

RAIN
WEST VIRGINIA: Rain and warmer Thursday night and Friday.

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U. S. ADVISORY UNIT PLANNED BY PRESIDENT

Capital and Labor Will Get Voice in Policies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP).—Organization of a continuing, all-embracing council was put forward by President Roosevelt today as a simple method of helping the administration formulate national economic policies. Consumers, investors, credit men, farmers, laborers, distributors, transportation men, financiers, and big and little business men—all these should have a voice, Mr. Roosevelt told 49 prominent industrialists late yesterday.

Stephen Early, White House secretary, emphasized this did not point to a revival of the NRA. The President and his visitors, who compose Secretary Roper's business advisory council, harmoniously discussed broad proposals for stemming the recession. Their meeting lasted 90 minutes.

Would End Uncertainty

The council members, saying that the United States possesses all factors needed for prosperity, if they are put to use, told the President in a formal statement of their views:

"Uncertainties that exist in the hearts of men today must be eradicated. It is essential, the statement added, that the public know what forms of business organization are to be encouraged in their development and what are to be affected by reform." Mr. Roosevelt, who said a week ago he was working toward the abolition of all holding companies, qualified this yesterday by saying he recognized that some types are in the public interest.

The business men, finding much to endorse in administration efforts to stimulate support for the principles of wage and hour legislation, federal protection for farm income, modernization of anti-trust laws, and long-range planning to keep industrial employment steady.

There was an apparent agreement that the current recession does not call for renewal of heavy federal spending.

Recommendations Made

Recommendations of the council, together with comments by the President, included:

1. Stimulate the flow of private capital by modifying the undistributed profits and capital gains taxes (which congress is already working on) and by giving investors "reassurance as to the direction reform is to take." The President urged new machinery for selling securities to small investors.
2. Make peace with the utilities by eliminating fear of government competition and eliminating abuses without crippling the whole industry. Mr. Roosevelt replied his quarrel was with only 15 per cent of the utility industry.
3. Do not cheapen the dollar or adopt "pump priming" expenditures. This supposedly was approved by the President in giving general approval to the whole council statement.
4. Limit the campaign for elimination of holding companies to the un-

Rivers-Weather

COOL and cloudy weather prevailed in Charleston and vicinity on Thursday. Rainfall here at 8 a. m. Thursday for the last 24 hours was measured at .03 of an inch. At 11 a. m. the mercury had risen 2 degrees from the night's minimum of 32 degrees. The 8 a. m. reading was only half a degree above the freezing mark.

Heavy fog revealed over Charleston and vicinity Wednesday night and Thursday morning. Automobile drivers experienced difficulty in distinguishing objects only a few feet in front.

Sun rose . 7:41
Sun sets . 5:33
Moon rises 10:59 p. m.
Temperature:
8 a. m. Thurs- day . 32.5
1:30 p. m. Thurs- day . 33
Min. Wednes- day . 32
Max. Wednes- day . 41
River Stages
The Kanawha at Charleston,
5.2 feet, pool at Kanawha Falls,
2.6 feet, falling. The New at Hin-
ton, 2.8 feet, falling; 0.1 inch rain.
The Ohio at Point Pleasant, 20.5
feet, pool.

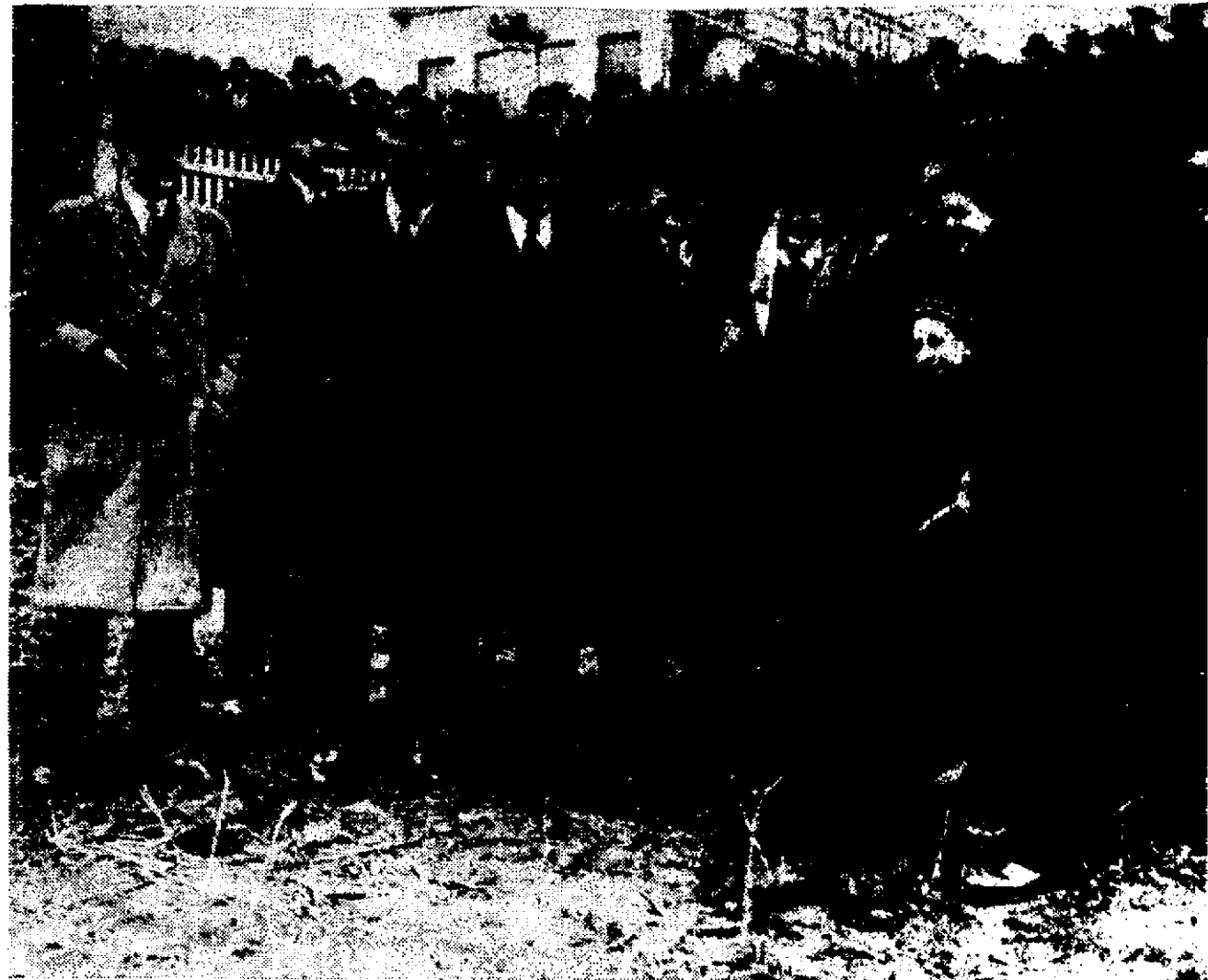
Daily Mail by Radio

THROUGH Station WCHS of the Columbia system, daily "Mail" news is broadcast by this paper-11:30 a. m. except on Saturday, 10:15 a. m.

WHAT'S GOING ON TONIGHT

Theater and Radio features listed in "For Your Entertainment," Page 13.

Ceremony Held as Excavation Is Begun for City Auditorium



Harry L. Silverstein, chairman of a special citizen's advisory committee in charge of construction of the new city auditorium, is shown as he lifted the first shovelful of dirt from the auditorium site at Virginia and Truslow streets Thursday morning. Mayor Dawson stands in the center, while others in the group include City Manager M. R. Mathews, A. F. Wysong, architect for the auditorium; Alexander P. Gates and George Sutherland, city councilmen; and Artie M. Starling, manager of the Charleston office of the West Virginia Employment service, which will provide labor for the project.

At This Hour

Futile Debate?

We spoke recently of the distribution of taxes and real property valuations as between the 17 southern counties of this state and the 38 northern counties. The 17 comprise 36.5 per cent of the state's area, and the 38 comprise 63.5 per cent. Yet the 17 have 43.17 per cent of the total real property valuation, and the 38 have 56.83 per cent. On property of all kinds combined, the 17 southern counties pay 52.08 per cent of all the taxes and the 38 northern counties pay only 47.92 per cent of the total. We remarked that the "inequalities of assessment" evidently were more marked in the northern counties than in the southern.

The Morgantown Post took us to task, and we replied. Now comes the Post again, saying that while Kanawha (for example) has had a very large increase in population its realty assessments were only 103 millions in 1936 as against 119 millions as long ago as 1922. That does seem remarkable, but what are the facts as to Monongalia county (for another example) and what is the comparison with Kanawha?

The latest census figures we have are those for 1930. Kanawha county's population increased between 1920 and 1930 by about 32 per cent, and there no doubt has been some increase since; and it is true that from 1929 to 1936 Kanawha's total realty assessments actually declined by about 20 per cent.

How about Monongalia? That county's population increased between 1920 and 1930 by the larger percentage of about 49 per cent; but its total property assessment between 1929 and 1936 was decreased by the much larger percentage of 53.

The Post asks, "Does it sound reasonable to believe that, while population [in Kanawha] was increasing 50 per cent (?), realty values should be declining?" Yet we find that the question is even more pertinent when applied to Monongalia. That county's population increase, instead of 32 per cent, was 49 per cent; and its decline in assessments, instead of 20 per cent, was 53 per cent. Did our Morgantown contemporary overlook this interesting comparison?

Wife Divorces Mellon

PITTSBURGH, Jan. 20 (AP).—Mrs. Grace Rowley Mellon, 29, today had been granted a divorce from William Larimer Mellon, Jr., son of W. L. Mellon, Sr., board chairman of the Gulf Oil corporation. Desertion was charged.

O'CONNOR RESIGNS AS COMPTROLLER

Currency Official Expected to Enter California Governorship Race

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (UP).—Comptroller of the Currency J. F. T. O'Connor today tendered his resignation to President Roosevelt. Mr. Roosevelt accepted the resignation.

In a letter to the President, O'Connor said he desired to relinquish the office "to return to my home in California to take care of pressing matters there."

O'Connor reviewed the work his office had accomplished during his administration. In reply, the President accepted the resignation but asked that it not become formally effective until April 1.

It is generally understood that O'Connor will seek the Democratic nomination as governor of California in the next primary election.

The comptroller informed the President that the banking structure of the nation "was never on a more solid basis than it is today."

"Our banks have ample funds either on hand or temporarily held under federal reserve requirements to meet any and every legitimate demand of business," O'Connor wrote.

O'Connor was appointed comptroller shortly after President Roosevelt took office in 1933. He was called to the post from Los Angeles, where he had been practicing law.

Garrison Man, Injured In Mine Accident, Dies

Funeral services were being arranged Thursday for William Ralph Lyons, 59-year-old machine operator at the Webb Coal Mining company at Garrison, who died Wednesday night in a Charleston hospital as a result of injuries received in a mine accident while at work earlier in the day.

According to attendants at the Valley Furniture mortuary at Whitesville, to which the body was removed, Mr. Lyons was injured by a coal-cutting machine.

Survivors include his wife and several children.

Fasting Dean Noe Suspended As Crisis Nears in Soul Test

Diocesan Bishop Takes Hand on 19th Day of Odd Experiment; Cleric's Wife Collapses

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Jan. 20 (AP).—Bishop James M. Maxon ordered the suspension of fasting Dean Israel Harding Noe today. The bishop, recovering from a serious illness, sent a lengthy written communication to the deanery today in which he notified the clergyman he was taking over the duties of St. Mary's Episcopal cathedral.

BREAK GROUND ON AUDITORIUM

Harry Silverstein Starts Work on City Project in Brief Ceremony

Harry Silverstein, chairman of a special citizen's advisory committee, turned over a shovelful of wet earth at Virginia and Truslow streets Thursday morning and broke ground on the first of a series of public works projects scheduled for Charleston during the next two years, which will cost approximately \$3,000,000.

Mr. Silverstein, in company with Mayor D. Boone Dawson and other city executives, was officially inaugurating construction work on the new civic auditorium, designed to seat 5,000 persons.

Approximately 500 persons lined the sidewalk above the deep hole from which the new auditorium will rise.

Two hundred and eight days have been allowed by the public works administration, which supplied part of the funds for the auditorium project, for completion of the work. The general contract has been let by city council to Ward and Ward, general contractors.

Among those who attended the brief ceremonies were: Alex Gates, Harry Mathews, and George Sutherland, members of city council's planning committee; City Manager M. R. Mathews; A. F. Wysong, architect for the project; Artie M. Starling, manager of the Charleston office of the West Virginia Re-employment service, which will furnish labor for the project; and several other well-known citizens.

Receipt of a telegram from PWA regional offices in Chicago on Wednesday notified Mayor Dawson that work on the auditorium could officially begin after a telegram the previous day had placed PWA approval on council's action in approving bids and contracts for the work.

One service station now standing on the property will be torn down and a frame garage at the rear of the city lot is to be dismantled.

Suits to Condemn Bridge Land Filed

Approximately 60 Charleston property owners have been notified that condemnation proceedings will begin in circuit court Feb. 28 to clear the way from Clendenin street to Elk river for a right-of-way for the Elk river bridge and boulevard project.

The condemnation suits were filed by City Solicitor Phillip H. Hill and his assistant, P. G. Meador, and will embrace only the boulevard right-of-way on the eastern side of the project.

Pedro Alvarez, Spanish Vice Consul, Stricken

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 20 (AP).—Pedro Alvarez, 43, Spanish vice consul here, was found dead last night at his home.

BANDIT HUNT PUSHED ANEW AS EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY SUSPECT FAIL

LYNCHING BILL FAILURE SEEN

Senate Foes Claim Power to Shelve Plan in Week

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP).—Pressure for enacting administration legislation, southern senators predicted today, will grow strong enough next week to force shelving of the anti-lynching bill.

Senator Ellender, Democrat Louisiana, starting his sixth day of speech-making against the measure, joined Senator Connally, Democrat, Texas, in saying southerners would drop the anti-lynching fight any time to consider President Roosevelt's program.

Connally said an effort probably would be made early next week to sidetrack the anti-lynching bill and take up the appropriations measure carrying funds for the government's independent offices.

Proponents of the former measure gave no ground, however, and predicted that night sessions and strict enforcement of session rules would break the filibuster next week.

As the speaking continued, Senator Norris, Independent, Nebraska, said some effort might be made to prevent the seating of John Milton as senator from New Jersey.

Appointment by A. Harry Moore, who quit the senate to become New Jersey's governor, Milton has been a legal adviser to Mayor Frank Hague of Jersey City.

Across the capitol, the house continued debate on the \$553,000,000 navy appropriation bill.

Suspect Arrested in Extortion Plot

DURHAM, N. C., Jan. 20 (AP).—Safety Director William Croom said today a Negro identified by Police Detective H. E. King as Iainh Thomas Edwards, 27, had confessed he attempted to extort \$8,000 from Homer F. Telike, secretary of the Crucible Steel company, of Cleveland.

A warrant against Edwards charges that he wrote Telike a letter threatening death to his father, Maxwell Telike, the company's vice president, if the money was not paid.

Three Drown in Auto

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Jan. 20 (AP).—An automobile plunged from an ice-coated dead end downtown street into St. Joseph river early today, carrying Bernard Richmond, 33, Charles Newcomer, 20, and an unidentified girl to their deaths.

In Congress

By The Associated Press Thursday

Appropriations—House debates naval supply bill.

Anti-lynching bill—Southern senators continue filibuster.

Farm bill—Conferees consider miscellaneous provisions.

Housing bill—Conferees resume deliberations.

Supreme court—Senate subcommittee holds hearings on nomination of Stanley Reed to be an associate justice.

Unemployment—Senate committee hears Chester M. Colby, president of National Association of Manufacturers.

Taxes—House committee hears more witnesses on tax revision.

Wednesday

Senate debated anti-lynching bill; house began debate on navy appropriations.

FINGERPRINTS FOUND ON AUTO USED IN FLIGHT AND ABANDONED

Man Arrested at Lewisburg in Stolen Car Not Recognized by Officials; Amount of Loot Increased

An intensive search was being continued Thursday for three, or possibly four, bandits who Wednesday noon robbed the First National Bank of South Charleston. Bank employees Thursday morning failed to identify a suspect who was caught late Wednesday night near Lewisburg in an automobile stolen from Charleston.

Approval Stamp Placed on Reed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (AP).—A senate judiciary subcommittee voted unanimous approval today of the nomination of Stanley F. Reed to be a justice of the supreme court.

The vote was taken immediately after the committee concluded a brief hearing on Reed's qualifications.

Senator Logan, Democrat, Kentucky, said there was no discussion of the 52-year-old Kentucky's qualifications by the committee members.

The brief hearing was attended by Reed, now solicitor general, and Attorney General Cummings.

The judiciary subcommittee will put the nomination of the solicitor general before the full judiciary committee Monday.

RAID KILLS 400 IN BARCELONA

Over Thousand Wounded as Three Rebel Airplanes Bomb Loyalist City

BARCELONA, Jan. 20 (UP).—Casualties in a 95-second air raid of three Nationalist airplanes yesterday were estimated unofficially today to total 1,600—400 killed, 1,200 wounded.

Rescue workers were still searching today for bodies of persons killed, and for those wounded who still lived.

The Nationalist planes descended to 1,500 feet and dropped their bombs along a straight line leading toward the railroad station.

One of the planes machine-gunned people along the streets near the station.

One bomb went down an elevator shaft in an apartment building and exploded in the basement, bringing down most of the building on the tenants.

The raid was a complete surprise. Nobody had time to take shelter. There was no air alarm. People in the crowded main streets fled madly, trampling each other. A big Dozem warehouse was severely damaged and caught fire. Two hundred dead or wounded were removed.

American Ship Seized

PARIS, Jan. 20 (AP).—French and American naval authorities today sought details of the reported seizure of the Nantucket Chief, an American oil tanker, by two Spanish insurgent war vessels off Barcelona.

The Nantucket Chief was reported to have been carrying a cargo of oil from Tuapse, Russian Black sea port, to Barcelona, Government Spain.

The United States naval attaché's office said it was seeking details and that Washington had been informed.

Teruel Recapture Seen

HENDAYE, Franco-Spanish Frontier, Jan. 20 (UP).—Nationalist troops from Salamanca said today the recapture of Teruel would be accomplished in short order because (Continued on Page 4, Column 3)

School Books and School Supplies Collyer's Virginia Street. Adv.

SPEED AND ACCURACY

As a matter of record of service to Daily Mail readers, it should be recorded that the holdup of the First National Bank of South Charleston occurred at 11:40 a. m. Wednesday.

At 12:15 p. m. your evening paper had an edition on the streets with a news story about the holdup that gave elementary descriptions of the bandits, the license number reported to have been on their car, first estimate of the amount of the loot, and information about the police hunt.

Elapsed time: 35 minutes.

At 12:30, through WCHS, a radio bulletin direct from the Daily Mail office gave further details.

At 2:45, the Daily Mail's final edition gave some 2,000 words of detail and pictures of the hold-up scene.