

SNYDER SAYS BALANCE BUDGET

In The Day's News

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WE'RE always facing some new problem or other. Here is the newest one:

Shall we or shall we not permit the Germans (who are among the world's toughest fighters) to re-arm themselves?

THIS is the way the argument goes: If we keep the Germans disarmed, Russia may soon suddenly re-arm and take all of Europe. If we let the Germans re-arm, they'll be better able than anybody else to STOP RUSSIA.

WHAT to do? Well, in 1918 we licked Germany. Eventually we let her re-arm. German rearmament brought Hitler, whom we had to lick.

By the time we got Hitler licked, we had Stalin on our necks. You see it IS a problem.

THERE are lots of problems. Take pepper (just common black pepper), for instance.

It was pepper, as much as anything else, that brought about the discovery of America. Pepper is a spice. Europe wanted spices. The spices, then as now, were produced largely in the Indies (Java, etc.). There was no Suez canal then, and spices were brought from the Indian Ocean across the Middle East by camel caravan. That kept the price sky-high.

When Columbus headed west into the unknown, he was hunting a short sea route to the Indies so as to get spices into Europe at a cheaper price. He stubbed his toe on America and changed the history of the world.

(It hurts our pride, but the fact is that Columbus was TREMENDOUSLY disappointed and his financial backers got a staggering shock when everybody found out what had happened.)

KINGS and queens and feudal nobles were hot stuff when Columbus stubbed his toe on America. As time passed and the kings and the queens and the dukes and the earls and the marquises and the viscounts and the rest of the "noble" tribe swallowed their disappointment over not getting cheaper pepper (along with other spices) and began to colonize the newly discovered land, it became a haven for people who were fed to the chin with the injustices of the Old World system. In time a new way of life arose here that upset the European royalty system.

(Pause here to reflect that the European royalty system is now being followed by the STATE-IS-EVERYTHING system that produces dictators like Hitler and Stalin.)

BUT let's get back to pepper and why the Europeans wanted more of it at lower prices. Believe it or not, they wanted it chiefly to KEEP THEIR MEAT LONGER. Spices kept meat from spoiling. Along with other foods.

That was the underlying urge behind the whole spices-trade business that so changed the face of the earth.

NOW we have mechanical refrigerators to keep our meat in and don't go for spices very much as a preservative.

But still pepper is a problem. It cost three cents a pound wholesale back in 1939, and now it costs around \$1.40 a pound wholesale.

Why? Because we still want pepper, and the Indies supply of pepper was (Continued on Page Two)

20 Killed In Brazil Plane Crash

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 2 (AP) — A Real (Royal) Airlines DC-3 plane crashed in a rainstorm at an emergency field in Sao Paulo state yesterday, killing 20 of the 22 persons aboard, the line announced today.

A woman and her five-year-old daughter were the only survivors of the crash, which killed the other 16 passengers and four crew members, the announcement said.

Forced Landing
The pilot apparently was attempting to make a forced landing at Ribeirão Claro field near Sao Paulo, 250 miles southwest of Rio de Janeiro, instead of trying to make his destination in the heavy overcast.

The twin-engine plane had been bound for Sao Paulo to Jacareinho, a short distance from the scene of the crash. The emergency field is in a bush clearing a few miles outside the city of Ribeirão Claro.

No foreigners were aboard the airliner, company officials said.

Big Shrine Ceremonial Here Saturday

Klamath basin's 500 Shriners will be host to 1000 visiting Nobles here Saturday for the annual fall ceremonial of Hillah temple.

Shrine headquarters are at the Willard hotel where all Nobles will start registration at 11 a.m. A class of 100 "novices" will cross the hot sands at the ceremonial to be held at the armory tomorrow night.

Highlighting Saturday's festivities will be the big Shrine parade to be held on Main street at 3:45 p.m., starting at 2nd and Main, traversing Main to Baker Motor company. The parade will be headed by a police escort, followed by the colors, drum corps, potentate and divan, past potentates, visiting dignitaries, Reno patrol, Hillah patrol, novice candidates, camel corps and all nobility. The public is invited to witness the fun.

Fire Razes Milwaukee Ski Lodge

SEATTLE, Dec. 2 (AP)—Fire early today destroyed the big ski lodge at the Milwaukee ski bowl in the Cascade mountains.

An official of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railroad said the loss probably would run from \$100,000 to \$150,000.

The fire was reported first at about 2:40 a. m.

All available persons in the Snoqualmie area were mustered to join the fire-fighting brigade, but they were unable to stop the spread of the engulfing flames. The cause was unknown.

WHEAT PRICE PLAN

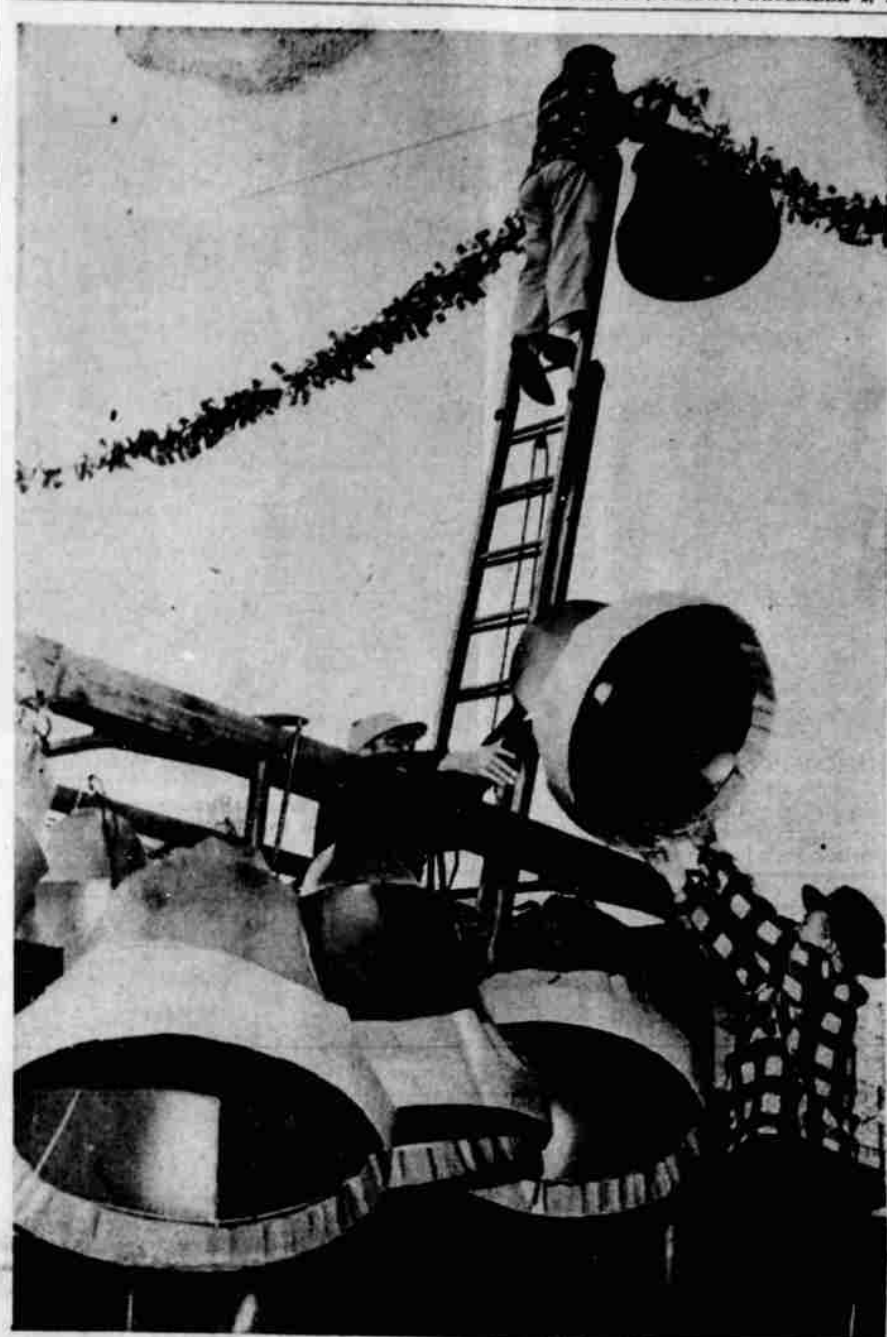
HEPPNER, Dec. 2 (AP)—Congress will be asked by the Oregon Wheat Growers league to establish a two-price system for wheat. The league said plans here yesterday to press for the system, which would allow supply and demand to govern wheat prices.

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BELLS WILL TWINKLE along Main street tonight, when Christmas decorations will be lighted as part of the grand holiday opening. Lower right, Mayor Robert A. Thompson lends a hand to workmen who are putting up the very last of the Christmas foil, bells and stars.

Russ 'Regret' Killing Of U.S. Soldier

BERLIN, Dec. 2 (AP)—Maj. Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, U. S. commandant of Berlin, said today the Russians have expressed regret over the fatal shooting of a U. S. air force sergeant by a Soviet sentry last week.

Taylor did not immediately disclose details of the note, which was in reply to his protest against the shooting. Taylor described the incident as "brutal" in his protest and asked assurances that there would be no recurrence. He also asked that the sentry be punished. Staff Sgt. John E. Stutz of Ramsey, Ill., was fatally wounded by a Russian sentry November 26, when he apparently failed to heed a challenge.

Volcano Erupts In Sicily

CATANIA, Sicily, Dec. 2 (AP)—People of Catania rot under their umbrellas today — Mt. Etna was showing black volcanic dust on them. Europe's highest volcano thundered and belched for hours, starting before dawn and ending at about 9:30 local time.

People from the grape-growing hamlets on the mountain's sides fled to this port city to report that several huge cracks had broken open around the mouth of the volcano.

Giddy Greatcoat

Backward Overcoats Floor Swank Tailors of England

LONDON, Dec. 2 (AP)—Britain's swank tailors shuddered today at the possible spread of a new fad—wearing overcoats backwards.

Their trade magazine, The Tailor and Cutter, fretted about "repercussions almost too terrifying to contemplate." These included getting anything out of pockets situated "roughly an inch above the kidneys."

But it listed a couple of advantages: extra chest protection and giving people you didn't want to see anyway the impression you're going out when you're coming in.

Tonight's the Night! Big Parade to Open Yuletide Season Here

The stage is set. Even the weatherman is cooperating for the gala Christmas opening along Klamath Falls' Main street tonight at 7 o'clock.

For atmosphere, if nothing else, it was hoped that a few flakes would fall as Santa Claus made his entrance into the city. Snow is forecast for this region, but whether or not the good St. Nick can time it with his grand entry, is still a matter of conjecture.

Only one inch of new snow had fallen in Crater Lake national park, but rangers said the wind was from the west and there might be snow in the clouds "floating by."

Window Judging

At 4 o'clock this afternoon a crew of willing workers gathered to make the rounds of Klamath Falls' stores and institutions entering in the window display contest. The judges were from various sections of the Klamath basin.

A few little points need to be explained. The opening actually gets under way with a big flare. This is the signal for Klamath folks that the holiday season is really here. At the stroke of 7 o'clock Mayor Robert A. Thompson will "turn on the lights."

These are the new 88-unit mercury vapor affairs, but they won't go on with a crash-bang. It takes about 12 minutes to bring them to maximum brilliance in case you figure the lights are afflicted with a "slow burn."

Parade Start

As the lights reach their peak, the parade starts. Riding with Mayor Thompson will be Secretary of State Earl Newberry of Salem, who is combining a visit to Klamath's big opening and tomorrow's Shrine ceremonial.

The big tree is up on the courthouse lawn and credit goes to three groups. It was the job of the 20-30 club to see that the tree went up. Weyerhaeuser Timber company cooperated by getting the 40-foot fir out of the forest. The California Oregon Power company crew put up the tree and the 20-30-ians constructed a huge fir trimmed base and today were adjusting the hundreds of lights which will glow throughout the month of December.

The parade, starting from The Herald and News corner and proceeding down Main to the courthouse lawn where there will be community singing, will feature Santa and Toyland.

Lake Yields Unidentified Male Corpse

The body of a one-armed man found in Lake Ewauna yesterday afternoon remained unidentified today, but an autopsy turned up no visible evidence of violence and concluded that the man died from drowning.

Efforts were being made today to identify the body, and little headway had been made at noon other than speculation that the man was an Italian and from the San Francisco area.

Leads
Two leads pointed that way. One is the label in the man's coat showing it was purchased from "P. Ravizini, men's furnishings, San Francisco." The Ravizini store is located at 1301 Stockton.

The other is an Italian-language newspaper published in San Francisco. Strips of the paper were used as padding for the artificial arm and the paper is believed to be from a 1936 edition.

The body was discovered floating face down near a log boom in Lake Ewauna by two Klamath Basin Pine Mills employees, A. S. Barker and Ralph Hollingsworth. It was about 60 yards south of the Great Northern drawbridge and some 70 yards from shore.

Examination
Deputy Sheriff Murray Britton, Bill Mills from Ward's funeral home and Deputy District Attorney Ben Goddard took a boat to bring the body to shore. Examination indicated it had been in the water two or three weeks.

The man appeared to be 40-50 years old, 5-10 tall, 175 pounds, with dark hair, no scars with the exception of amputation and no tattoo marks. The left arm was amputated two inches below the elbow and an artificial forearm and hand was strapped to the stump and not appear to be recent. The artificial arm bore no trademark other than the number "274."

Clothing
The body was fully clothed — a brown nailhead pattern double-breasted coat, brown slacks, brown shoes, maroon socks, blue-grey shirt and tie, suspenders and two suits of underwear, one cotton and the other two-piece winter woolen.

The clothing appeared to be fairly new. There was nothing in the pockets except a handkerchief, part of a cigarette package and a few matches.

A laundry mark on the undershirt was faded but appeared to be "XX244." Deputy Britton was checking local laundries today to see if the mark was used here.

Autopsy
Dr. George H. Adler, coroner, performed an autopsy today and found no evidence of violence although the man's face and head were pulpy, possibly from the stay in the water and from bumping against logs in the lake. Two fingerprints were taken from the right hand.

No person resembling the description of the body taken from the lake has been reported missing here.

\$1,000,000 Fire In Oklahoma

SAPULPA, Okla., Dec. 2 (AP)—An early-morning fire roared through a four-story hotel today and spread to adjoining buildings, causing an estimated \$1,000,000 damage.

There was no known deaths, but Fire Chief Bill Collier said there was a possibility a few guests may have been trapped in the hotel's upper stories. Fifty-three guests were registered.

The flames destroyed a quarter of a block of buildings. Hotel occupants fled out the exits, over adjoining rooftops and by jumping into fire nets. Only one person was hospitalized. He suffered a broken leg in leaping from a third floor window.

Freighter Burns, Crashes Dock

ALAMEDA, Calif., Dec. 2 (AP)—With a stubborn fire raging in its hold, the Matson freighter Hawaiian Rancher rolled over at the Emcal terminal today and crashed into the dock.

There was no immediate report of any casualties.

19 SHOPPING DAYS LEFT



SALEM, Dec. 2 (AP)—The state highway commission warned today that highways are slippery in Willamette and Santiam passes, and at Government Camp.

Time to Get On Even Keel, Solons Told

WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 (AP) — Secretary of the Treasury Snyder said today the government's budget should be balanced now.

But he made no suggestions beyond reiterating a 3 1/2 year old statement that the government should reduce spending "in every possible way" and "maintain adequate tax rates" to keep receipts and outlays in balance.

Appearing before a senate-house subcommittee studying government money, credit and financial policies, Snyder cited President Truman's estimate that spending will run \$5,500,000,000 in the red this fiscal year, ending next July 30.

"It seems to me, however, that in times as prosperous as these we should have a balanced budget," he added in a prepared statement.

"National income today is close to the highest level in our history, and, by every standard of sound government finance, the time to have a balanced budget is now."

Record Expenditures
Federal expenditures this fiscal year are expected to be \$43,500,000,000, a peacetime record.

He blamed a \$5,000,000,000 tax cut voted last year by the republican-controlled 80th congress — over President Truman's veto — for the \$1,800,000,000 deficit of fiscal 1940, ended last June 30, and the prospect of a three-times greater one this fiscal year.

In a written communication to the committee which the latter published recently, the treasury chief had said the "general economic welfare" came ahead of a balanced budget for any one year.

'Satisfaction'
His statement today, however, recalled his "great satisfaction" at budget surplus in fiscal 1947 — when he became treasury secretary — and fiscal 1948, the latter an unprecedented \$4,000,000 surplus of income over expenditures.

"In the past three years," it added, "I have restated the urgent need for an excess of receipts over expenditures on many occasions — notably when the congress was considering tax-reduction measures in 1947 and 1948."

Snyder said Truman — who recently said that increasing taxes is the only way he knows of balancing the budget — has "repeatedly" taken the same position, urging the "necessity of reducing the public debt."

'Mrs. Veep' Floors Photogs

NEW YORK, Dec. 2 (AP)—The Veep's bride—besieged by photographers when she appeared at the Metropolitan opera in a black strapless gown last night—set them back on their heels by wisecracking: "What the boys want is some Hollywood cheesecake from me."

Mrs. Alben W. Barkley made the sally while chatting with Helen Traubel in her dressing room at the "Met" between acts of "Tristan and Isolde."

Mrs. Traubel studied with Mrs. Barkley's mother, the former Estelle Rucker, when the soprano was a student in St. Louis.

Night Out
The Veep had his first night out "with the boys" since his marriage two weeks ago. But it lasted only 90 minutes.

The vice president, pride of horse-loving Kentucky, dropped in at a stag dinner of the thoroughbred racing associations at the Hotel Plaza. Then, like a dutiful bridegroom, he hastened to the "Met" for a late arrival to join his wife.

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There's something wrong with my telephone number, Earl Godding tells Ernie Howell at the telephone office, as he files a protest that he has been getting someone else's phone calls.



'LONELY HEARTS' SLAYERS GET LIFE—Mrs. Inez Brennan and her 16-year-old son, Robert, convicted of murder in the Delaware Lonely Hearts murders, were sentenced to life imprisonment at Dover, Del. They are shown leaving for the Newcast County workhouse where they will serve their term.