

Hoosiers in Washington

WAR CLOSER THAN WILLIS BELIEVES

Capital's Holiday Season Covered With Worry About It;
Will New Senator Support Aid to Britain, or Stand
On His Strict Neutrality Plank?

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—When Raymond E. Willis begins his service as United States Senator on Jan. 3, he will find that what he chooses to call "Europe's war" is much closer to Washington than it appears from Angola, Ind.

The whole holiday season here is covered with a penumbra of worry about the war and what it ultimately will mean to us.

So Senator Willis faces what, in all probability, will be the most serious session of Congress since World War days.

President Roosevelt has declared the policy of the country to be all-out aid to Britain short of war.

Will Senator Willis support this position or stand

on his statement at Angola Dec. 17, as reported by the United Press, in which he declared that "this country should remain strictly neutral in its dealings with all nations?"

That will be the first question which he must decide, and it is the most important of all in its bearing on the future of our country.

Federal Security Administrator Paul V. McNutt considers the emergency so great that he is refusing to take time out to celebrate the holidays. He will not return to Indiana and has declined numerous social invitations here so that he can devote himself to the new role of leadership which he has been assigned in the defense setup.

Into his hands has been put the responsibility for the nation's health and leisure activities. He considers these the greatest of all defense assets, since they result directly in morale.

Talk of various offers made to induce the former Indiana Governor to enter private business, including a \$100,000-a-year railroad vice presidency, has been brushed by him. For he intends to remain with the Government throughout the war emergency.

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Just how close we are to the fire, the coming Congress soon will learn.

Count Igor Cassini, who writes a society page feature in the Washington Times-Herald entitled "These Charming Items," this week reported this item:

"Col. Robert Guggenheim, who has been doing a lot of shooting this fall, promised the Paul McNutt some ducks—but the Colonel forgot to send them right away. Two weeks later he sent them with a visiting card on which he wrote: 'Shot Dec. 5.'

"The McNutts' butler hung the ducks and left the visiting card with Mrs. McNutt's maid. That evening she picked up the visiting card, read 'Col. Robert Guggenheim, Shot Dec. 5.' Shocked almost to tears, Mrs. McNutt rushed to her husband crying: 'Bob Guggenheim has been shot!'

"Mr. McNutt, in his usual imperious way, smiled, slowly saying: 'Oh no, dear, it was ducks—not Bob!'

Has Willkie Moved?

Elwood apparently has lost title to its largest noted citizen.

When the 1940 G. O. P. Presidential nominee came here for the Gridiron Dinner last week, he was recorded on the guest list as follows:

"Wendell L. Willkie, Rushville, Ind."

Reports that Mr. Willkie might become president of Columbia University were discounted in a letter received here by Joseph Leib, formerly of South Bend. The letter is from President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia and reads in part:

"I have not seen the report that I was contemplating retirement from my present post of service. There is no ground for it, and will be none unless my health—mental, physical, or both—should fail. I have always belonged to the working class."

VanNuy's Secretary

Actor's Guest

Miss Josephine Hirschinger, the Varga girl on Senator VanNuy's office staff, had the thrill of a lifetime this week. She was the sole breakfast guest of Walter Pidgeon, who plays one of the leading roles in the movie "Flight Command."

The actor came here from Hollywood for the premiere of the picture, which showed on the same night in Mexico City and Ottawa, Canada.

PEAPODS SUGGESTED FOR ITALIANS' DIET

ROME, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—In a special program for housewives the home radio gave recipes that prevent food wastage.

Peapods well boiled and served with tomato sauce and cheese make an admirable substitute for macaroni and spaghetti, now rationed, the radio said. It recommended for sweetening desserts, syrup made of boiled-down apple peelings.

In view of the strict rationing of laundry soap the radio suggested that water in which beans were boiled be used for washing clothes. Lemon rinds, it said, were good for washing porcelain.

EX-HOOSIER KILLED

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Warren Shirley, 32, formerly of Logansport, was killed in North Carolina yesterday when the transport truck in which he was riding was involved in a highway accident. Shirley was a graduate of Franklin College and a former teacher and coach at Madison, Ind.

School Choir, Sextet Present Yule Songs



Christmas carols rang through the School Board Office building yesterday as the Manual Training High School Choir and Brass Sextet paid an annual visit on the last day of school before the Yule vacation. Attentive listeners on the stairs were (left to right) Virgil Steinahe, assistant superintendent; DeWitt S. Morgan, superintendent, and Daniel T. Weir, also an assistant superintendent. Harold Winslow was the director. The Washington High School Colonial Chorus and Brass Quartet, under direction of Miss Etta Scherf, also downtown Indianapolis, singing carols.

JAPAN 'FASCIST' ENTERS CABINET

Choice Follows Announcement Nippon Will Study Blitzkrieg Method.

KOJKYO, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, known as Japan's No. 1 Fascist, was called to the key post of Home Secretary today in a limited Cabinet reorganization intended to strengthen the Government in view of the portentous political situation in the world and in Japan.

The 75-year-old Hiranuma, a former Premier, succeeded Eiji Yasui in a post that will give him control of the administration of home affairs.

At the same time, as part of the Cabinet-strengthening move, Lieut. Gen. Heikichi Yanagawa, director of the War Affairs Cabinet Board and a former Vice War Minister, was named Minister of Justice in succession to Akira Kazami. Both Yasui and Kazami are close friends of Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye, sacrificed to strengthen his Cabinet.

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\$4000 REPAYED TO COUNTY'S OFFICE

State reports showed today that more than \$4000 has been repaid to the Marion County Clerk's office during the administrations of Glenn B. Ralston and Charles R. Ettinger for cash deficits, divorce fees not accounted for and several other items.

Reports at the State Board of Accounts reveal that more than \$3000 was refunded during Mr. Ralston's administration and more than \$900 during Mr. Ettinger's current term.

Of the amount refunded during both administrations, \$3047 was for divorce fees discrepancies.

The irregularities were found by Orville C. Jarvis and Carl Coble, State Accounts Board examiners. Both have appeared before the Grand Jury.

The jury is to report Monday.

BURGLAR CAPTURED IN NORTH SIDE HOME

A neighbor who saw a man enter the home of Walter Bridgins, 128 W. 41st St., yesterday, knew no one was at home and immediately notified Mr. Bridges. Then she called police.

When detectives arrived, they found Mr. Bridgins holding Frank McConnell, 21, who admitted entering the house with a pass key.

It is charged with burglary and detection.

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Social Center For Fort Set Up

SOLDIERS STATIONED AT Ft. Harrison will have their own "social center" after Jan. 1.

It is the Caroline Scott Harrison Chapter House, Daughters of the American Revolution, 824 N. Pennsylvania St. Mrs. Gustavus B. Taylor, regent of the Chapter, and the board, have presented the use of the building's club rooms to W. I. Longworth, Chamber of Commerce president.

Dances and card parties will be held on Saturday nights. They will be arranged by a committee consisting of Mrs. Taylor; Mrs. George W. Wright, vice regent, and Miss Ethel M. Moore of the National Defense Committee of the chapter.

\$45,000 IN BONUSES

GOSHEN, Ind., Dec. 21 (U.P.)—The Penn Electric Switch Co. yesterday distributed a total of \$45,000 bonuses among its 420 employees. Bonuses ranged from \$10 to \$100 each.

More Than Score of B Vitamins Are Known And Many Will Go Into New Defense Bread

By JANE STAFFORD

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(This is the last of six articles on the new bread for defense.)

The bread revolution that will shortly greet us with our breakfast toast is almost a revolution—almost the opposite of an evolution in the nation's eating.

Man in the course of his evolution expanded his diet list to include a wide variety of foods. When he first learned to use wheat, his breakfast toast was probably wheat gruel, a mixture of coarsely ground wheat and water.

Much later, probably, he learned to use leaven or yeast with the wheat and to bake bread. Once started on the process of using wheat for bread, he made improvements, as he thought, gradually evolving the highly refined, pure white, wheat flour we use today.

This highly refined flour was once considered a great luxury. Yet this once-prized delicacy is said to be so lacking in essential food elements that it would be scorned by any self-respecting weevil.

The thing that makes unrefined wheat flour spoil is said to be the oil in the wheat germ. So the wheat germ is almost entirely removed in milling. The wheat germ, however, contains those important chemicals known as the B vitamins.

It also contains some minerals

POLICE AND FBI DISPUTE BLAME

De Tristans 'Not Really Worried,' but Keep Bodyguard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21 (U.P.)—Police of two municipalities today blamed the Federal Bureau of Investigation for failure to capture a would-be extortionist who sought \$10,000 from Count and Countess Marie de Tristans, but the FBI refused to admit officially that the case even existed on their records.

Police Chief C. M. Hirschey of Hillsborough, Cal., said that the FBI had "bungled" the job in permitting the extortionist's escape from a surrounded cabbage patch, and police at Santa Rosa, who participated in the capture attempt, said they had not been taken into the FBI's confidence and apprised of full details of the plans.

The de Tristans, whose baby, Marc, was kidnapped Sept. 20 and returned two days later when the kidnaper, Wilhelm Jakob Muhlenbroich, was captured, confirmed that the family had received an extortion note.

"We haven't been really worried, though," the Countess said. "If we had we would have moved away before this to some place we felt was safe."

Nevertheless, a bodyguard was at the de Tristans home in Hillsborough, and Santa Rosa police said that the extortion note the de Tristans received was only one of three sent to them. The other two were intercepted by the FBI, the police said.

THE CHIEF dipped Miss Lamour's sarong into a can of gasoline and this time it burned reluctantly.

"I can't believe it," she said. "Oh, yes," reported wardrobe, on the telephone. "We've been fireproofing Miss Lamour's sarongs for the last three years. Safety first measure."

"Why?" she insisted. "Account of the jungle sets," continued wardrobe. "They're always being burned down. Might set the sarong on fire."

"Oh," said Miss Lamour.

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