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EXPECT QUICK APPROVAL FOR APPROPRIATION

Roosevelt to Ask for $500,000,000 Relief Fund

Current Funds Are Expected to Last Only Another Month

Washington, Dec. 19—(AP)—Quick congress approval was sought today for President Roosevelt's request for an immediate $500,000,000 relief appropriation.

Current funds are expected to last only another month, making action necessary early in January if the work relief program is to proceed without interruption.

Mr. Roosevelt said yesterday he would ask for the appropriation, designed to meet works progress administration costs until June 30. During the first week of congress, it convenes on January 5.

Estimates for relief needs in the next fiscal year, however, will not be submitted until spring in order to obtain a better idea of future needs.

The president, in disclosing his request for the special appropriation and a study of methods to count the unemployed, said he had taken no action to stop cuts in works progress administration rolls.

Harry L. Hopkins, WPA administrator, began the reduction late in the fall, describing it as an attempt to get rid of those who do not need relief. He said recently the number on the rolls probably would remain throughout the winter near the November level of 1,473,042.

The cabinet discussed methods of enumerating the jobless yesterday afternoon, but Secretary Perkins said no decision was reached.

Mr. Roosevelt last month said he was studying a self-registration plan, by which the jobless would present themselves for work to be recorded. A somewhat similar method is used in England for recipients of the dole.

The self-registration idea first was advanced by General Hugh S. Johnson, former NRA administrator, who declared a house-to-house canvass would cost $15,000,000 to $20,000,000. Johnson's plan was represented as costing about 10 per cent as much.

The American Federation of Labor is preparing a new unemployment count of its own. Its last estimate in August placed the number of jobless at 10,740,000, but it later said the figure might be more than 1,000,000 too high.

The A. F. of L. executive council recently reported its computation method was inadequate in periods of business recovery. A criticism that also has been advanced in some quarters regarding the self-registration plan. A check on the number re-employed Mr. Roosevelt said last month, would have to come from industrial reports.

State Building Permits Top Those of October

Albany, Dec. 19—(AP)—Building permits issued in November were valued at $1,500,000 more than October permits, industrial commissioner Elmer F. Andrews reported today.

A three percent gain in private construction employment and a 15 per cent payroll rise also was noted.

Commissioner Andrews said 7,250 permits were issued in November representing estimated total construction costs of $23,970,430.

Employment on government projects, he said, was seven per cent lower than in October, five per cent reduction in pay rolls was reported for that classification.

Much Speculation Over Successor to Ailing Pope Pius

With Aged Pontiff too Feeble to Carry on His Duties, Most of Christendom Wonders Today Who Would Be Next to Sit on Throne of St. Peter—Cardinal Pacelli Takes Over Temporary Direction of Ecclesiastical Affairs

Vatican City, Dec. 19—(AP)—With aged Pope Pius XI too feeble to carry on his duties, most of Christendom wondered today who would be the next to sit on the throne of St. Peter.

Again last night, doctors kept a constant vigil over the Pope, nearing the close of his 80th year, to quiet his sleep when shortness of breath caused him to gasp and stir in his bed.

Within and outside the Vatican Catholics speculated over the Pontiff's successor when prelates in the Holy See disclosed that Cardinal Pacelli, Papal Secretary of State, had taken over temporary direction of Ecclesiastical affairs.

The realization grew that Pope Pius might never recover completely.

He passed a reasonably calm night, gaining much more rest than the night before, but reliable reports said he had not slept soundly for several nights.

His physicians were anxious that he be kept from aggravating the congested blood condition which forced him to bed two weeks ago in great pain from legs so swollen they were partly paralyzed.

His condition, it was reported authoritatively, had become "oscillating"—his resistance continuing to increase when he is repose-ful but diminishing with effort and activity.

It was disclosed the Holy Father had been given food in small quantities at two-hour intervals for the past two days because high blood pressure hampered his breathing and made it inadvisable for him to eat more heartily.

Since modern custom dictates that a new Pope be chosen from among the Cardinals, theoretically there are 66 possible heirs to the Papacy. Actually, however, there are few from whom the selection would be made.

Advanced age, birth outside Italy and diverse other barriers to the highest office in Roman Catholicism dim whatever hopes most may have.

Three princes of the church are regarded now by informed Vatican sources as mostly likely successors:

Eugenio Pacelli, Secretary of State.

Elia Dalla Costa, Archbishop of Florence.

Luigi Lavitrano, Archbishop of Palermo.

Although Pacelli is the most prominent of the Cardinals by virtue of his office, Vatican prelates said his name might be overlooked when a new Pope is chosen.

His tenure as Nunzio in Germany and his negotiation of concordats with Prussia, Bavaria and Germany, it was said, might create opposition among the seven French Cardinals who might fear he had German leanings.

It was pointed out, moreover, that a Papal Secretary of State seldom is chosen Pope.

The famous prophecies of St. Malachy on the selection of the Popes would indicate a successor to Pius should be "Pastor Angelicus" —Saintly Pastor, or Bishop.

Both Dalla Costa and Lavitrano are bishops administering their dioceses and, informed sources noted, Pius XI of Imola was the fifth successive Pope chosen from among such Cardinals.

The roster of prospective Popes is cut almost in half at the start because of the remote chance any of 29 foreigners might have to be chosen.

Of the 37 Italians who remain, a Prelate well informed on the precedents said, 16 probably would be eliminated because they are close to or have passed their 70th birthdays.

The severe requirements for the Papacy, th's informant said, militated against most of the others because they had worn the purple too long, had risen through administrative bodies without service abroad or practical experience in a diocese, were "troppo dolce"—too sweet or gentle—or, even, were too religious, having become Cardinals from a monastic order.

POLICE HUNT FOR ESCAPED LIFE PRISONER

Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 19—(AP)—Police of nine states hunted today for Joseph J. Bruno, who, serving a life sentence for murder in the Kelayres election eve massacre of 1934, walked away from a Schuylkill County prison guard.

Pennsylvania officials, on personal orders from Governor George H. Earle, began an immediate investigation, prefaced by the charge of Attorney General Charles J. Margiotti that the escape "was accomplished through a well planned conspiracy of certain public officials and others."

Bruno, former Republican leader in the hilltop mining town of Kelayres, walked away from the guard, Guy Irving, yesterday, ostensibly to go to a dentist's office while Irving parked his car. Bruno never showed up at the office.

Bruno, a former Schuylkill county detective, was convicted on each of three charges of murder in the Kelayres "massacre" in which five Democratic paraders were slain. His brother Phillip, also received a life term, and three other kinsmen were sentenced to prison for shorter periods.

Two reports today offered the possibility that Bruno had left Pottsville in an airplane and was well-supplied with cash.

Prison Warden Herbert Gosslin said Bruno had received "thousands of dollars" in his cell 24 hours before he escaped.

Gosslin declined to say how Bruno obtained the money, but he asserted the former Republican leader had been granted unrestricted visiting privileges with members of his family by two Republican county commissioners, Alvin Maurer and Philip Shirig.

On the same day Bruno received the money, Gosslin declared, his eldest daughter, Mrs. Antoinette Billig, visited him four times.

Scalded Child Dies

Oneida, Dec. 19—(AP)—Lillian May Smith, 3, scalded a week ago when she tripped and fell into a pail of water at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Smith, died in Oneida hospital yesterday.

HEARINGS ARE ADJOURNED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Senate Investigators Begin to Sift Evidence

Two Week Inquiry Into Railroad Financing Is Only the Beginning

Washington, Dec. 19—(AP)—Adjourning public hearings for the holidays, senate investigators began today to sift through what they termed "a bewilderingly complex mass" of evidence harvested during their two week inquiry into railway financing.

Chairman Wheeler (D-Mont.) of the investigating committee said many months of hearings might be necessary before he can make a full report—coupled, perhaps, with a request for new laws abolishing railroad holding companies.

On January 6 the committee will turn again, he said, to its study of America's largest transportation system, the sprawling web of railways, bus lines, coal pits, and industries woven by the late Van Sweringen brothers of Cleveland.

Testimony from two partners of J. P. Morgan and Company—Arthur M. Anderson and George Whitney—that the famous banking house would have let a Van Sweringen railroad "go bust" during the depths of the depression if it had not received government loans, marked the committee's closing session yesterday.

The road in question was the Missouri Pacific, which borrowed more than $23,000,000 from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation before it finally went into bankruptcy in 1933.

Of this sum, the partners testified, $7,350,000 was used to pay off earlier loans to the Missouri Pacific from a Morgan banking syndicate.

Anderson said his firm had known of certain obligations of the Missouri Pacific which investigators contended were "concealed" from the RFC.

Wheeler put in evidence records from the interstate commerce commission, indicating that it had been "reluctant" to approve the RFC loans because it felt there was no need to "bail out" the private banks.

Testimony of the Morgan partners, investigators said, completed the first chapter in their study of the Van Sweringen system. Salient facts thus far disclosed by the inquiry include:

1. Control of the $3,000,000,000 empire once was concentrated—through an intricate system of holding companies—in $8,250 worth of stock.

2. New York bankers "got sick of putting up money" to carry the system through the depression and finally sold the controlling securities at auction for "about the price of two good locomotives."

3. These stocks and bonds were bought by George A. Ball, grey-mustached Indiana fruit-jar maker, who had he put up the money because he wanted to help O. P. Van Sweringen.

4. Through an option agreement, Ball permitted Van Sweringen to vote the holding company securities and maintain command of his 249 separate corporations, "without putting up a nickel of his own money."

5. Since Van Sweringen's death, active control of these enterprises has rested in Ball's hands.

6. Charges that the Missouri-Pacific books had been "falsified" were made by interstate commerce commissioner JoJseph Eastman but denied by Missour Pacific officials.

Man Found Hanging in Abandoned Desk Factory

Fort Plain, Dec. 19—(AP)—Dr. Charles E. Congdon gave a verdict of suicide today in the death of Frank Riefer, believed a native of Castle Point, whose body was found hanging yesterday from a rafter in an abandoned desk factory here.

Dr. Congdon, Montgomery county coroner, said two notes signed by Riefer were found in his room at a hotel (New American). One of them, he said, revealed that Riefer's body would be found in either "the old factory or in the hotel barn."

AUTO INDUSTRY IS SAID CLOSE TO CROSSROADS

Strikes Bring Further Curtailment of Production

Decline Due to Holidays and Seasonal Drop After Jan. 1 Expected

Detroit, Dec. 19—(AP)—Strikes in several plants supplying parts to automobile manufacturers today brought further curtailment of production and a statement that "the industry is close to the labor crossroads."

Ward's automotive reports predicted a decline due to the holidays and a seasonal drop after the first of the year from this week's total, estimated to exceed 120,000 cars and trucks for the largest total of any December week, and added:

"In addition, shortages of parts from strike-bound companies may serve to keep output down during the next few weeks.

"The industry is close to the labor crossroads. The situation is becoming more precarious each week, and it may be that the general strike called in the Libbey-Owens-Ford (glass) plants this week will be peg on which the general showdown between labor and management may be hung.

"In the Libbey-Owens-Ford and Kelsey-Hayes wheel company tie-ups are undercurrents of major significance, and these were not present as recently as a few weeks ago when the Bendix sitdown engrossed the industry's interest.

"The prime underconcurrent is that a general wave of sympathy is passing from one plant to another when labor trouble develops.

"Such a condition is a new one in the auto industry."

This analysis was released in Detroit at about the same time John L. Lewis, head of the committee for industrial organization, announced in Washington that the United Automobile Workers of America—the union which has called the parts-plants strikes—would seek a collective bargaining agreement with General Motors Corporation.

Lewis accused General Motors, one of the industry's largest groups, of being "antagonistic" toward the union and discriminating against its members He said the union hoped General Motors "will agree to meet peacefully and work out these questions without any disturbance of production."

Curtailed operations traced to strikes left 10,000 to 20,000 employes of the River Rouge (Detroit) plant of the Ford Motor Company idle. Its Buffalo, N. Y., plant, which employs 2,400, also was beginning to feel the shortage, along with the Pierce-Arrow Motor Corporation's factory in that city and the Murray Corporation of America's Body factory in Detroit.

"Labor trouble in some of the industries that supply materials to the Ford Motor Company will affect the production in several Ford branches next week," said a company statement. "Some of these branches will suspend operations for a few days until new supplies can be sent to them."

Five thousand workers were idle because of a sit-down strike at two Detroit plants of the Kelsey-Hayes Company. A similar dispute at the Detroit plant of the Aluminum Company of America entered its tenth day, said to be an endurance record for sit-down strikers. The Windsor, Ont., plant of the Kelsey Wheel Company, Canadian affiliate of Kelsey-Hayes, continued limited operations and officials said about 40 percent of its 175 workers were back on duty after a brief strike.

Along with the parts factories strikes, others in scattered plate glass plants were beginning to affect the motor industry.

Recovers $500 Ring from Gas Station Attendant

Troy, Dec. 19—(AP)—Fred Baumback, hospital employe recovered a $500 ring today through the honesty of a gasoline attendant.

He reported the loss to police Wednesday. Yesterday Thomas W. Gage turned the ring over to police, explaining he found it in an old rubber behind a cabinet in his station. Baumback said he had visited the station and believed he dropped the ring which rolled into the rubber.

Distress Cry Is Reported Heard In Plane Search

Cry of "Help" from Idaho Wilderness Leads Snow Battling Searchers to Hope for Safety of Two Pilots in Missing Plane—Seven Occupants of Another Vanished Air Liner Feared to Have Perished

Salt Lake City, Dec. 19—(AP)—A cry of "help" from an Idaho wilderness led snow-battling searchers to hope today for the safety of two pilots in a missing plane but seven occupants of another vanished air liner were feared to have perished.

Sheriff's officers hurried into snow-drifted wilds of Kootenai county in northern Idaho where a man reported hearing the distress cry. Searchers hailed it as the first definite indication of Pilots Joe Livermore and A. A. Hall, lost yesterday while enroute from St. Paul to Spokane in a Northwest Airlines craft, might be alive.

Search for a Western Air Express transport, missing since early Tuesday with two women and five men aboard, switched to the bleak Kavich mountains of Nevada when clue after clue in Utah failed. It disappeared in wintry weather on the way from Los Angeles to Salt Lake.

The plane bore Mr. and Mrs. John F. Wolfe, of Chicago, Henry W. Edwards of Minneapolis and Carl Christopher of Dwight, Ill., the passengers and Pilot S. J. Samson, Co-pilot William Bogen and Stewardess Gladys Witt.

A score of eastern Nevadans insist they saw lights in the mountains that might have been flares from the lost plane. Some lights were reported Tuesday. A few saw them Wednesday night. The region is far off the plane's regular course.

A possible clue in the search for the Northwest Airlines all-metal, low wing transport was provided by a Bayview, Idaho, storekeeper. He said a man told him of hearing a cry of "help" yesterday but, unaware a plane was missing in the region, the man did not leave the trail because his wife and children were with him.

Another report to Nick Mamer, Northwest Airlines pilot, by two residents led to fears that Hall and Livermore crashed on fog-shrouded Mile Hill, near the Idaho-Washington line.

More than 20 planes and upwards of 1,000 men and boys were directed out of Utah's capital in a widespread search for the 10-passenger Western Air Express plane.

Leading in the Nevada search, Pilot Ralph Hall worked with a ground party that camped overnight southeast of Tonopah.

From Salt Lake City, airmen and ground crews investigated reports flares were seen on the mountainside west of Cedar Valley, 70 miles south of here.

The plane carried three railroad flares which burn 10 minutes each with normal visibility 50-60 miles and two parachute flares which show 3 minutes each at 200-mile visibility.

Fifty Airmen Enlisted in Hunt

Salt Lake City, Dec. 19—(AP)—At least 50 airmen, many of them famed in American aviation, were enlisted today in the wide western search for two lost airliners.

The Utah-Nevada search, for a western air express transport missing since Tuesday, concentrated at Salt Lake City perhaps the greatest flying experience ever represented in a hunt of this kind, said Allan Barrie, western air vice-president. There were 25 or 30 planes, some with two pilots.

At least half a dozen planes joined the hunt for a northwest airline plane which vanished yesterday over North Idaho.

Harry Bogen, marine pilot from San Diego and a brother of William Bogen, co-pilot of the ill-fated western air express ship, spent all of yesterday fruitlessly scanning Utah slopes and ridges from the air.

Paul Mantz, technical adviser to Amelia Earhart Putnam and this man who taught Bill Bogen to fly, was on hand, too.

"Bill was a splendid student cautious and thorough," said Mantz.

"If he is alive—and I believe he is—he will come back with valuable information for the development of aviation."

Newton Crumley, Jr., of Elko, Nevada., whose specialty is flying oil persons out of the Nevada wastes and bringing rescue workers into newly made areas at time of disaster, also enlisted in the searching fleet.

Some of the other fliers mobilized for the Utah hunt are:

Fred (King) Kelly, former Olympic boxer, war veteran and pilot for western air express since 1925, with 11,000 hours in the air to his credit.

Jimmy James, company pilot since April, 1926, 7,000 hours.

Allan Barrie, with the company since 1929, 7,000 hours.

Ed Campbell chief pilot, for the Grand Canyon airways.

Bill Williams, chief pilot for the United airlines, an aviator since 1918 and one of the first to fly the U. S. Mail; 12,000 hours.

A. W. Stephenson, chief pilot, National Parks Airways, flying since 1928, 10,000 hours.

H. C. Hollenbeck, National Parks Airways, 7,000 hours since 1929.

Dudley Steele, manager of the teronautics department of the Richfield Oil Company.

Al Garn, works progress supervisor for the department of commerce, 2,000 hours.

Ray Peck, Thompson Flying service of Salt Lake City, 3,000 hours since 1926.

Paul Frederickson, chief instructor in instrument flying for TWA, veteran pilot who offered his services while vacationing here.

GERMANY NOW FACES GRAVEST FOOD SHORTAGE

Berlin, Dec. 19—(AP)—Germany stood face to face today with one of its gravest food shortages in years.

The nation has come so close to depleting its resources, both of money and of food, officials have expressed fear they would be able to find no adequate solution for a crisis they expect by April.

A chain of adverse financial circumstances, experts pointed out, has created a vicious circle in which prospective plans for averting the crisis would plunge the Reich into other acute problems.

The stringent-ies imposed on German households in preserving dwindling food supplies were disclosed yesterday by the issuance of ration cards for butter and lard.

Under new orders allowances of fats will be prorated according to the size of families. Purchases will be limited to 80 per cent of October consumption each month, starting January 1.

Agricultural estimates agreed Germany must increase wheat importations after having reduced them in 1935 to 160,000 tons as compared with 605,000 tons the year before.

By April, according to estimates, considered reliable, the Reich's wheat reserves will have been exhausted. But advised experts of the Ministry of Economics, food purchases would drain Germanys last gold reserves.

"Aunt Bessie" Arrives to Join Mrs. Simpson

Cannes, France, Dec. 19—(AP)—Mrs. D. B. Merryman, Wallis Simpson's "Aunt Bessie," arrived here today to join her favorite neice in her Riviera haven.

When Mrs. Simpson fled from England during the last grave days of Britain's constitutional crisis, Mrs. Merryman stayed behind to watch over her interests.

Mrs. Merryman, whose home is in Washington, D. C., acted as Mrs. Simpson's chaperone during last summer's Mediterranean cruise with the former King Edward.

CHANG GIVEN THREE DAYS TO END REBELLION

Leads to Belief Return of Chiang Is Imminent

Time Extension Comes as Previous "Final" Ultimatium Expired

By the Associated Press

Nanking, Dec. 19—The Chinese government gave Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang three more days of grace today to end his rebellion, leading to the belief settlement of the crisis and return of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek was imminent.

The time extension came just as the previous "final" ultimatum to Marshal Chang demanding the generalissimo's immediate return expired.

Dr. T. V. Soong, brother-in-law of the imprisoned Chiang, was understood to be ready to leave Nanking for Sianfu, where Marshal Chang has held the generalissimo prisoner since the mutiny of his troops a week ago.

Although the national government had set a deadline of six p. m. (5 a. m., EST.) for the release of their chieftain, an authoritative spokesman had expressed open skepticism that Chiang would be released at that time.

The additional days of grace, it was believed, were given Chang to allow completion of a compromise which was understood already to have been tentatively agreed on.

Optimism in informed Chinese circles was growing that the crisis would be settled peacefully with the personal safety of leaders on both sides guaranteed.

Despite the seemingly well-grounded hope of an immediate end to the revolt crack divisions of the Loyalist army tightened their grip on the rebel strongholds of Sianfu.

Should negotiations fail completely and the three-day "armistice" expire without the generalissimo's return, they were under orders to smash through to his rescue.

One notable victim of the mutiny, in which it was first reported the generalissimo himself had been slain, was officially announced to be Shao Yuon-Shung, political historian and member of Chiang's staff.

Shao died Dec. 13 as a result of wounds received during the coup d'etat.

Shao was a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and Columbia University and had edited Chinese newspapers in San Francisco, St. Louis, Toronto, and Victoria, Canada.

State's Grape Crop Is Estimated at $1,714,000

Washington, Dec. 19—(AP)—New York state's grape crop for 1936 was set at 41,000 tons today in a department of agriculture report. Its value was estimated at $1,714,000.

The report said the income of Empire state farmers from principal crops this year would be $161,410,000, an increase of $17,000,000 over the 1935 figure of $144,177,000.

Acreage increased, the report indicated, with 6,760,000 acres harvested this year against 6,936,000 in 1935.

Bennett Moves Against Electrolysis Treatments

New York Dec. 19—(AP)—The office of Attorney General John J. Bennett, Jr., moved today to stop the application of electrolysis treatments in beauty parlors by anyone except a licensed physician.

An announcement of action planned said it followed the unprecedented conviction in Bronx court of Appeals of Mary Lehrman, Bronx beautician, on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Cuban Sugar Tax Bill On Way to President to Sign

Havana, Dec. 19—(AP)—The Cuban sugar tax bill which the army political faction seeks to use as a lever to oust President Miguel Mar-tinez Gomez was on its way to him today after passage in an uproarious congressional session.

The adherents of the nation's military "strong man," Col. Fulgencio Batista, drove the measure through the House of Representatives in two votes each by 106 to 49.

The first vote was on the bill as a whole and the second passed it paragraph by paragraph thus sending it directly to Gomez for the signature he has declared he would not give to the bill.

If Gomez should veto the bill, supporters of Batista vowed they would move to impeach him for interference with legislative acts.

Gomez gave as his reason for his promised veto his belief that the bill, by providing funds for army-taught schools, would be the means of educating young Cubans in the "Fascist manner."

Such an eventuality Batista, the "father" of the plan, has denied, asserting the army would be placed in control of the schools only to insure greater pedagogic efficiency.

The bill, providing for a nine-cent tax on each bag of sugar, would give the army an estimated revenue of $1,500,000 annually to open and maintain rural schools.

Under Cuban law Gomez will have ten days in which to study the measure. If he has not signed it or vetoed it by that time, it automatically would become law.

The House, adjourning after a night session on the bill, did not take up impeachment charges nor did it set a date for its next session.

Several political adherents of Batista, however, continued their assertions they would seek Gomez's impeachment whether he vetoed the bill or not.

Army supporters of the legislation, meanwhile, tightened their lines, preparing to drive the bill through over the expected veto.

THE WEATHER

Washington, Dec. 19—Forecast for Western New York: Rain or snow tonight and probably Sunday morning. Warmer tonight and in southeast portion Sunday. Lowest tonight near freezing.

Temperatures

(Reported by New York Experiment Station)

7 a. m.	24
Noon	27
Highest last 24 hrs.	27
Lowest last 24 hrs.	10

Snow .03 inches.

Sun rises tomorrow at 7:39
Sun sets tomorrow at 4:39

Local Conditions

Today was an unpleasant one with cold intensified by a blustery wind and snow squalls.

Two Genevans Injured in Crash Near Canandaigua

Canandaigua, Dec. 19—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. VanHouten of 20 Pulteney street, Geneva, are in Thompson Memorial Hospital suffering from injuries received when their car collided with one driven by Leon Phelps of Rochester three miles north of Canandaigua on the Canandaigua-Rochester road this morning.

Mrs. VanHouten, the most seriously injured, has a fracture of the left hip and lacerations of the scalp. The extent of Mr. VanHouten's injuries has not yet been determined.

With Mr. Phelps was his wife and father, Charles Phelps, 70, of Gansevoort, Saratoga county. The latter received a fractured nose and lacerations of the forehead. The driver was cut about the face and Mrs. Phelps was badly shaken and bruised.

Leon Phelps is an employe of the State Department of Agriculture and was enroute to Geneva at the time of the accident. Mr. and Mrs. VanHouten were driving toward Rochester. The exact cause of the accident was not learned but it is believed the cars collided on the icy roads which were made dangerous by sleet.

Sergeant Larry Fox of the Canandaigua sub-station is investigating.

Agreement on Pitcher for G. O. P. Senate Leader Seen

Albany, Dec. 19 —(AP)— Agreement on Senator Perley A. Pitcher, Watertown, as Republican leader of New York's 1937 Senate appeared certain today as party house members met to discuss candidates at an unprecedented conference designed to prevent last-minute organization difficulties.

The Senate will be Democratic-controlled for a fifth straight year, 29 to 22.

Pitcher was considered "right hand man" to Republican leader George R. Fearon, Syracuse, during the latter's term of office, terminated when he announced his retirement from the Senate last fall to see the party's gubernatorial nomination.

On his arrival last night, Pitcher declined to comment on his chances for the leadership.

"The meeting," he said, "is called merely to agree on a candidate so that there will be no row to prolong the convocation of the legislature next month.

"I don't know what will happen".

The only other active candidate for the leadership is Senator Thomas C. Desmond of Newburgh, Orange County, although several colleagues are known to favor the job if it is offered. They include Senators Frederic J. Bontecou, Dutchess county; Arthur H. Wicks, Ulster, and Benjamin F. Feinburg, Clinton.

Friends of Pitcher claim that at least 12 of the 22 Republican Senators will line up behind the Northern Dairy country lawmaker—sufficient to assure election. Pitcher has been in the Senate since 1925.