

MEIER ASKS CUT IN LOCAL TAXES

KIDNAP GANG NABS SCION AT DENVER HOME

Charles Boettcher Seized At Midnight and Held For Ransom

Note Thrust Into Hands Of Wife Who Witnesses Abduction

Denver, Colo., Feb. 13 (AP)—Anything under heaven was offered to his kidnapers for the safe return of Charles Boettcher, 2nd, young Denver capitalist, by his multi-millionaire relatives today.

"They can have anything I have," declared the social leader's grandfather, Charles Boettcher I, founder of Colorado's giant sugar and cement industries.

"I'll give anything under heaven for the return of my grandson," said the 79 year old man, quaking with excitement.

The kidnaped man's father, Claude K. Boettcher, also tremendously wealthy, shared the elder man's sentiments.

The beautiful wife of the missing man likewise offered to meet the kidnapers' demands for \$60,000 ransom.

DALLAS BLOCK RAZED BY FIRE

Dallas, Feb. 13.—Fire late Saturday night resulted in the loss of between \$10,000 and \$12,000 to five Dallas business houses at Oak and Main streets. All buildings were of frame construction. The occupants and owners carried around \$7,000 insurance.

The Dallas Steam Laundry, operated by A. W. Palmer and located in a building owned by William White, was the heaviest hit. It fronted on Oak street. White also owned the next building which was vacant and until a year ago was used by the county as a garage.

Russell Vashaw, operator of the Dallas Trading Post on the corner, the property owned by H. H. Hoot, had a loss of around \$3,000 with only \$600 insurance. Gilbert Witcraft, whose radio shop was located in the same building, reports a loss of approximately \$200. The Schneider jewelry store's loss is chiefly damage by water. The rest of the buildings, partially destroyed, were owned by the J. A. Lynch estate.

Palmer is operating a "pick-up" service for his customers, including the hotels and hospital, and with others is looking for a new location. Spread of the blaze was prevented by prompt action by the volunteer fire department and the fact that there was an absence of wind. Adjacent buildings are of brick or concrete.

ROOSEVELT DELAYS ARRIVAL IN MIAMI

Miami, Fla., Feb. 13 (AP)—President-elect Roosevelt will delay his arrival here until late Wednesday night, a message received today from the yacht Nourmahal said.

The message, given by Vincent Astor, host of Mr. Roosevelt, read: "Northern Eleuthera.

"This is a fine place and we are staying on for the day. Fishing plans may delay arrival until later Wednesday evening. Just because we are all well does not mean that you all are. How about it?"

This word was addressed to Marvin H. McIntyre, secretary to the president-elect at the Roosevelt base here.

COTTON SAVES LIFE OF LOS ANGELES BOY

Los Angeles, Feb. 13 (AP)—Five-year-old Raymond Wilkinson, Jr., ate chicken and ice cream today, happy in the thought he could turn up his nose at spinach from now on.

A diet of spinach and cotton was prescribed after Raymond had swallowed a small, opened pocket knife last Monday. The cotton, wrapping itself around the blade, kept it from cutting as the knife passed through the boy's digestive system. Yesterday the ordeal came to an end and Raymond returned home from the hospital, completely recovered.

The cotton saved the boy from a major operation, physicians said.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper
By DON UPJOHN

The guy who says "Good Morning" to you on mornings like these is either an optimist or weather proof.

We understand Officer Orey Coffey has had his uppers removed and is getting ready to file his application for junior membership in the P. T. & B. A. "With so many of the other boys in the association I kinda felt like an outsider," said Orey. The boys are fixing up a warm welcome for their newest member.

THE MODERN THIRD DEGREE

Chief Criminal Deputy Newell Williams scored a big best in cleaning up the nefarious Marion county chicken ring and its cohorts and in securing pleas of guilty from the boys. It was such a signal victory we prowled around a little and found out how he got these hard boiled boys to open up. After the arrest, so we're told, Newell took the boys for a ride in the country, and finding an isolated spot, lined them up, all handcuffed, in front of a rail fence.

"Now you guys," said Newell, "We want the lowdown on this chicken stealing business. And if you don't cough up, you know what I'ma goin' to do. I'ma goin' to croon to you right here and now if youse guys don't come through."

"O, please, Mr. Williams," the culprits are reported as saying in unison, "O, please, Mr. Williams, don't do that. We'll admit anything, anything, if you'll just let us go back to jail without crooning at us." And so that's the way Newell put 'em over.

We understand that Newell was prepared to take even more desperate measures if necessary. Had the boys held out even in the face of Newell's crooning, the diabolical plot was to take them out in the country again and have the whole doggone quartette croon at 'em.

At any rate, landing the chicken thieves was a big coupe for Newell.

FATS AND OILS CUT FROM BILL

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—The senate agriculture committee today eliminated from the domestic allotment farm relief bill a five cent per pound tariff on imported fats and oils, but failed to reach a decision on any other provision.

Senator Bankhead, democrat, Oklahoma, brought up his proposal to substitute for the allotment features of the bill, in respect to cotton, a plan for restriction of production of the staple to a specific percentage each year by means of a prohibitory tax on all over the prescribed amount, but no action was taken.

The committee also failed to act on the proposal of its chairman, Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, for striking out the bill's acreage control and price "parity" features. These matters will be taken up at the next meeting.

Discussion of the duty the house bill provided on fats and oils as a protection for dairy products occupied most of the two hour committee session, although dairy products were stricken from the bill on Saturday along with hogs, tobacco, rice and peanuts.

BANKS AND HALL BOTH INDICTED

Medford, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—L. A. Banks, publisher of the Medford Daily News, and Leonard Hall, publisher of the Jacksonville Miner, were each indicted on charges of criminal libel late Saturday by the Jackson county grand jury.

At the same time a not true bill was returned for Banks on a charge of criminal libel preferred by M. O. Wilkins, Banks' erstwhile attorney.

Both were at liberty on \$1,000 bond each.

Banks was indicted on an editorial in which he charged Constable George Prescott was a bandit. Hall was indicted on an editorial charging Banks with embezzlement in connection with a fruit deal in which he acted as agent for other fruit growers.

Disastrous Floods Follow Earthquake In Chinese Provinces

Peiping, Feb. 13 (AP)—Disastrous floods were reported today to be threatening two provinces of China, one of which was still crushed by the effects of an earthquake which according to some estimates took 70,000 lives.

Wholesale destruction of life by flood was feared in the distant inland provinces of Kansu, where the earthquake occurred last December. Shantung province, on the Yellow sea, also was threatened, ice flows from mountain gorges sending the Yellow river level rapidly upward. Dykes already were reported crumbling in Shantung and coolies were working desperately to rebuild them before the water rose too high.

The first official, but wholly incomplete report from the Kansu province earthquake to the headquarters of the China International famine relief, brought by foreigners traveling by camel, said 800 houses had been destroyed in mountain villages and towns. The first list of casualties was 280 dead and 300 injured, many seriously but this did not begin to show the full extent of the quake.

The earthquake was reported to have rocked the entire Kansu plateau for a radius of 100 miles.

Kansu's population is estimated at 6,000,000. Foreigners who brought first news of the disaster said the earthquake destroyed scores of villages and towns.

Brain Entered To Find Blood Clot In Schaaf

New York, Feb. 13 (AP)—Surgeons today performed what was described as a successful operation on Ernie Schaaf, injured Boston boxer, to remove a blood clot from the base of the brain.

A formal statement said that a localized hemorrhage had been removed and that after the operation Schaaf moved his left arm, which had been paralyzed.

The statement said that although the operation, which required over three hours, was successful Schaaf's condition was critical and would remain so for at least 24 hours.

New York, Feb. 13 (AP)—An operation requiring almost three hours was performed on Ernie Schaaf, injured Boston boxer, today in an effort to remove a blood clot from the base of the brain. No word was immediately forthcoming as to the result.

Schaaf was taken into the operating room at 12:30 and it was not until 3:40 p.m. that he was brought out.

THOMAS TO FIX SALARY SCALE

Proponents of a senate bill would empower the utilities commissioner to fix salaries of subordinates in his department, on final passage today, charged with inconsistency the senators who opposed the bill but who last week fought for the increased powers to the commissioner.

The bill passed after a half-hour's debate.

Several senators who fought for the seven-point bill opposed the salary bill on grounds that the commissioner intended to raise the pay of two subordinates.

Senator Zimman was an exception among this group. He and Senator Upton took the stand that the secretary of the commission should be paid on a parity with the secretary to the governor, the deputy secretary of state and the deputy state treasurer.

With passage of the bill Senator Upton withdrew a bill introduced by himself on the same subject.

To avoid the possibility of initiative and referendum ballot titles being upset while petitions are being circulated is the purpose of a bill that passed the senate whereby the ballot titles would be replaced by the supreme court instead of the attorney general. As soon as preliminary petitions were filed with the secretary of state he would refer the bill to the supreme court, which would be required to report back the bill.

EXCLUDE RAILS IN DEBTORS BILL

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—The senate judiciary committee today favorably reported a bankruptcy reorganization bill to apply at this time only to individual and farm debtors and leaving railroad and other corporate relief for the next congress.

Committee men said that while there was general agreement that railroad reorganization and other corporate debt adjustment was needed, inclusion of these sections in the legislation would endanger passage at this session.

The measure reported is a substitute for the bill recently passed by the house covering individual and farm debtors and railroad and other corporations.

Chairman Norris of the full committee expressed hope the partial bill could be approved at this session.

MEIER'S FIREPLACE SMOKES UP CAPITOL

The legislature is not the only thing that sometimes smokes Governor Meier. This morning when the governor lit a fire in his new-relined fireplace, the only one in the statehouse, it refused to function.

Before long the executive's office was filled with smoke. It soon filtered out into the lobby, causing visitors to think the state capitol was on fire.

ASKS GUARANTEE OF BANK DEPOSITS

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—Federal guarantee of bank deposits to restore the nation's credit structure was recommended to the senate finance committee today by C. C. Teague, president of the California state chamber of commerce, and former member of the farm board.

INFORM LEAGUE JAPAN TO STAY IN MANCHURIA

Chinese Plan Recall of Envoy to Tokio In Case Of Drive

America Accused of Aiding China — Plan To Slam Manchuria Door

(By the Associated Press)

Soon after Japan informed the league of nations today that it was adamant in its determination to preserve the Manchukuo government in Manchuria a spokesman for the Chinese national government hinted that the Chinese minister to Tokyo would be withdrawn in the event the Japanese started a drive in the adjoining Chinese province, Jehol.

The Chinese spokesman, T. V. Soong, acting premier and finance minister, said he did not "see the use of keeping a minister in Tokyo if there should be a drive on Jehol, as obviously diplomatic measures would be of no avail." He replied "This matter is of no consequence," when asked if China were likely to declare war on Japan but added "any attack on Jehol would be just like an attack on Nanking and would be met by the force of the entire nation."

Chinese dispatches said their forces resisting a Japanese offensive into Jehol province were hard pressed in the vicinity of the city of Chaoyang. Seven thousand Japanese troops were reported to have entered the province.

TRIBUTE PAID TO A. LINCOLN

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 13 (AP)—The abiding, immutable spirit of Abraham Lincoln lived again in the old haunts of his boyhood as a distressed nation paused to reverently mark the 124th anniversary of his birth.

Statesmen, priests, the clergy and commoners joined here in paying tribute to the Civil War president.

Two governors, a celebrated judge, an Italian prince and an Episcopal minister assembled at the great emancipator's tomb in profound respect. Pilgrims from surrounding states came to Oak Ridge cemetery and to visit other historic spots here closely associated with Lincoln's youth and the days when he was a struggling attorney.

In Sangamon circuit court room, a small group of the Abraham Lincoln association met today to hear Dr. James Fort Newton of St. James church, Philadelphia, extol the Civil War president as a "high priest of humanity." Last night, Gov. Clyde L. Herring of Iowa, Gov. Henry Horner of Illinois, Federal Judge James Wilkerson of Chicago and Prince Spada, Roman, member of the Italian senate, were principal figures at a Lincoln memorial meeting.

Special services were held at Lincoln's tomb. A floral wreath from President Hoover was laid beside the sarcophagus.

SHULER LOSES FIGHT FOR BROADCASTING

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—The supreme court today refused to reconsider its recent action declining to pass upon the refusal of the federal radio commission to grant a new license to the radio station KOPF of the Methodist church, South, at Los Angeles, over which the Reverend Robert P. Shuler broadcasts.

Shuler, who was defeated last fall for election to the senate, broadcast addresses objectionable to members of the Catholic church and numerous other persons. They protested against a renewal of the license and won.

LITTLE GIRL DIES IN AUTO ACCIDENT

The Dalles, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Patricia Walker, 5 months old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Walker of Bend, was killed instantly Sunday when a car in which she was a passenger with her parents skidded and overturned five miles south of Maupin. The child's head was crushed.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Townsend and daughter, also of Bend, were in the car. Townsend suffered head injuries while his daughter received a broken ankle. The deceased victim was the basis of any road to recovery, and outlining new plans for farm relief.

Other suggestions advanced by the

Jackson County Air Full Of Syndicalism Says Judge Norton

Medford, Feb. 13 (AP)—The grand jury and citizenry of Jackson county was taken to task for "complacency in the face of open and notorious defiance of the courts and the law," by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton in a lecture to the grand jury Saturday in connection with the indictment of L. A. Banks, editor of the Morning News, and Leonard Hall, editor of the Jacksonville Miner.

Banks and Hall were indicted for criminal libel. They are political enemies and have been active in the political warfare and sharp-shooting that has been raging here for weeks.

Judge Norton declared the citizens and the grand jury have been negligent in their duty in allowing the Jackson county turmoil to continue as it has.

"Willful and flagrant propaganda has been spread," he said, "and there have been charges that the grand jury was hog-tied and hamstringed by the court and the district attorney."

Banks had declared the grand jury had been interfered with. This was denied by William Grieve, foreman. The Banks' organization has for months been trying to force the resignation of George A. Coddling.

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FORT EXPLAINS LOAN PROPOSAL

Portland, Ore., Feb. 13 (AP)—Franklin Fort, chairman of the central home loan bank board, met here today with directors of the 11th district home loan bank, with headquarters in Portland, in an effort to spur organization of the institution. Fort arrived today from Spokane with Frank Mac Williams, chairman of the board of the 11th district bank.

"The Portland branch and the New England branch are the laggards in the home loan bank system," Fort said, "because state laws prevent institutions buying central bank stock. Wyoming is the only one of six states in your 11th district not prevented by statute from participation in the federal institution."

"I am happy to say," he continued, "that so far not a single state legislature has refused to pass this enabling legislation. I understand an enabling act is now before the Oregon assembly."

Fort explained the federal home loan bank act placed \$75,000,000 at disposal of 12 district banks for discounts of first mortgages on homes. Portland bank was allotted \$6,000,000 of this money.

MANEUVERS AT SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, Feb. 13 (AP)—Airplane activity over San Francisco Bay and other important key points of the Pacific coast formed the only evidence today of mock war maneuvers on the Pacific.

While various units of the Pacific defending fleet steamed about seeking the "enemy" that was known to be advancing toward the coast, air forces patrolled this area.

Naval authorities declined to issue reports concerning developments at sea, where a "major clash" between opposing fleets was believed to be impending. All activities of the defending forces were kept secret. The navy would take no chances on letting invaders learn the whereabouts of the defenders.

Consequently, few radio messages have reached shore, and lack of reports indicated the two fleets had not yet established contact.

Attacking forces, after having theoretically captured Hawaii, were known to have started toward the mainland, with cruisers, destroyers and two airplane carriers, determined to strike swiftly and without too much advance warning.

The attack, it was figured, might occur at any point from Puget Sound to San Diego. And it was the task of defenders to find the mock invaders somewhere on the broad Pacific and prevent them from reaching the coast.

REFUSE TO SANCTION PROHIBITION BILL

The house committee on legislation and rules, by which all bills submitted for introduction after the 20th day of the session, this noon refused to sanction the introduction of a bill by Representative Johnson, under the terms of which all local and state police officers would be directed to enforce the federal prohibition laws.

Representative Johnson had previously announced that if the committee refused to sanction introduction of the bill in the house it would be introduced in the senate, where there are no time limits on the introduction of new bills.

Economic Recovery Plan Given Committee By Bernard M. Baruch

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—A broad, far-reaching program for world economic recovery, based on balanced budgets and sound money was laid before the senate finance committee today by Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the war industries board.

Baruch, a close advisor of President Hoover and President-elect Roosevelt, was the first witness as the committee opened its investigation of the nation's economic ills in the hope of finding a road to recovery.

The gray haired financier read a long prepared statement to the committee opposing all forms of inflation, insisting that sound money was the basis of any road to recovery, and outlining new plans for farm relief.

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LOCAL BODIES URGED TO CUT OFFICIALS PAY

In Special Message, Governor Asks 5 to 30 Percent Slash in Payrolls

Example of Legislature For State Should be Followed Locally

Following close on the heels of his radio address from Portland last night in which he espoused some form of a sales tax, with the proceeds divided between the state and the counties, as a means of relieving the tax burden upon real property Governor Julius L. Meier today urged closer state control over local tax levying bodies, and recommended extension of the state salary reduction scale to the employees of cities and counties in the state.

The recommendations were contained in a special message to the legislature, which charged that while the theory of local control over taxes and obligations is consistent with the theory of democracy "the fact nevertheless remains that such an expression of democracy is frequently the expression of a tight little bureaucracy, as the controlling force are often those in official position or small groups of interested propagandists having influence."

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TARIFF BOOST KILLED IN HOUSE

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—A democratic majority bowed tightly by a party caucus smothered under a 212 to 174 vote in the house today the last republican chance to get consideration at this session of legislation to raise tariffs to offset depreciations in foreign currencies.

The ballot was on a motion to take from the ways and means committee the Commerce bill for automatic increases in duties against depreciated currency countries. Both parties had conferred on the issue, with republicans agreeing to support it and democrats to oppose.

Only three democrats—Hill of Washington, Martin of Oregon and Connelly of Massachusetts—left party ranks to vote with the minority.

Fifteen republicans and Kvale, the farmer-laborite, voted with the democrats. They were:

Amle, Christgau, Gilchrist, Guyer, Hoch, Hoar, Morton D. Hull, LaGuardia, Lambertson, McGugin, Nelson of Wisconsin, Peavey, Schneider, Sparks and Stafford.

PONTIFF TO CREATE SIX NEW CARDINALS

Vatican City, Feb. 13 (AP)—Pope Pius will create six new cardinals, one from North America, at a secret consistory March 13, it was announced today.

The creations will raise the membership of the sacred college to 58. The new cardinals are the Most Rev. Pietro Fumasoni-Biondi, Italian, at present apostolic delegate to Washington; Archbishop Jean-Marie Rodriguez of Montreal, Quebec, Canada; and Archbishop Angelo Dolci, papal nuncio to Bucharest.

It also was announced today that Fumasoni-Biondi would be appointed prefect of the propaganda office, known unofficially as the "red pope."

9 KILLED, 40 INJURED IN GERMAN RIOTS

Berlin, Feb. 13.—Clashes between Nazis and Communists left nine dead and 4 injured over the weekend. Several of the injured were expected to die.

The most serious fight occurred at Eilenburg, Saxony, where two Nazis were killed and 12 communists wounded. Little hope was held for recovery of four of the injured. Nazis stormed a building housing a communist bookshop, from which the Nazis charged, communists opened fire on a Nazi parade.

HOOPER TO SPEAK

Washington, Feb. 13 (AP)—President Hoover left by train this afternoon for New York, where tonight he will deliver a Lincoln day address. Among those who accompanied him was Walter Newton, a secretary.