

SPEED URGED ON FORECLOSURE BILL

MEIER PLANS MESSAGE TO LEGISLATORS

Governor Expected To Give Backing To Thomas Utility Plans

HOLMAN SPEAKS OUT

Says Executive Department Increases Expenses In Past Year

SALEM, Jan. 14.—(AP)—A special message touching upon the state's power program was expected to be delivered by Governor Julius J. Meier to the legislature Monday. The message will precede the introduction of the utilities commission's measure seeking a greater control on utilities and sweeping reforms in regulation.

The governor, it was authentically indicated today, would not deliver a biennial message to the legislature, but instead would present short special messages from time to time touching upon matters under consideration or about to be presented at these times.

May Support Thomas

A second special message was expected to be delivered later in the week on the state industrial accident commission. The exact nature of the latter could not be ascertained.

While it could not be learned what the governor's message Monday would contain, it was believed he would urge support of the seven-point program outlined in Commissioner Charles M. Thomas' suggestions for greater control. It was not known whether he would deliver the message in person or have it read in both houses of the legislature. "Thomas' bill was expected to be introduced in the senate bearing the signatures of about 10 legislators."

HOLMAN HAS SAY

PORTLAND, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Disclaiming any wish "to inject anything personal into the confusion now prevailing at Salem," Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, declared in a statement here last night that "it seems to me the administrative leaders involved with carrying out the will of the people should set an example in economy for the legislature to follow."

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Weather News:

The fog cleared away Friday night, giving way to a soft, warm rain, and the Oregonians were again in their element. The forecast:

OREGON: Generally cloudy tonight with light rain and snow showers; Sunday fair; moderate temperatures; diminishing northwesterly winds offshore.

LOCAL STATISTICS: Minimum temperature Saturday, 35 degrees. Maximum Friday, 45. Precipitation, .29 of an inch. Willamette river, 2.4 feet. Wind from southwest.

SLEW TIDES: Sunday, high, 2:30 a. m., 2:23 p. m.; low, 8:44 a. m., 9:05 p. m. Monday, high, 3:28 a. m., 3:42 p. m.; low, 9:33 a. m., 9:39 p. m. Tuesday, high, 4:05 a. m., 4:07 p. m.; low, 10:26 a. m., 10:18 p. m.

What! Can't A Guy Have Any Privacy Around This Joint?

NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Maxine Collins, age 2, got his bath, but it was not the fire department's doing. The bath began yesterday as a personal matter between mother and child. Mrs. Loretta Collins, after overruling the usual objections, had succeeded in getting Master Joe into the tub full of water.

In the excitement she forgot the gas. She told Joe to sit quietly in the tub while she went into another room to get it. She closed the door to prevent a draft—and the door snapped shut.

There was hardly anything to do but call the fire department. So Mrs. Collins did.

A gentleman at the other end asked where the fire was.

"Oh, there isn't any fire," replied Mrs. Collins. "It's Joe. He's taking a bath."

"Try good luck," replied the fireman.

"But he's locked in, and I can't get in," said the mother.

"Ah-h-h," frowned the fireman.

DEAD OR ALIVE?



Reports that Lee Schlesinger, Portland sportsman and merchant, had been seen in other cities and the receipt of letters asking ransom for his freedom are developments puzzling relatives and police officials after Schlesinger's supposed drowning at Vancouver, Wash., the night of December 28. This picture shows the missing man and his wife.

SCHOOL OF MINES WANTED BY MINERS

New Organization Seeks Re-establishment At State College

SALEM, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Re-establishment of an active bureau of mines and a school of mines at the state college were advocated by several hundred mining men gathered here today for a permanent organization of the scattered units throughout the state.

Purposes of the mining congress are to collect information relative to the nature and extent of the mineral resources of the state, Secretary E. G. Harlan of Eugene said. The organization also assists in publicity to attract capital for development purposes. There is no over-production of precious metals at present and there is need of an organization which will raise the standards of the industry and provide training for men interested in the various phases of mining, he said.

George Jennings of Eugene, president, called the meeting to order and Mayor Douglas McKay of Salem gave the address of welcome.

Senate Takes Up Philippines Bill At Once

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The senate agreed today to take up the Philippine independence bill immediately to decide whether it shall be passed over President Hoover's veto.

This was the last obstacle standing in the way of Philippine freedom, the house having voted 274 to 94 yesterday against sustaining the veto.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the democratic leader, presented the question, although it originally was intended to defer action until Monday.

Leaders agreed the vote would be close. Two-thirds majority is required to override a veto.

The president's veto message was read to the assembled senators by John Crockett, the reading clerk.

"This legislation," the message said, "puts both our people and the Philippine people, not on the road to liberty and safety, which we desire, but on the path leading to new and enlarged dangers to liberty and freedom itself."

SCHLESINGER NOTE BRANDED AS HOAX

Demand for \$30,000 Termed Work of Crank or Joker

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Detectives and police officials today declared that the \$30,000 ransom note received by Mrs. Lee Schlesinger of Portland in connection with the disappearance of her husband unquestionably were the work of a crank or a cruel joker.

"We place no credence whatever in these notes," said Harvey Thatcher, captain of detectives, after what he said was a thorough investigation.

Schlesinger's automobile was found in the Columbia river at Vancouver, Wash., Dec. 29. It had plunged from a dock at the end of a street the night before a few minutes after the young merchant and sportsman had left friends and started on his way to Portland. Detectives revealed that they had proved false in several particulars the story of two men who said they had seen a man jump from a speeding car as it headed for the dock at the foot of which Schlesinger's machine was recovered.

Manville, Prescott W. Cookingham, Schlesinger's personal attorney, who yesterday turned over the ransom note received through the mail by Mrs. Lee Schlesinger here, reiterated his statement that all information he has leads to the conclusion that Schlesinger accidentally drove his automobile off the dock and was drowned. He said he could find no basis for rumors that Schlesinger had been seen alive in various parts of the world.

The ransom note, police disclosed, was mailed from here January 3 and was received by Mrs. Schlesinger the day following. Written crudely in pencil and, police said, deliberately misspelled.

The note read: "Your husband is not dead. He was kidnapped and his car driven into the river. Leave \$30,000 in cash, not more than \$20 bills. Don't take no numbers of the bills and don't tell the police or your husband will be found in the river. Leave the money in a neat small package, back of the house on the 3rd step. The address of this house is 406 3rd street. (Bring no one). Have it there by Jan. 6."

"Follow instructions. You will get him back alive. If you watch your husband will die. Leave money. Come back in three days and search the house."

Winnie Makes Plea For Commutation

PHOENIX, Jan. 14.—(AP)—An application for commutation of her sentence to life imprisonment was filed by counsel for Winnie Ruth Judd with the Arizona board of pardons and paroles today. She is condemned to be hanged at the state prison Feb. 17 for the murder of Anne LeRoy.

En B. Orme, Sr., chairman of the board, after conferring with Arthur T. LaPrade, attorney general, and Herman Hendrix, superintendent of public instruction, who complete its membership, said the request for a hearing on the application had been granted. The time and date of the hearing will be announced later.

Dog Owners Given License Warning

Dog owners of the county were warned Saturday to get their dog licenses before March 1 by W. J. Wheeler, dog control officer. A penalty will be charged after that date.

Licenses are \$1 for male and spayed female dogs and \$1.50 for female dogs.

WINE BILL CITY EYED BY JRY SOLONS

Sheppard Maintains Three Per Cent Alcohol Is Nullification

TAX YIELD IS STUDIED

Senator Dill Claims Wine Inclusion To Raise Added Revenue

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Constitutionality of the newly drafted Collier-Blaine beer and wine bill was attacked by some of prohibition's defenders in congress today despite the expressed confidence of its authors that they have made the measure invulnerable against legal attack.

At the same time, democratic leaders began a study to determine how much additional revenue could be realized from the expansion of the bill to include wine as well as beer, both with a maximum alcoholic content of 3.05 per cent.

Nullification Charged

Continued opposition to the bill came from such leading supporters of prohibition as Senator Sheppard (R., Texas). Sheppard said he would make a fight against it contending that in his opinion the bill was still unconstitutional.

"If it proposes to legalize three per cent beer it is nullification," Sheppard said.

Other friends of prohibition, including Senators Borah (R., Ida.), and Robinson (R., Ind.), have indicated they would oppose the new measure. But many democrats were quick to predict the bill would be approved by congress and sent to President Hoover.

The chief executive has not announced his position, but many assert their belief he will veto it.

Revenue Eyed

The study to see how much revenue could be counted upon from legalization of light wine was undertaken by Senator Dill (D., Wash.), and Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, ranking democrat on the finance committee which will consider taxation features of the bill. Monday the full judiciary committee will meet to take it up and report to the senate.

Dill, who proposed inclusion of wine to the sub-committee, which redrafted the original house measure, predicted it would raise substantial additional revenue above the \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 forecast by the treasury from beer alone.

ENGINEER'S OFFICE EFFECTS SAVINGS

The engineering department of the city of Eugene was operated with a saving of \$1,037.93 from the budgeted amount for the year 1932, the annual report compiled by W. C. Chubb, engineer, revealed Saturday.

Expenses for the year were listed as \$8,426.07 against a budgeted \$9,464. leaving unexpended \$1,037.93.

The report shows that 144 extra men were given employment on streets, sewers and parks during the year with a total of \$3,129.20 being paid them for wages.

The report covering the activities of the airport indicated a total of 373 planes landing at the port during the year, the planes being classified as 206 commercial, 52 army and navy, and 75 mail planes.

Libby Would Have Charity Get Share

WILMINGTON, Del., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Libby Holman Reynolds is willing to relinquish all "but a modest sum" of her own and her baby's inheritance from the estate of Zachary Smith Reynolds if the rest is devoted to public uses, her father, Alfred Holman, announced here.

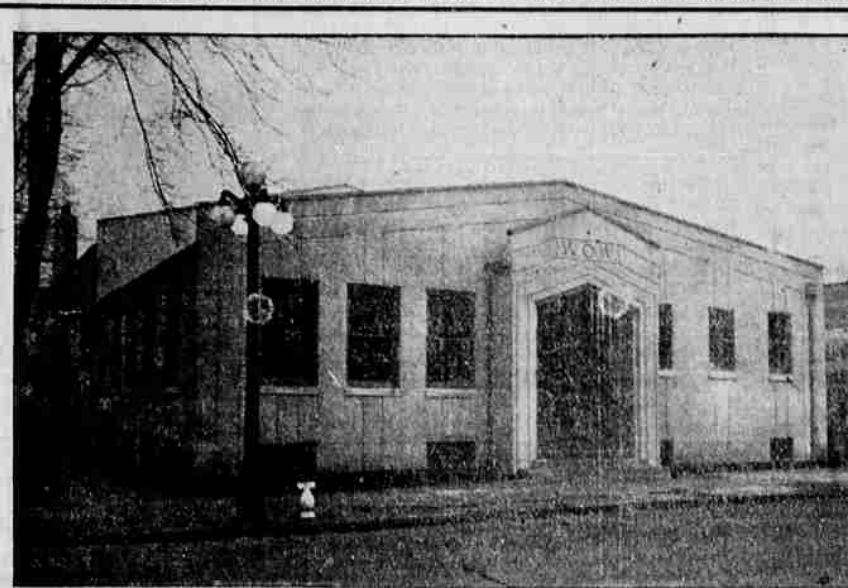
Estimating the sum involved at \$20,000,000, Holman suggested an endowment in memory of Smith Reynolds and his father, the tobacco millionaire. The fund would be used to "help her fellows, trapped in the labyrinth of economic disorder."

State Hospital Under Quarantine

SALEM, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The state hospital here was today still under the quarantine which the state board of control imposed January 3 and officials indicated it would remain thus for several more weeks.

Since the influenza epidemic started four patients and one employee have died.

W. O. W. HALL TO BE DEDICATED SATURDAY!



The new home of Eugene camp of Woodmen of the World to be dedicated Saturday evening by Peter Gilroy, head consul of the order, who is here from Denver, Colo., for the occasion. The new building, above, is one of the finest lodge homes in Eugene and is modern in every detail. It was erected with funds saved by the camp for that purpose over a period of years and replaces the old wooden building formerly owned and occupied by the Presbyterian church. The new building is located on the site of the old church at the corner of Eighth avenue west and Lincoln street. It is of concrete construction and was erected at a cost of approximately \$10,000.

Technocracy's Head Man Found Vague In Address Before Scientists, Bankers

By RAYMOND CROWLEY
NEW YORK, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Technocracy's head man, Howard Scott, had stirred up a new wave of controversy today as a result of his first formal discussion of the subject with some leading bankers and industrialists.

The New York Times said a survey of the audience which heard him last night at a Society of Arts and Sciences dinner showed that in general his hearers expressed skepticism, as well as disappointment at what they regarded as a "confused presentation."

Scott had said: "That social conditions would get worse and worse if present trends continued, and that unemployment would increase in this country to 20,000,000 within 18 months" unless steps were taken.

That "Not one single outstanding political or financial figure has come forward with any proposal that has one iota of usefulness in dealing with present day conditions."

Views Found Gloomy
That "There is nothing inherent in democracy, or the price system, that can deal with the problems in hand."

That "The more energy we consume per capita, the more is a change in control necessitated."

That America and Russia both have an "obsolete price system."

That "Technocracy has undoubtedly caused the strangest alignment in history"—the debt merchant and the communist being "down in the mud of the last ditch, fighting shoulder to shoulder."

Japanese forces which captured the Cantonhow pass through the great wall last week were said to have withdrawn to Chinchow, Manchuria, leaving a small garrison at the pass.

In Geneva members of the league of nations conciliation committee of nineteen gathered to formulate a course of procedure for its meeting on Monday. Meanwhile negotiations for a peaceful settlement at Shanghai were said to have made no progress.

New Fire Chief Has Big Time First Day

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Oliver Butts was given a fine large introduction to his job during his first day as Albany's fire chief.

First he was called to the home of City Councilman C. H. Wieder to extinguish a fire. Then he was called to his own home to put out another fire. He completed the day in an official way by extinguishing a blaze at the residence of V. L. Calavan, retiring mayor.

Edwina Booth, Film Star, Is Very Ill

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Suffering from the effects of a tropical fever she contracted in Africa while filming the motion picture, "Trader Horn," Edwina Booth, the woman star of the film, was reported today in a serious condition.

The actress' mother, Mrs. James Woodruff, said her daughter is nervously and physically exhausted.

Agents Investigate Burial Association

The Eugene Fire Insurance Agents' association backed an investigation before James H. Selon, deputy state insurance commissioner, Saturday of the Fraternal Benefit Society of Eugene in an attempt to have the society barred from doing business here.

According to the agents the society sells burial certificates on an insurance policy plan. They allege it has insufficient financial backing.

PLAN LOANS FOR PAYING BACK TAXES

R. F. C. Loans for Two Year Period Designed To Assist Farmers

MORTGAGES INCREASE

Steiner Says Plan Would Require Heavy Costs For Operation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The big push for legislation to keep the owners of mortgaged farms from losing their homes was started before the senate banking committee today by a demand by Senator Harrison (D., Miss.), for immediate action "if many in distress are to be relieved or saved."

He appeared as the first witness for a bill he has introduced to authorize the reconstruction corporation to loan the owner of a mortgaged home or farm property an amount sufficient to pay his taxes for two years.

Foreclosure Barred
The measure provides that no loan shall be made unless the mortgagee agrees not to foreclose his mortgage for two years from the date of the loan.

Harrison said before the hearing began it was his "impression" that the domestic allotment farm relief bill approved by the house would pass the senate.

The Mississippiian added that the senate and its agriculture committee probably would "work out some changes in it."

While the mortgage help bill is not limited to farm owners, Harrison said it is their plight which most imperatively demands relief.

Emergency Claimed
"The high purpose of the bill," he said, "is to give a breathing spell to the farmer so he can save his farm in being granted a moratorium on his debt for two years."

"Tax paying time is now on and if any relief is to be given it ought to be passed immediately."

"This is emergency legislation."

A reconstruction corporation report said the bill would "present a very large problem of organization and administration" and require "a large amount of funds."

On the question of policy, the corporation letter, signed by G. R. Cooksey, secretary, expressed no opinion but said:

"The enactment of the bill would see FORECLOSURE STORY PAGE 6"

DROWNED MAN IS FOUND IN SLEW

The body of Ted Fosberg, drowned in the Slew river Christmas night, was found Saturday morning, according to a report to state police.

It was found in the river near Mapleton, not far from the spot where his overturned rowboat was found Dec. 26 after Fosberg had rowed across the river to Mapleton. He was employed in a gravel quarry.

Coroner Charles P. Poole, Sergeant W. H. Mulvey of the state police and Deputy Sheriff George Canady went to Mapleton to get the body. Few particulars were given in the report to police headquarters here.

LATE NEWS FLASHES!

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 14.—(AP)—Colonel Bert K. Lawson will become police chief of Portland the day Mayor-elect Joseph K. Carson, assumes office, he announced today. Lawson, who has had 24 years of military training, was once warden of the state penitentiary.

LONDON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Captain W. J. Hope, who took off from St. Agnes, Air Force, this afternoon to search for Bert Hinkler, missing England to Australia, was forced by adverse weather to return a short while later. He planned to start again Sunday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(AP)—The bill to continue for a year and a half the moratorium on debts owed the government by federal irrigation districts was approved today by a joint house and senate irrigation committee.

BAKEVIEW, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff Alvin Holcomb of Lassen county, California, who has been held in jail here for three weeks pending a hearing on a charge of assault with intent to kill, pleaded guilty today to carrying a loaded and concealed revolver and was fined \$400 and costs. The complaint filed against Holcomb by Joe Moss, who was shot on Christmas eve on the Klamath-Lakeview highway, was dismissed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 14.—(AP)—James Marvin, 91, former clerk of the old Hallinan and Hallinan hotels, friend of Mark Twain, President Grant, and scores of other notables, died today of a heart attack. He is survived by his widow and one son.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 14.—(AP)—Jan Kubelik, the violinist, received injuries to the chest and several broken ribs today when his automobile collided with a truck, but he clung to his Stradivarius, which was not damaged. Kubelik's hands, insured for \$100,000, were not injured.