the discharge of his duty a first-degree murder offense. This was designed to prevent what the group termed "wacky-wacky" second degree murder or manslaughter verdicts in such cases.

Against Dart Games The group also urged legalization of the introduction of pictures, death masks and similar evidence in homicide trials; repeal of a law making it necessary to obtain a doctor's examination in drunken driving cases; a penalty for unlawful assemblage, and making refusal to obey the lawful command of a peace officer an act of disorderly conduct.

The district attorneys urged repeal of the law giving county courts the right to license dart games.

They also recommend that prosecutors be given as many preliminary jury challenges as the defense, and that prosecutors be permitted to comment on the failure of a defendant to take the witness stand in his own behalf.

Abolition of the minimum penalty (Continued on Page Five)

PEGGY HIDES IN CASCADE REGION

SEATTLE, Dec. 21 (AP)—Peggy Paulos, in a secret hideout in the Cascades because of threats against her life, Attorney Ralph A. Horr said today, will remain secluded until she is ready to go to relatives in West Virginia, her birthplace.

She received several threats during the trial in which Leo Hall, whom she accused of committing the Erland's Point mass slaying, was convicted and the death penalty recommended. Horr said.

"Peggy ran with a dangerous mob and now that she is quitting them, there are underworld characters who will stop at nothing to kill her," he said.

Meanwhile, the claimant of a \$500 reward offered by Kitsap county for the solution of the case was undecided. Horr said Mrs. Paulos' confession entitles her to it, but that she does not expect to claim it and that although her confession was made to him, he will not claim it either, unless someone else makes an application.

OUTSIDE ARCHITECT USE HIT BY MARTIN

SALEM, Dec. 21, (AP)—Opposition to employing any outside architects or supervisory architects from outside Oregon for Oregon's new capitol was voiced today by Governor Martin.

The governor said he not only opposed the capitol commission's plan for the drawings but also strongly urged purchase of all materials for the building in the state.

"We have adequate materials and there is no dearth of Oregon architects and builders," the governor said. He stated the specification for the capitol could be so written to include only Oregon materials.

"The trouble with Oregon is that we already send too much money outside the state," Governor Martin continued.

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Many of the gifts usually are little home-made articles from well-wishers, but occasionally elaborate and expensive presents are sent by people unacquainted with the president. President and Mrs. Roosevelt have made it their custom to return such expensive gifts.

OLGA STECK DEATH DECLARED SUICIDE

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21, (AP)—Olga Steck's 12-story death plunge was a closed chapter in police records today.

WINTER'S IGY HAND FELT IN MUCH OF U. S.

Midwest, East and Upper South Report Zero Weather Saturday.

14 DEATHS BLAMED ON COLD WEATHER

Snow Blankets Maryland, West Virginia; Wind Sweeps Columbia.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21, (AP)—Winter's icy clutch kept parts of the nation shivering today.

Zero weather cut a ragged path from the Dakotas to New York and south to Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky.

Snow in Texas Snow flurries fell in Texas as yesterday's country-wide blanket of low temperatures shifted eastward.

Warmer weather was to bring more snow to the midwest, but temperatures would still be considerably below freezing.

At least fourteen deaths were attributed directly or indirectly to the cold.

Chicago Shivers Icy blasts off the Great Lakes held the mercury close to zero in Chicago.

To the northwest, the weather was moderating. Devil's Lake, N. D., which reported 22 below yesterday, had six above today.

Oklahoma City had its first snowfall of the season. Utah and Idaho were fair and cold.

Snow blanketed West Virginia, and temperatures dropped to zero. Maryland's hills were deep in drifts.

Crops Damaged Unusually cold weather and heavy frost caused extensive damage to vegetable crops in Florida, but spared the citrus crop. But the weather bureau warned of still colder weather.

Bean, pepper and pea crops in the Lake Okeechobee and Broward county sections of south Florida were hard hit.

PORTLAND, Dec. 21, (AP)—A chill east gale measured at from 50 to 60 miles an hour roared down the Columbia gorge and spread fanwise over Portland yesterday and today.

The wind overturned two (Continued on Page Five)

Christmas' Approach Told by Brief Yarns From Here, There

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21, (AP)—Gifts from all over the country poured into the White House today, including food-stuffs in increasing volume.

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PORTAGE, Wis., Dec. 21, (AP)—Harold Miller, 13, caught the Christmas spirit, but he won't buy any presents for his family.

He was found dead, his body hanging in the garage at his home, but the reason was not known until today, when coroner W. E. Brauer said investigation disclosed the lad took his own life because he was reprimanded for taking \$2.00 from his father's coat to buy Christmas presents for his family, including a shirt for his dad.

Preparations for Special Election in January Start

By MALCOLM EPLEY Although the special election is only a little more than a month away, interest in the issues to be decided at the polls January 21 is still dormant here.

It should stir itself after the holiday celebrating is over. This special election will involve measures only, while the primary and general elections of 1936, which will be concerned with personalities as well, are already getting some attention hereabouts.

Unregistered voters are reminded that they have only until December 31 to get their names on the poll books if they want to vote in the special election. Those who have voted in the past two years, and who still live in the same precinct, need not worry about the registration matter.

Boards Lined Up The county clerk's office is getting the county election boards in line for duty January 31. Cards have been sent out to all members of the boards at the last election, asking that they reply by December 23 to the invitation to serve again.

Quite a number of voters will be affected by changes in precincts, recently authorized, which will be in effect at the coming election. Personal cards have been sent to each of the voters in these precincts informing them of the change. The clerk's office, through this newspaper, will give detailed information on the changes again, closer to election time. Major precinct change was in Altamont district.

Tax Big Issue The measures to be on the ballot at the special election are the 2 per cent sales tax for old age pensions, authorizing legislators to set their salaries, changing the primary election from May to September, and the higher education student fee bill.

Big issue, of course, will be the sales tax. Twice sales taxes have been defeated in Oregon. (Continued on Page Five)

SOUTH SIXTH STORE ROBBED THIRD TIME

For the third time in as many weeks, the Parks grocery on South Sixth street was broken into Friday night and 26 muskrat pelts and one beaver hide taken, according to police reports.

Entrance was gained by breaking and removing siding from a store house shed in the rear of the store.

An attempt to enter the Pines parlor on South Fourth street was also made on Friday night. The would-be thief pried on the front door in an effort to open it, and damaged the lock, but failed to gain entry.

The Baisger Motor company reported to police bureau Saturday that a kit of automobile tools had been stolen from the second-hand car lot Friday night. The thief climbed over a high fence into the car lot, and departed in the same manner.

Christmas Carol Program Sunday

Christmas carols are to be sung, and the spirit of Noel will be prevalent Sunday afternoon when city school choruses and glee clubs, under the direction of Miss Lillie Darby, supervisor of music, will present the annual program at the First Presbyterian church at 3:30 o'clock.

Members of the audience are asked not to applaud at the conclusion of numbers.

Retired AP Man Dies in South

SAN MATEO, Calif., Dec. 21 (AP)—Paul Cowles, retired executive assistant to the general manager of the Associated Press, died at his home shortly before midnight after an illness of several months. He was 68 years old.

LOUIS STILL ALIVE

CHICAGO, Dec. 21, (AP)—For the twelfth time in three months, Jack Louis, sensational negro heavyweight boxer, today denied reports that he had been killed in an automobile accident.

FASCIST HEAD SCORNS DEAD PEACE SCHEME

Disdains to Reply to Proposals Prepared by French, British.

ENGLISH CHALLENGE NATIONS IN LEAGUE

Urge Preparation to Resist Any Attack by Italy.

By The Associated Press Premier Mussolini of Italy disdained his Blackshirt troops to proceed with their campaign of conquest in Ethiopia today, and Great Britain again took up the challenge to "sanctionist" nations with a war-like appeal for aid.

The Italian dictator, seeming to reply to the now defunct Franco-British proposals for peace, posed his "unshakably united" people against the "disorganization and contradictions" of the nations seeking to penalize him for taking up arms against Ethiopia.

Lines Taut At Birmingham, England, Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer who has been mentioned widely as a possible new foreign secretary, told an audience of conservative party workers:

"I trust the nations of the league will show that they are prepared to make themselves resist any attack which may be made on any one of their number."

Thus were the lines drawn taut for a resumption of the explosive-filled economic battle between the League of Nations, under British leadership, and Italy over the question of aggression in East Africa.

Town Recaptured The headlined declarations in Rome and London were an aftermath to the failure of the French and British attempts to bring peace to Italian and Ethiopian arms with a plan providing immense concessions to Mussolini.

An Ethiopian government communique issued at Addis Ababa said the vanguard of Dedjazmach Ayale's troops on the northern front recaptured Enda Siltat, 30 miles west of Aksum, and Dega Shah, from the Italians.

"The Italian losses were considerable," said the communique. "Our troops captured ten tanks." The action occurred six days ago. The two villages are about 35 miles north of the Takkaze river site where a bitter three-day battle was waged early this week.

Italy's northern army concentrated on cleaning up "trouble spots" in that sector, from which Ethiopians were reported withdrawing.

In token of Premier Mussolini's determination to defy the league—which means Great Britain in particular—the fascist grand council issued a communique today after a meeting with Bi Duca asserting Italy is confident of victory. Mussolini dispatched 4,000 additional militiamen and 800 workmen to East Africa.

Reports meanwhile were current in London that Britain was preparing to sound out other nations, as well as those bordering (Continued on Page Five)

ITALIANS BREAK UP CAMEL TRAIN

WITH THE ITALIAN ARMY AT DOLO, Italian Somaliland, Thursday, Dec. 19, (AP)—Italian bombing plane pilots reported today they had been successful in breaking up the camel supply train of Ras Desta's Ethiopian column which is trying to reach Italian Somaliland down the Dawa Parma river along the Kenya border.

Desta's column now is called "the lost army" because the bombers apparently have cut off his supplies, causing abrupt moves, back and forth, by the Ethiopian troops.

Pre-Christmas activity by the Italmans includes occasional scouting contacts.

"The Informer" Held Best Film

NEW YORK, Dec. 21, (AP)—The national board of review of motion pictures, an organization composed of several hundred unpaid lay critics who preview films, today voted "The Informer," starring Victor McLaglen, the best picture made anywhere during 1935.

Based upon popular appeal, the board named the following in order of choice: David Copperfield, Mutiny on the Bounty, The Informer, Lives of a Bengal Lancer, Top Hat, Midsommer Night's Dream, Naughty Marietta, Les Miserables, Anna Karenina and Ruggles of Red Gap.

Thieves Yield Tiny Black Dog to State Police

Cubby, a tiny black Pomeranian dog, stolen from his mistress, May King Conrad nearly a week ago, is back home again after a soldier of victory. And he is mighty glad to be home for Christmas, too, if actions really speak louder than words.

The little dog was traced by state police officers, who asserted that the people who had him in their possession confessed to having stolen him "because they wanted him."

He was picked up in front of his home at the May King court last Sunday evening, according to officers, and was recovered Friday afternoon, after his mistress journeyed to Bly to identify him.