

## Senate Demos Plan to Change Bonus Bill

### Governor Hoffman Convinced Bruno Is Not Only One Guilty

#### Wants Condon To Tell Story But He's Gone

Jafise Quoted as Saying in Magazine Article He Knows Others

#### Intermediary Departs on Cruise; Pardon Court Will Meet Today

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—(AP)—The New York American in a copy-right story today quoted Gov. Harold G. Hoffman of New Jersey as saying he does not believe Bruno Hauptmann was the sole perpetrator of the kidnaping of the Lindbergh baby and as wishing to question Dr. John F. Condon.

Dr. Condon, the "Jafise" of the Lindbergh ransom negotiations, sailed last night on a winter cruise to South America.

Governor Hoffman made his statements, the paper said, after "weeks of intensive study" in the Lindbergh kidnaping case.

"I do not believe the full ends of justice will have been served with the execution of Hauptmann," the paper quoted him.

"Condon has written that he found evidence in the baby's crib that the child had been killed there. He also makes the flat statement that more than one person was involved in the crime."

"Dr. Condon goes so far as to write he knew two of those involved. If Dr. Condon knows these things, the authorities should have the information."

The paper declared Governor Hoffman indicated he had been prepared to ask that Dr. Condon submit to questioning and that he was "taken by surprise" when he learned Dr. Condon had sailed.

(Copyright, 1936, by Associated Press) TRENTON, N. J., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Dr. John F. (Jafise) Condon boarded a ship for Latin America tonight even as his name was projected anew into the Lindbergh kidnap case on the eve of a court of pardons hearing of Bruno Richard Hauptmann's clemency plea.

His departure from New York followed quickly on the disclosure by Governor Harold G. Hoffman that he had requested the original manuscripts of the famous Lindbergh intermediary's articles just started in a magazine.

Highly Significant Says Governor Hoffman, informed of Dr. Condon's departure, said: "This is highly significant in view of Dr. Condon's actions and statements since the Flemington trial."

But Attorney General David T. Wilentz said Condon had received his permission to leave.

Wilentz said Condon's daughter, Mrs. Myra Hicker, who sailed with him, telephoned him last week and asked if there was any objection to their leaving on their usual winter cruise.

"I saw no reason then why they shouldn't do so," Wilentz said, "and see no reason now."

Governor Hoffman, president of the (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

#### Neutrality Bill Section Changed

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—The administration today agreed to elimination from its pending neutrality bill of a section regarded by some senators as linking the United States too closely with league of nations sanction.

The phraseology, stricken by unanimous consent of the senate foreign relations committee after a talk with Secretary Hull, would have authorized the president to prohibit exports to belligerents of non-munition commodities useful in war whenever he found "that by refraining from placing such restrictions would contribute to a prolongation or expansion of the war."

#### Membership Drive For Legion Post Launched

An intensive drive to put the membership of Capital Post No. 9, American Legion, over the top, the 467 mark, by February 1, was decided upon at a meeting in Adjutant William Blivens' office last night. George Averet, membership chairman, and his captains and lieutenants, laid out plans which they hoped, carried out, would bring in the necessary 87 more members this month.

#### Leap Year Fizzle in Marion County; Few Women Pop Question

Last Three of Them Show Decline in Marriages for Some Reason; Origin of Custom Shrouded in Antiquity; Law Recognizes It in 1288

By JESSIE STEELE

LEAP YEAR, longest of the four, has set the world of women plotting how best to ensnare husbands, for by common law since the 13th century, it's woman's prerogative to "pop the question."

Strange as it may seem, however, statistics reveal that leap year does not increase marriages—at least in Marion county. Actually there has been a decline in marriages in the last three leap years. For example, in 1924 there were 62 fewer licenses issued at the courthouse than the previous year and 75 less than in the boom year which followed, 1925.

Glancing at '28, one finds a discrepancy of 60 between that year and '27, and 41 more licenses in the following year, '29. Only in the case of 1932 were there more marriages than in the following year. In '31, there were four more weddings in Marion county, but in '33 there were 71 less. Poor old 1933 was the leanest year in the past decade for Cupid. Depression took a toll in persons (Turn to page 2, col. 6)

Quitting Jobs to Get on WPA Eyed

Possible It Had Happened in Few Cases, Relief Worker's Opinion

Relief officials yesterday declared they had not heard reports that women had been leaving private employment to take assignments to work in the WPA sewing room. One official, however, admitted that such a situation was not improbable in "a few cases."

The sewing room work pays a woman a minimum of \$48 per month. If she is classified as semi-skilled, she receives \$55 and if as skilled, \$70 a month.

With approximately 200 Salem women certified for WPA employment from the relief rolls, it is not unlikely that in "a few cases some do not need the work," Dorothy Ann Gordon, head of the caseworkers division of the county relief organization, stated.

Changes in Staff Make It Possible

"Our staff has been changing and it is possible a few women have concealed assets in applying and getting accepted for relief," Miss Gordon said. "But we are investigating and will take such action as we can in cases of this sort as they are found."

The only women certified for WPA employment to date have been women who had dependents to support, Miss Gordon reported. She said single women had been required to work for board and room, although many were clamoring (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

#### Silverton School Plan Backed, 4-L

SILVERTON, Jan. 10.—The 4-L organization in its meeting here tonight voted to sponsor a new election seeking to obtain voters' approval on a previously rejected \$45,000 bond issue, to match federal funds of \$38,000 for \$83,000 in additions to Silverton high school.

The 4-L group tomorrow will ask district officials for a school election by which it is hoped to obtain the bond issue. An educational campaign will be conducted among the citizenry to explain the proposal.

In a school election last July, the \$45,000 bond issue was voted down. Subsequently, in December, government approval of the plans for the P. W. A. project were received here, carrying with it a grant of \$38,000.

#### Lions to Aid Equipping and Landscaping, Blind School

Sports equipment will be provided for the recently completed play field at the state blind school here as the result of a meeting at the Spa last night of presidents and secretaries of the five Lions clubs in Oregon sub-district two, which was called to discuss the organization's program of landscaping the grounds about the blind school dormitory now under construction.

After Wallace Bonesteel, chairman of the committee which has been steering the landscaping undertaking, had suggested that an added project might well be supplying the blind children with play equipment, O. F. Tate of Portland, state Lions secretary, announced he would underwrite the expense estimated by Bonesteel at less than \$100. He said a woman's organization interested in such philanthropies would doubtless be glad to pay for the equipment. Tate did not divulge the Portland group's identity. (Turn to page 2, col. 4)

#### Favorable Bid Received Upon Crossing Here

Kern & Kibbe are Low at \$256,502; Referred to Engineers

Short Routes to Require 15 Years at Present Rate, Complaint

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—City Engineer Apperson of Portland told the state highway commission today if work continues at the present rate on the Wolf Creek and Wilson River short-routes it will take nearly 15 years to complete the projects.

The engineer's appeal for further efforts in behalf of the two roads culminated the hearing of 10 county courts who asked for various road programs and improvements.

In continuing yesterday's business session, the highway commission today awarded three contracts for road and bridge construction totaling \$116,464, provisionally awarded three more totaling \$315,479.20 subject to engineers' approval, and rejected bids on two projects.

The bid of \$266,589 by Jacobson-Jensen company of Portland for the 122nd avenue-Troutdale section of northeast Halsey street in Multnomah county was accepted. The contract for the job was provisionally let yesterday.

Largest of the projects on which bids were opened today was the undercrossing at Salem's north city limits.

A bid of \$256,502.20 by Kern and Kibbe of Portland, was referred to engineers for final award.

The three contracts let today included: Deschutes county—Grading 3.5 miles of Tumalo Falls-Bend county road, M. L. O'Neill & Sons, Eugene, \$15,842. Union and Wallowa counties—Rock crushing, Arthur H. Hardesty, Portland, \$23,731. Multnomah county—Overcross (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

#### 20-30 Club to Be Sponsor of Dance

The Salem 20-30 club last night accepted Mayor V. E. Kuhn's request that it assist him in putting on the 1935 president's birthday ball here. The mayor said he had accepted Governor Martin's request "Wednesday to act as chairman after the governor had been advised that Salem was the only capital city in the nation which had not already begun planning for such a social event."

Dr. O. P. Howard, Portland, national 20-30 trustee, served as installing officer at the banquet last night, held at the Quella and attended by members and their wives. The new officers are: president, Frank Earnest; first vice-president, Glenn Nash; second vice-president, Kenneth Lee; third vice-president, Robert Sears; secretary-treasurer, C. S. Emms; sergeant-at-arms, John George; directors, Ralph Mapes, Joe Young, Vern Matthews, Harold Pruitt and Floyd Emmons.

The mayor, the club's senior adviser, was speaker of the evening. Out of Salem clubmen attending included Dr. Howard, Bret Nelson, Portland, district governor, and George Calkins, Ramon B. Shannon and Everett Chandler of the Lincoln beaches club, Delake.

#### Woman Arrested On Murder Count

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 10.—(AP)—Miss Laura E. Stevens, 55, faces a first degree murder charge today as a result of the fatal shooting of Myron T. Hullett, 75.

Lieutenant Ben Wade prevented the woman from taking her own life when he answered a call to her home. He said she had placed a pistol in her chest when he arrived but that the discharge struck the wall when he pushed the gun to one side.

Wade said the woman told him she shot Hullett after he refused to marry her. She said she had once criminally attacked her and that they had been living as man and wife, Wade reported. Hullett reportedly promised to marry her, Miss Stevens was quoted as saying.

#### Wrote Decision Toppling AAA



Justice Owen Roberts of the United States supreme court who wrote the prevailing opinion in the AAA constitutionality case.

#### Huge Profits For Morgan Outlined

Nine Million and Half in Loans to Allies

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A \$9,550,000 profit to a J. P. Morgan syndicate for underwriting the first big allied war-loan was revealed today by the senate munitions committee, coupled with a charge of high pressure tactics in selling to the American people.

This development capped a furious battle of denial and accusation which had J. P. Morgan himself grimly slugging it out verbally with the committee on the latter's insistence that his firm influenced a reversal of American neutrality policy to permit the \$500,000,000 loan.

Repeatedly the influential baron of finance thundered his indignation as Senator Clark (D-Mo.) persistently contended that the Morgans precipitated a panic in the foreign exchange market to achieve their purpose.

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The government's answer, written by Herman Oliphant, treasury counsel, demanded Du Pont's taxes should be increased by \$617,316 for 1929.

#### Veterans Pleased At Bonus Passage

Salem veterans generally were happy over the passage of the bonus bill by the house of representatives yesterday. Their hopes were high for the early passage of the bill by the senate and the receipt of the second half of their payments within a short time.

King Bartlett, commander of Capitol Post No. 9 American Legion was optimistic over the prospective early payment of the bonus.

"I guess there is no doubt of it passing," Bartlett said, "I believe the money will do a lot of good. It is something that should have been done a long time ago."

Bartlett expressed the opinion that the payments would be used carefully by the ex-service men, because so many of them have been hard up.

#### Jurors Locked Up In Marinoff Case

TACOMA, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Jurors in the first degree murder case of Peter Marinoff, former president of the Northwest Brewing company, and three former brewery guards knocked on the door of the jury room at 10 p. m., reporting they were unable to reach a verdict tonight.

Superior Judge Hodge granted their request to retire for the night, and ordered deliberations to begin again immediately after breakfast Saturday morning.

On trial with Marinoff were H. H. Hiatt, J. L. Hanford and Theo Ferguson, all of Seattle.

#### Conservation Of Soil Basis Of Farm Plan

Production Control Also Considered as Long Sessions Held

Obstructionists Hit by Wallace; President Tells His Views

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—Using soil conservation and production control as blueprints, one hundred representatives of the nation's farmers today began constructing the foundation stones upon which to erect a successor to the toppled AAA.

As they worked far into the night behind closed doors in the agriculture department, they had before them President Roosevelt's assertion that he believed a soil conservation production control program was the best means of aiding agriculture. He turned thumbs down on export subsidies. Committee Named to Draft Program

A committee of 13 was named late today to confer with members of congress and agriculture department officials to prepare a tentative draft of a program to be considered by the conference.

In a crowded day these major farm developments stood out: 1.—At his press conference Mr. Roosevelt said: "We must avoid any national agricultural policy which will result in the shipping of our soil fertility to foreign nations."

2.—Secretary Wallace, addressing the farmers before they began their conference, lashed out at "obstructionists" to a new farm program and indicated 50,000,000 acres of farm land may be taken out of production of cash crops.

3.—Chester C. Davis, administrator of the AAA, wrecked by the supreme court, expressed his personal preference for a composite (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

#### DuPont, Raskob Held Tax Dodgers

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A formal accusation was lodged by the treasury today that Pierre S. du Pont of Delaware and John J. Raskob of New York entered into an agreement in 1929 to establish "fictitious losses" on the stock market for income tax purposes.

Raskob is a former chairman of the democratic national committee, and Du Pont is a member of the prominent Wilmington munitions and industrial family.

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#### Roosevelt Real Jacksonian Delzell Informs Democrats

Comparison of John Quincy Adams, who believed government could best be conducted by the few for the benefit of the many, and of Andrew Jackson who believed people were able to govern themselves directly in a true democracy, was made by W. A. Delzell, principal speaker at a meeting of the Marion County Democratic society here last night.

"The true test of a democrat," said Delzell, "is that of a man who believes in the rule of all the people; not a few of the people. Such a man sits in the White House today. He carries on the spirit of Andrew Jackson."

Delzell asked democrats to vote against any change in the time for holding the primaries in Oregon. He said the September primary would mean a return of the power of the convention system

#### House Passes Vets' Measure With Only 59 Opposing Votes

Plenty of Margin to Override Veto; Affects Three Million and Half Men; Amendments Rejected

Administration Aides Want to Amend Providing Payment in Bonds That Will Be Payable Upon Demand

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—A boisterous house shouted approval of a cash payment bonus bill today, tossing the 1936 battle over the perennial issue into the lap of the senate.

Even as the measure sped unamended through the house on a 356 to 59 vote—more than enough to override a veto—efforts to change its form were in the making at the other end of the capitol.

Democratic senate leaders, seeking some form that might find assured presidential approval, were reported to be negotiating for veteran support for bonus payment in bonds redeemable in cash on demand. Chairman Harrison (D-Miss.) called a meeting of the senate finance committee Monday to consider the bonus. The major veterans' organizations are backing the house bill.

The Vinson-Patman-McCormack measure passed today provides no definite method of payment. It would declare veterans' adjusted service certificates payable immediately, would offer three per cent interest until 1945 to former soldiers who refrained from cashing them.

After republicans were beaten back, 319 to 89, on a final effort to force payment of the adjusted service certificates from relief money, many of them voted for the bill.

The legislation affects almost 3,500,000 former world war soldiers. Its backers claim approximately \$1,000,000,000 will be needed at once to pay off their certificates, but that figure has been described by foes of the bill as much too low.

Still remaining to be fought out in the matter of where or how to obtain the cash, Representative Patman (D-Tex.) wants to pay the money with currency issued against government gold. Others favor a bond issue.

#### New Proposal by Japan Indicated

LONDON, Jan. 10.—(AP)—An apparently authoritative hint from Japanese quarters that they are preparing to spring a new proposal in order to obtain parity and save the international naval conference from foundering was given tonight.

This varied from the widely held belief in other delegations that the Japanese would walk out of the conference next week. In British official circles it was said that if the Tokyo delegation withdraws, soviet Russia and Germany will be asked into the conference and it will proceed on a six-power basis.

The United States and Great Britain, it was stated, have agreed they will reconsider Japan's insistent demand for tonnage equality — but even the Japanese themselves held no hope it would be granted.

#### Alexander Heads Enforcers Group

George Alexander was elected president of the Northwest Oregon Sheriffs and Police Officers' association at its quarterly meeting held at McMinnville last night. Salem was chosen for the next meeting which will be held late in April.

Other officers elected were: T. H. Hooker, Dallas, vice president; Oscar Weed, St. Helens, secretary; Harry Niles, Portland and George Mann, McMinnville, executive committee men.

Sheriff A. C. Burk, W. H. Trindle, district attorney, Captain Walter Lansing, George Alexander, deputy superintendent state police, Sergeant Max Alfred and City Recorder A. Warren Jones attended the meeting.