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Evaluating Congressional Session

The box scores on the congressional session that has just ended would indicate, just from counting the number of lines required to tell what President Roosevelt got and what he failed to get, that the chief executive came out well ahead. But one reason is that only one line per item was needed to tell what he didn't get, while several were needed to list the restrictions on what he did get out of this independently-minded congress. Leaving off enough of the qualifying explanation to get each item into one line, the score looks as follows:

- Roosevelt Was Granted**
1. Modified reorganization bill.
 2. National defense program almost in full.
 3. Continuance of monetary powers.
 4. Full amount asked for relief.
 5. Maintenance of Roosevelt memorial library.

- Roosevelt Was Denied**
1. Revision of neutrality legislation.
 2. Big lending program.
 3. The \$800,000,000 housing program.
 4. Relief deficiency bill of \$50,000,000.

That would leave the president out in front, but there is also a list of things congress did which must have displeased the president:

1. Hatch political activity bill.
2. House investigation of NLRB.
3. Junking of undistributed profits tax.

These are only some highlights; but by adding the last two lists together you may arrive at a score indicating the president suffered a defeat, whether you "weight" the items according to their relative importance or not.

Observe that we are still evaluating the congress in terms of White House attempts to dictate its action. Under the British system "the government would have fallen" and there would have been a new prime minister and cabinet after the defeat of the lending program, if not sooner. Actually under the American system we are distorting the picture the moment we begin to discuss legislation, aside from the budget and administrative acts, in relation to the president's ideas. We are admitting the existence of that to which we object, legislative dictation from the White House. But in so doing, we have a good excuse; the big question before the nation, a question which colored every item of legislation this year, was the succession to the presidency in 1941.

Attempting to thrust that aside—though we shall not succeed—and to evaluate the session independently, we are struck first by the fact that while there was much talk of economy and certain proposed expenditures were refused, it was not an economy session but the most expensive in history; that congress even exceeded the president's proposed budget by \$300,000,000, and appropriated for the fiscal year 1940, a total of \$13,344,000,000, nearly two billions more than for previous year. This does not overcome the fact that there was a real economy trend, especially late in the session; it illustrates instead that the tendency to push governmental expenditures higher and higher has become so strong that it is going to require almost superhuman effort to reverse it.

The second outstanding feature is that though congress said "no" to some of the president's most highly-cherished ideas, it did not say "yes" to anything of an outstanding nature initiated within congress itself; no formulas were devised to displace those that were cancelled, nor was any positive program for recovery launched. It was a negative session.

Before concluding that this observation constitutes a damaging criticism of the session, however, it is necessary to assume that recovery, or prosperity, is something that government, either president or congress, must plan. This has been the assumption under which the administration has proceeded for nearly seven years—with what results, each of us insists upon judging for himself. The theory used to be that prosperity was the function of private enterprise, that government's role was that of avoiding so far as possible, interfering with or handicapping the process. With that old theory—which used to work—in mind, it is not unreasonable to conclude that a negative session of congress was just what the nation needed.

Prosperity and Strikes

Despite the fact that congress did little to relieve business of handicaps in the way of taxation and regulation, there has been a general feeling in recent weeks that a new wave of recovery was on the way. Various business reviews have rather guardedly supported this belief; on the other hand one of the best—and worst—signs is the wave of strikes and labor disputes and the prospect of more to come, notably in the Pacific coast shipping industry.

Labor trouble has never failed, in the entire industrial history of the United States, to accompany business improvement. The fact that rising living costs also inevitably accompany business improvement is one of the reasons. However in 1937, labor trouble not only accompanied, but effectively stifled, the recovery that was under way. A reason for this is the Wagner act, the encouragement it lent to labor organization and the invitation to jurisdictional warfare it simultaneously invited.

Perhaps since 1937 industry has learned how better to cope with labor trouble, and perhaps some branches of labor, reviewing what happened then, may be constrained to withhold demands for wage increases until recovery, this time, gets a better foothold. The chances, and the present indications, are to the contrary. An example is the jurisdictional strife now raging in the entertainment "industry." The flesh and blood stage is still struggling for life; the present labor strife might be its death blow in the few centers where it still survives. Why do cities the size of Salem see almost no stage shows? It is because of labor demands which halted them entirely a few years ago.

Extra-Sensory Perception

Senator McNary predicts that President Roosevelt will not seek a third term; Miss Katherine Ellis, claimant of psychic powers who is appearing at a local theatre and answering questions through The Statesman's columns, declares Roosevelt will be nominated but not elected. Therein is involved a clash of authority between sensory perception and extra-sensory perception.

There is no sense—at least no fun—in being dogmatic about such matters. A professor at Duke university has developed tests which he claims to be scientific, to determine whether there is any such thing as extra-sensory perception. The results seem to indicate, to the professor, that there is. Some of the persons tested in the identification of playing cards turned up and inspected by another person, have had a considerably higher rate of success than could be explained by sheer guesswork. Some other psychologists have challenged this professor's conclusions.

So much for mind-reading and the divining of past or present facts not evident to the senses. Predicting the future is something else. In order to accept psychic predictions, one must first accept the premise that coming events are fore-ordained, inevitable. This is fatalism—useful in certain circumstances, but not inspiring. If we cannot change the course of events, why struggle and strive?

Anyway, we hope it is impossible to predict, accurately and definitely, the future. For some of us it is bound to be unpleasant, for all of us awaits death. Balancing good against evil, it is better for all of us not to know what lies ahead.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

Inquiry concerning the massacre of a Fresno, Cal., man's grandfather and uncles by Indians Feb. 22, '56:

This letter was relayed to the desk of the Bits man by A. M. Church of the Capital Press, Salem: "Capital Printing Company, Salem, Oregon—Gentlemen:—I would like to secure all of the available information covering the massacre by the Rogue River Indians on February 22nd, 1856, at Gold Beach, Oregon, of my grandfather, Mr. John Geisel, and his three sons, and the capture of my grandmother and her two daughters. The youngest girl was my mother, now deceased. Any information you might have concerning the entire horrors of that night, just how it all happened, and how the settlers were rescued by the soldiers later, would be of assistance, even though not pertaining directly to the Geisel family alone. If you have any books covering this tragedy, and also the life, habits, and treachery of the Rogue River Indians, would you kindly mail me a copy of same. You may send this literature collect. There was a book called 'Pioneer History of Curry and Coos Counties, Oregon,' written by Orville Dodge, historian. Do you have a copy of this book? If not, could you advise me where it could be secured? There is a monument at Gold Beach, dedicated by the state in memory of John Geisel and his family. This information is very important to me. Your cooperation and courtesy will be highly appreciated. Sincerely yours, Harold Pampinella, 750 Hedges Avenue, Fresno, California."

The letter was dated July 6th. Mr. Pampinella was, July 14, written that the matter would have to be delayed, on account of the series (Minto series) then running in this column. But he was promised that it would be taken up at a future date. Below is the Bancroft (History of Oregon) account, page 333, volume 2: "On the night of the 22nd of February (1856), a dancing party was given at Whaleshead in honor of the day (Washington's Birthday), and part of the volunteer company was in attendance, leaving but a few men to guard the camp."

"Early on the morning of the 23d, before the dancers had returned, the guard was attacked by a large body of Indians, who fell upon them with such suddenness and fury that but two out of 15 escaped. One, Charles Foster, concealed himself in the woods, where he remained an undiscovered witness of much that transpired, and was able to identify the Indians engaged in the massacre, who were thus found to be those that lived about the settlement and were professionally friendly."

"While the slaughter was going on at the volunteer camp some Indians from the native village on the south side of the river crossed over and going to the house of J. McGuire, where Wright (Indian agent) had his lodgings, reported to him that a certain half-breed named Enos, notoriously a bad man, was at the village, and they wished the agent to arrest him, as he was making trouble with the Toxopontes. Without the slightest suspicion of treachery, Wright, with Captain Poland of the volunteers, crossed the river to look into the matter, when both were seized and killed. The bodies were then so mutilated that they could not be recognized. Nor did this horrible and dastardly work end here."

"Every farmer in the vicinity of Whaleshead was killed, every house burned but one, and every kind of property destroyed. The more distant who escaped the massacre, to the number of 130, fled to the fort, but, being poorly armed, might still have fallen a prey to the savages, had they not, with their customary want of persistence, drawn off after the first day's bloody work."

"At nightfall on the 23d a boat was dispatched to Port Orford to inform Major Reynolds of the fate of the settlement. But Reynolds could not go to the relief of Whaleshead without leaving exposed Port Orford, that place containing at this period but 50 adult male citizens and 30 soldiers."

"A whaleboat was, however, dispatched for the purpose of keeping open communication with the besieged; but, in attempting to land, the boat was swamped."

STATE
CONTINUOUS SHOW - MATINEE 1 P.M.
YOUNG
BAXTER
WIFE
HUSBAND
AND FRIEND
GREENE
RATHBONE
BARRIE

HOLLYWOOD 15
LAST TIMES TONIGHT
CLARENCE
DOUGLASS
AMERICA
MIDNIGHT
WARRIOR
LORDS OF THE NIGHT
FAMILY NIGHT 40c

Warren William
Gail Patrick
in
"Wives Under Suspicion"
with
Dorothea Kent
and
Andy Devine

Handshakers Hurried as Congress Quits



Press of last minute business before adjournment was such that Senate Clerk Guy Reeves didn't have time to wait for Senator Hiram Johnson (R-Calif.) and Vice President Garner to say their goodbyes before reaching for signed bills on the vice president's desk. Johnson was off to an early start before adjournment of congress.

Radio Programs

KSLM—TUESDAY—1360 Kc.

6:30—Wonder Valley Boy.
6:45—Milkman's Serenade.
7:00—News.
7:15—Westernaires.
7:30—Hollywood.
7:45—Hollywood.
8:00—Patrol.
8:15—Jane Anderson.
8:30—Xavier Cugat Orchestra.
8:45—Palmer Concert Orchestra.
9:00—News.
9:15—Morning Magazine.
9:30—Women in the News.
9:45—Hollywood Kibitzer.
10:00—The Guiding Light.
10:15—Three-Quarter Time.
10:30—Paul Decker Orchestra.
10:45—Value Parade.
11:00—Noontime News.
11:15—Hillbilly Serenade.
11:30—Noontime News.
11:45—Kwanan Club Meeting.
12:00—Interesting Facts.
12:15—Love a Mystery.
12:30—Woman's Magazine of the Air.
12:45—Easy Aces.
1:00—Tracer of Lost Persons.
1:15—News.
1:30—Orchestra.
1:45—Army Band.
2:00—Singer.
2:15—Orchestra.
2:30—Alec Templeton.
2:45—Mr. District Attorney.
3:00—Lucky Walter's Doghouse.
3:15—Orchestra.
3:30—Quick Silver.
3:45—Johnny Presents.
4:00—Orchestra.
4:15—Battle of the Sexes.
4:30—News.
4:45—Musical Contrasts.
5:00—March of Games.
5:15—Hay Harrington.
5:30—Orchestra.

KGW—TUESDAY—620 Kc.

7:00—Tentative Ensemble.
7:15—Trail Blazers.
7:30—News.
7:45—News.
8:00—Orchestra.
8:15—Hollywood Laff Club.
8:30—Ella Fitzgerald Orchestra.
8:45—Joe Reichman's Orchestra.
9:00—Newspaper of the Air.
9:15—Second Hand Melodies.
9:30—Johnny Casella Orchestra.
9:45—Tomorrow's News Tonight.
10:00—Variety.
10:15—Paul Pendergast Orchestra.
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"On the morning of the 24th the schooner Gold Beach left Crescent City with a volunteer company, whose design was to attack the Indians. They, too, were prevented from landing, and except at the fort the silence of death covered the whole country."

"When the facts of the outbreak came to light, it was ascertained that the Indians attacked no less than seven different points within 10 or 12 hours, and within a distance of 10 miles down the coast on the south side of the Rogue river, and also that a general fresh uprising occurred at the same time in other localities." (Comments on several items of the foregoing will come later in this series, aimed to give any interested reader a better understanding of the scenes and actors.) (Continued tomorrow.)

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David Burns - Gordon McLeod - Athene Seyler
— PLUS 2ND HIT —
Bobby Breen in
"Way Down South"
Starts Wednesday
Two Major Features
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Rebekahs Honor

Late Mrs. Riches

SILVERTON—The memory of Mary E. Riches, oldest member of the local Rebekah order, who was buried Thursday, was honored at this week's meeting of the Rebekahs at Silvertown when the charter was draped.

Mrs. A. C. Barber, noble grand, appointed committees to include flowers, Emma Adamson, Sylvia Allen, Mary Andrews, finance, Jessie Rains, Daisy King, Eliza Reed; reception, Myrtle Stewart, Laura Busch, Frances Gehrke; guard of the order, Alice Egan, Bertha Morley; resolutions, Frances Gourli, Mary Andrews, Pearl Amos; press, Alma Hemmingsen.

Plans were started for the initiation to be held in the near future.

SILVERTON—Ted Demos was elected captain of the Sons of the American Legion at its regular annual meeting. Other officers chosen are first lieutenant, Bob Morgan; second lieutenant, Tommy Morgan; adjutant, Raymond Hall; finance officer, Jimmy Jacqua; sergeant-at-arms, Vayle Dickerson; chaplain, Ray Elliott.

New School now Started, Mehama

MEHAMA—Building of the new school here is scheduled to commence Monday morning. The entire crew of workers from the Little North Fork road is to work on this job with a few from outside.

The Little North Fork project has been abandoned for the present.

Mrs. Giles Wagner gave a swimming party Friday in honor of her son Duane's birthday. Mrs. Willard Johnson and Mrs. Keith Phillips assisted. Those in attendance were Duane Wagner, Larry Lidgerwood, Peter and Danny Hughes, Aubrey Reid, Johnny Evans, Gerald Bland, Walter Johnson, LeRoy Bass, Jimmy Phillips, Gordon Kirsch, David Blum, and Gilbert and Dick Wagner.

Cousin on Leave From Naval Ship

SUVER—Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson on Sunday visited their cousin, Tyler Johnson, who is at Albany on leave from the US navy.

Miss Harriett Porter, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Wyn Dyer, left for Seattle Thursday. Mr. and Mrs. Carl Maier are building a new house on the farm of Mrs. Maier's father, W. Ivers, near Wells. Mr. Maier is the new blacksmith at Suver.

Marcell Dodele, Geraldine Dodele, and Emma Lou Kester are spending a week at Newport. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Goodman are the parents of an 8½-pound daughter, born at their home Sunday. This is the second child and daughter.

TOMORROW!

* Big Stage REVUE!

Featuring
BENITA FRANCIS
and Her Daring Gardenia Dance

ZANDRA
Recently starred in Earl Carroll's Vanities and Chez Paree Cafe in Chicago

DOLL DE JAGO
KING and ROCHE

RUBY RING
DIANE WINTON
Ignatz Cash and Elmer Van Don Bernard

ENDS TODAY
"FRONTIER MARSHALL"
with Randolph Scott
Nancy Kelly
Plus
Katherine Ellis
On the Stage

"BEHIND PRISON GATES"
with
BRIAN DONLEVY
Jacqueline WELLS
PAUL FIX

GRAND

LAST TIMES TODAY
R. Donat "GOODBYE MR. CHIPS"
PLUS - "MIRACLES FOR SALE"
ROBERT YOUNG

ELGINORE
SALEM'S LEADING THEATRE
Starts Wednesday - Two Hits!

BEHIND this MASK
... a man is imprisoned forever, so that a tyrant may live in false glory!

TOMORROW
Edward Small presents
THE ALEXANDER DOLAN CLASSIC

"THE MAN IN THE IRON MASK"
LOUIS starring JOAN
HAYWARD - BENNETT
with WARREN WILLIAM
JOSEPH SCHILDEBAUT
ALAN HALE
Directed by JAMES WHALE
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