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Census Figures

THE population of Klamath Falls will be known roughly as "16,000" for the next ten years. Final census reports, giving the city a rating of 16,497, differ but little from the preliminary announcement. Only a rise to 17,000 or over would have made any real difference in the city's population standing as it is generally considered. Population of the "metropolitan area" of Klamath Falls, including the fringe suburbs, stands at something over 25,000. Population of the entire county, inclusive of the city, is officially set at 40,497, exactly 24,000 more than the population of Klamath Falls.

There may be some tendency still to doubt the authenticity of the census figures, but it is just as well to forget it. The official figures are now published, and we think they are generally satisfactory.

Considerable growth was shown by the various smaller cities in the county. Contrary to preliminary reports, Chiloquin continues as the second city in Klamath, rather than Merrill. We have yet to receive final information on the nearby California communities, but we anticipate the ten-year growth in the Tulelake area will be noteworthy.

In California

IN California, where the legislature has gone into session, it looks as if a friendlier feeling may prevail between Governor Olson and the law-making bodies.

At the outset of the session, both houses installed anti-Olson leadership. In the house Gordon Garland, anti-Olson democrat, won the speakership easily, and Earl Desmond, economy-bloc democrat, was awarded the post of speaker pro-tem. Senate domination by the republicans is complete, with William Rich of Marysville returned as speaker pro-tem. It appears there is sufficient strength in the two houses to override Olson vetoes on major issues.

After this show of opposition strength, the governor made a friendly gesture toward the legislature, stating there would be little or no pressure from his office behind measures which administration members will support. It is reported the reaction to the governor's annual message was favorable, even among his strongest opponents.

California expects to benefit from the friendlier, more business-like feeling which prevails at Sacramento. The governor seems to have learned many lessons since taking office, he has a better trained staff around him and he has a clearer picture of the state's complex activities. Sacramento observers say there is a fine chance of winding up the session in the first 100 days for which the legislators are paid.

Gertrude French has retired from her newspaper work in Alturas after 30 years of the "trials and tribulations" of being a country editor. This country editor wishes Mrs. French many happy years in the peace and quiet of home life, but she wonders if she will be able to get the printers' ink out of her blood. A veteran of the weekly field once told us after retirement he was never able to go through a Thursday, his press day of years, without a feeling of suspense and suppressed excitement.

Chicago City Strike Ended

CHICAGO, Jan. 10 (UP)—Union leaders agreed yesterday to permit the city to cut wages of higher bracket municipal employees, ending a strike of 4000 workers that had paralyzed some municipal services for five and one-half hours.

During the strike 388 tenders on 57 bridges over the Chicago river, surrounding most of the downtown "loop" district, got into conflict with the federal government over movement of shipping; residents of the fashionable "Gold Coast" area looked out on garbage trucks abandoned in the streets; the city faced a partial blackout in public buildings and on highways; and thousands of "loop" workers wondered whether the strikers would hamper their homeward trek by attempting, despite police guards, to raise the bridges.

The uncertainty was ended by the agreement effected and signed by Mayor J. Kelly and advisers and 12 union leaders representing the strikers.

It's 12 o'clock, and the world is waiting to find out whether it's high noon or midnight.—Dorothy Fuldheim, Committee to Defend America by Aiding the Allies.

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NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10—The peculiar setup which Mr. Roosevelt devised for the defense drive is at tap root, a device for keeping the final authority within himself.

Even Mr. Roosevelt himself grinned when he spoke of Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Hillman as Mr. Knudsen-Hillman, a single head which, he insisted, would always be in agreement. He said he knew they would always agree because they told him they would. This, of course, was just a little presidential top dressing to make the new dual control more palatable to those who have been demanding a single forceful personality.

In practical application everyone in the defense commission knows the new control is not dual but triple. Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Hillman have been getting along fairly well in the old unsatisfactory setup. But intimates attribute this accord primarily to the fact that Mr. Hillman, the labor leader, was not prominent in all the commission's biggest activities. Some of his friends have complained the others did not even show him some of the most important contracts before these were approved.

While Mr. Hillman and Mr. Knudsen are both reasonable men, their viewpoints are opposite. Agreement is to be expected logically between them upon established principles. But what they would do about giving contracts to Henry Ford, whom Hillman considers a labor act violator, is only the first question and not necessarily the one most likely to cause sincere differences. The question whether skilled workers in such industries as machine tools and aviation should work longer hours, whether apprentice workers should be brought in at once, may obviously require arbitration.

That is where Mr. Roosevelt steps in. While his announcement indicates his hope that he has passed the responsibility entirely to Mr. Knudsen-Hillman, it is conceded that in all questions of disagreement—meaning therefore the most important questions—Mr. Roosevelt will give the third and deciding vote.

PRESIDENT'S PLAN

The new deal coterie within the defense commission says it had nothing to do with the president's plan. Neither Corcoran, Cohen, Jackson, Douglas, nor even Henderson, did any direct work on the preparation of the executive orders which were issued by the president. War and navy secretaries, Stimson and Knox, Knudsen, and particularly Knudsen's lawyer, Frederick M. Eaton, and Blackwell Smith, legal counsel to the Stettinius division, were responsible for the

SIDE GLANCES



"Up north I'm my town's best tailor, but down here they say I'm a character, so I have to dress the part."

legal form—except the Hillman part of it. In fact they sent several suggested executive orders to Budget Director Harold Smith before the final text was decided upon. Among other technical objections to these earlier drafts was their uniformity in leaving vague the position of Mr. Hillman and assigning top role to Mr. Knudsen.

CONFIDENCE

There was some disappointment within the defense commission because Mr. Roosevelt failed to choose a single all-powerful authority, but confidence remains that the job can still be done if aggressive administration is attempted. Mr. Roosevelt obviously had in mind that Hillman will act as friendly watchdog to preserve the gains labor has made, and all agree that is a good objective if it does not jam the defense works. If it does, neither labor's gains nor those of anyone else will be worth a nickel in a defeated country.

General appeals for patriotism alone cannot possibly perform the task, they say. What is needed primarily is a troop of perhaps several thousand men to go into every plant in the country with defense orders and make a special investigation of each case to ascertain whether the plant is capable of fulfilling the contract, whether sub-contracts are advisable, whether priorities should be demanded, etc. A flying squadron of perhaps six, seven, or eight thousand persons could be used. Mr. Knudsen is now initiating work along this line by getting the machine tools industry together and imposing obligations on them as a group.

The trouble is that defense production involves a million

different technical problems, no two of which are alike.

If determination and vigor can do the job in time, the enthusiasm of the president and of his subordinates in the new OPM (office of production management) will guarantee its fulfillment.

Army Reserve Called to Duty

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 10 (UP)—The ninth army corps area today called 2875 members of the regular army reserve in the western states to active duty on February 10.

The reservists, from California, Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana, Utah and Nevada, will report to reception centers at the Presidio of Monterey, Fort MacArthur, Calif.; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; and Fort Douglas, U.

Calling of the regular army reservists will reduce the number of draft selectees to be called from their respective states, it was announced. The reserve is made up of men who completed a regular army enlistment but enrolled in the reserve when they returned to civilian life.

QUICKIE
 KANSAS CITY, (AP)—A mutual friend, wondering if William R. Spillane, 25, New York, and Miss Helen Spillane, 23, Kansas City, were related, introduced them.

They weren't—but they will be. Romance flowered. They'll be married January 18.

Telling The Editor

Letters printed here must not be more than 300 words in length, must be written legibly on ONE SIDE of the paper only, and must be signed. Contributions, following these rules, are warmly welcome.

"WIGGLING SHOW-OFF GIRLS"

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. (To the Editor)—In going through my desk I found this letter. Illness in the family and Christmas rush had pushed it aside. I am still convinced that something must be done about this condition, so—

Dear Editor: The Girl Scouts are to be congratulated for the fine float they had in the Christmas Opening parade. Their leaders are doing a fine work trying to build up the character of the girls and, thereby, the nation.

While the KUHS band was good the effect was spoiled by all the wriggling show-off girls who call themselves majorettes! It is a disgrace to the county to have such sponsored by the school.

There is a teacher in Altamont elementary school who is teaching a group of girls to be majorettes, "merely to improve their posture." If that's as far as they went, fine. But to encourage girls in doing something which will lead to their displaying themselves at such a disadvantage is wrong.

I love girls, wholesome, wide-awake, self-respecting girls, have a small girl of my own. So what I'm criticizing is not the girls but what they were doing!

We sing "God Bless America." Do you think He can bless such actions as those displayed by the majorettes in the parade? Since history proves that the nations which forget God are soon doomed—you and you and I, being parts of this nation need to so conduct ourselves as to deserve God's blessing if we wish this nation to stand.

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Gibson Named to Succeed White

NEW YORK, Jan. 10 (UP)—Former Sen. Ernest W. Gibson, Vermont republican who served an interim term in the senate after the death of his father, was chosen last night to succeed William Allen White, publisher, as chairman of the committee to defend America by aiding the allies.

He retired from the senate January 1 on expiration of his interim term, to which he was appointed on July 1 by Gov. George Aiken of Vermont.

His maiden speech in the senate last August disclosed his attitude toward America's position in the European war when he broke up a filibuster on the selective service act and attacked isolationist senators for behaving "as if war is a spectacle produced in Hollywood, instead of the most hideous atrocity in the world."

U. S. HIGHWAY ENDS AT CITY OF ALBANY

ALBANY, Jan. 10 (AP)—The South Santiam highway across the Cascade mountains has been designated U. S. highway No. 20, Ray Furrow, resident state highway engineer, said Thursday. The designation makes Boston, Mass., and Albany, Ore., the east and west termini of the trans-continental road.

Fishermen cut off the heads of moonfish before bringing them to port, because their human-like faces make them hard to sell.

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