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—Byron

## "Applied Christianity"

The legislature deeply sympathizes with the farmer and home owner unable to meet interest or principal on his mortgage and movements for a moratorium are underway. These loans carry interest charges of from 6 to 8 percent. Yet no sympathy at all is expressed for the laborer or unemployed who have to pay as high as 300 percent a year on small loans secured by chattel mortgage on their furniture and fixtures or other meager possessions.

The state farm mortgage adjustment committee is working for the amelioration of the condition of farm debtors for extension of loans, readjustment of interest rates, etc., on the theory announced by Chariman O. M. Plummer, "just a little applied Christianity—that's our goal", but the "applied Christianity" of the house of representatives is all in behalf of the loan sharks that Jesus scourged from the temple.

The net results of the effort to curb usury, was the reduction of interest rates on pawnbroker's loans from three to two and a half percent a month. Yet pawnbrokers are the least obnoxious of the loan sharks and their rates less than those of so-called companies that flourish by exploiting the poor. The representatives refused to lower interest rates on loans of \$30 or less to 10 percent a month, though no one, even in prosperous times can pay 120 percent a year interest and survive. The bill to limit interest rates on all loans up to \$300, to two and one-half percent a month was killed as was the bill to reduce the limit for three percent a month loans from \$800 to \$300, and that reducing interest rates on monthly balances of loans on autos from three to two and a half percent on sums of \$500 or less.

Representative Hannah Martin of Marion asserted that 3 percent monthly rates were unconscionable and that it was "common gossip that a strong lobby, with ample money had worked against the bills." A similarly well financed lobby two years ago put over the legislation that makes Oregon a mecca for loan sharks. Representative Paulus, also of Marion, was the chief defender of the usurers—a record of "applied Christianity" his constituency should be proud of.

## Peruna for Depression

A United States senate committee evolved the bright idea of summoning 250 or more of the "best minds" of finance, industry, law, economics, technocracy, labor, etc., to give their individual formulas for the cure of depression and restoration of prosperity. The result thus far has been a curious hodge-podge of conflicting ideas and suggestions that proves that the best minds know little more about the subject than the man on the street. On only one subject are the majority in agreement—the balancing of the budget, but even on the method there is disagreement.

John W. Davis, democratic nominee for the presidency in 1924, declined the senate invitation to set the world aright as beyond him, saying:

As the depression is not due to any single cause, unless it be human folly, I am sure it cannot be cured by any single remedy. I have long since ceased to believe in governmental miracles or legislative cure-alls. To my mind the most helpful thing congress can do is to devote itself to the obvious things that lie close at hand, trusting the future for itself and guidance.

This would seem to blow-up the grandiose scheme of providing a peruna for depression. There is nothing logical about humanity or government that reflects it and there are too many variables to be considered to provide a simple solution. It is folly to attempt it.

Congress should, as Mr. Davis says, confine itself "to the obvious things that lie close at hand," among which he mentions four, budget, beer, war debts and tariffs—things which congress has so far failed to touch. While these revisions would not end the depression, each would contribute something to relief.

There seems some suspicion that the senate has summoned these best minds really to exonerate itself by showing that congress is no more at sea than the captains of industry and finance, and thus restore some of its lost prestige. But on the other hand, it is easier to listen to 250 witnesses than it is to go to work on the obvious.

## Another Fool Bill

One of the fool measures pending in the senate, already passed by the house, is H. B. 148 relating to the practice of dentistry and forbidding dental advertising. It would seem that once a dentist has qualified and been licensed, his ethics were a matter for himself and the dental profession and not the province of the state.

The bill provides that any dentist may have his license revoked or suspended for

Making use of any advertising statements of a character tending to deceive or mislead the public; advertising professional superiority or the performance of professional services in a superior manner; advertising prices for professional service; advertising by means of large display, glaring signs, or containing as a part thereof the representation of a tooth, teeth, bridge work, or any portion of the human head; employing or making use of advertising solicitors or free publicity agents; or advertising any free dental work or free examination; or advertising to guarantee any dental service or to perform any dental operation painlessly.

There would seem to be ample safeguards in the present law, which provides that any dentist may have his license revoked for "the advertisement of dental business or treatment or devices in which untruthful and misleading, improbable or impossible statements are made."

This would seem to supply safeguards enough, for the public is already protected from untruthful and misleading advertising. Fraudulent statements can be controlled through existing legal methods and through the better business bureaus. The proposed law will prevent dentists who desire to use proper and effective advertising for their profession and business from so doing.

It is doubtful if the bill is constitutional for it is class legislation and an infringement of personal rights and privileges.

### TEACHERS LAID UP

Silverton—Miss Edna Spenker dean of girls at the local high school and Miss Mildred Wharton, junior high school instructor, have both been ill with ptomaine poisoning

Miss Wharton was unable to attend her classes Monday. Mrs. H. B. Wells substituted for her. Miss Mary Sinclair, commercial instructor in the senior high school, is also ill. Mrs. Frank Powell substituted for her Monday.

## Shooting the Works!

—By Talburt



Wash. Daily News

## The National Whirligig

News Behind the News  
By Paul Mallon

Washington—The British did a somersault on the Manchurian question recently. They suddenly stopped trying to block action by the League of Nations and joined hands with those who would slap Japan on the wrist. The conversion may be permanent.

An underlying reason was that the Chinese press was getting belligerently anti-British. The vernacular editors harked their nose-thumbing at the Japanese and turned their widespread fingers on Sir John Simon. He had been penning around Geneva to prevent anti-Japanese action. The British could not stand for that. They have commercial interests in China which far outweigh their peace interests in the Pacific. They own the better part of the Yangtze Valley, Hongkong, Shanghai and Tientsin. It did not take them long to figure that they had better change sides.

It is quite obvious that London ordered Sir John to negotiate the change of front. Action was presumably taken by the British cabinet. The instigator was Premier MacDonald. Until then he had led the cabinet faction favoring Japan have its own way.

The change does not mean that anything important will be done to Japan. It means that a show of doing something will be staged to pacify China. And it also means that Asian precedents will be laid down carefully for use when Hitler gets going strong.

Admiral Pratt did not fit when he said he was keeping the American fleet in the Pacific another year for reasons of economy. He just meant economy of words in our Far Eastern policy not economy in money.

Latest official confidential reports from Japan indicate anti-American feeling has NOT diminished even though you seldom hear about it in news dispatches. The best qualified Japanese sources here say Japan will surely withdraw from the League if the decision there goes against them. That will be only a psychological important. Under League rules her resignation would NOT become effective until two years after its submission.

The new deal may include a naval building program. The first feeler toward that has been put out by Floor Leader Rainey in the house. He wrote Secretary of Navy Adams asking how much it would cost to build up to our treaties. Adams gave him an extensive reply.

There are other indications that Roosevelt feels the next step toward disarmament is for us to build some ships. Then our competitors will be more willing to disarm.

It is a Mills family secret that Treasury Secretary Ogden O. must spend two weeks of every year in California. The stipulation was made in his father's will. That is one of the main reasons he is going home with Mr. Hoover. He got in the two weeks last year during the campaign.

Apparently his father thought

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highly of the California sunshine. They say he might have also specified Florida except that only democrats were allowed there then.

It is the weather and not the Chinese which is holding the Japs back in Jehol right now. That is why you have seen few dispatches regarding Japanese military activities. They use water-cooled machine guns and tanks which cannot operate efficiently in sub-zero temperature.

Democrats in congress are already beginning to split into blocs. Inflationists are one group working ardently to kill the Roosevelt economy program. They think the way to future success lies in the opposite direction. They know government cuts will postpone the day of their dreams.

A senator is supposed to have told Sergt.-at-Arms Barry how he could have slipped off scott-free. He suggested Barry write a confidential letter to each of the 96 senators announcing that he would tell all he knew. The senator promised there would not be a quorum present to vote on the Barry case. You are supposed to laugh at that. It is a joke, not a fact.

President Wilson's former physician, Dr. Cary Grayson, is the one who has kept Senator Glass wavering about acceptance of the treasury post. They are good friends. Dr. Grayson is not exactly pleased with the senator's physical condition. He has the approval of the Glass family in arguments he has made.

They trouble with the Senate in the Barry case was that the men who live by criticizing others can't take it themselves. After hearing all the charges they heap upon their enemies and each other you would be surprised to learn how thin-skinned they actually are, particularly to press an editorial criticism. . . . Senator Borah is an exception. . . . He believes those who live by the sword should expect to die by it and once said: "In the verbal encounters of this world, I am willing to undertake my own defense—courts are too busy and too slow." . . . Congressman Ludlow, author of the current book attacking Federal Bureaucracy, introduced a bill the very first day he came to congress proposing to make it a federal offense to put lead slugs in slot machines.

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## REAL LIFE FILM NEXT OFFERING; STANWYCK DUE

Contending once again that the masses must have shows which come within the realm of their own every day experiences, First National again enters the cinema lists with a "down-to-earth", "life-as-it-is-lived" candidate for screen fame. The entry is "Employees Entrance," featuring Warren William, Loretta Young, the "coming-back" Alice White, and Wallace Ford, which is coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to the Warner Bros. Capitol theater.

Concerned principally with executives and more important employees, "Employees Entrance" stages a panoramic view of the thousands engaged in securing their livelihood from a large city's largest department store, doing business by the hundred million dollars a year. "Employees Entrance" also lists, in its cast, the buyers, models, clerks and secretaries, portrayed variously by Loretta Young, and Alice White, who appears on the screen for the first time in two years, Frank Reicher, Ruth Donnelly, Marjorie Gatensohn, Zita Moulton, Charles Selton, Allen Jenkins, and others.

The staging of an attempted prison "break" forms an unusually thrilling sequence in the Warner Bros. picture, "Ladies They Talk About," starring Barbara Stanwyck, which opens at Warner Bros. Eads-nor theater Wednesday.

The story is a realistic picture of life in the women's ward of San Quentin prison, with a glowing romance involving the infatuation of a fighting evangelist for the girl bandit. The screen play by Sydney Sutherland and Brown Holmes is based on the play by Dorothy Mackay and Carlton Miles. It pictures the experiences of Miss Mackay when a prisoner in "San Quentin," where she was sent after the tragic death of her husband.

Others in the cast include Preston S. Foster, Lyle Talbot, Dorothy Burgess, Lillian Roth, Maude Eburne, Harold Huber and Ruth Donnelly.

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## RELIEF BOARD ORGANIZES TO SPEED PROGRAM

Members of the state-wide relief committee appointed recently by Governor Meier under an act of the present legislature, met all day to consider various problems having to do with the general relief program. Raymond Wilcox of Portland, chairman, presided.

The committee endorsed the food conservation program and the efforts of the Oregon building congress to create work for the unemployed through self liquidating projects. It was recommended that each of the county committees include one woman.

F. C. Croxon presented a letter authorizing the use of reconstruction finance corporation funds in providing garden seed for the registered unemployed. Wilcox said that while the committee had requested additional federal funds to cover relief demands for March and April he was not in a position to divulge the amount of money involved until the application has been acted upon in Washington.

Considerable thought is now being given to the selection of the county committees, Wilcox declared. He said these committees would be composed of seven members, three of whom will be selected by the county courts. The remaining four members will be appointed by the governor. Wilcox declared that the relief committee would cooperate with the governor in selecting these persons.

There is rather too much complacency in the thought that having passed house bill No. 169, providing for a small appropriation for the expenses of the state relief committee, that five or six million dollars or any other large amount can be definitely counted upon from the reconstruction finance corporation," Wilcox continued.

"There is no definite assurance that this money can be obtained and there still remains the obligation of the state to the unemployed. The state relief committee repeats its former recommendation that there be included in any revenue bill passed by this legislature a reasonable per cent for unemployment relief," the committee announced.

## DRUM CORPS TO RESUME DRILLING

After a rest of a few months, the national championship drum corps of Capital Post No. 9 American Legion, will get back into the harness March 1 to get itself in shape for the season which includes the state convention in Klamath Falls and the national convention in Chicago early in the fall. Rudy Schultz, director and instructor, will come here from Portland at this time for full time instruction. It was announced at a meeting of the post Monday night.

Membership continues to be a problem and two teams will be placed in the field under the direction of Allan Carson, post commander and William Bilven, post adjutant. All past post commanders and adjutants have been requested to meet Wednesday evening in Bilven's office at the Masonic temple building to outline plans for the drive.

Appointment of a speakers' bureau, to provide speakers for patriotic and other occasions was authorized Monday night and the personnel will be made public in a few days by Commander Carson. Veterans of Foreign Wars were special guests at the post meeting with a varied musical program a feature of the evening.

REVIVAL CAMPAIGN OPENS Independence—Revival meetings began at the Baptist church Monday evening with Rev. W. Earle Cochran of the Calvary Baptist church of Salem as evangelist. Special music will be given each evening by a chorus choir. A good attendance is desired.

BOHANNON VERY ILL Independence—J. S. Bohannon is critically ill at his home in this city.

The picture was directed by Howard Bretherton and William Keighley.

## POLICE CARS TO SECURE RADIOS

Installation of the short wave broadcasting station and the equipping of six police cars with receivers will be completed within the next 10 days, Chief of Police Frank Minto stated today. The equipment was assured Monday night when the city council appropriated \$300 out of the emergency fund with which to match \$400 raised by the police department. The total of \$700 will not entirely finance the transmitter and receivers but the balance is expected to be available by the time the set has been installed. One substantial donation from a business firm has been promised Chief Minto while others are expected to follow.

The value of radio in handling crime was emphasized Monday by Chief L. V. Jenkins of Portland during a talk before the Salem chamber of commerce. He said the running time of traffic cars in answering calls had been cut from 30 minutes under the old system to a fraction of a minute through the use of radio.

Installation of radio cars here will make it possible to put an additional traffic officer on the street during the day, Chief Minto states.

## PEDDLER'S BILL TO BE SAFEGUARDED

Fears that international complications would result from a clause in a peddler's bill now before the house agricultural committee, were dispelled when the committee today announced it had stricken the provision from the measure.

It would have provided a \$100 a year tax on Oriental farmers, while taxing white truck-gardeners only \$1 a year. The measure is intended to regulate dumping of garden products into the state by growers from other states.

On account of strained relations between Japan and the United States, the Portland chamber of commerce attacked the clause because it would drive Japanese gardeners out of business in Oregon, they said.

EVANS VALLEY HELPS Victor Point—A group of entertainers from the Evans Valley community will visit the Victor Point Parent-Teachers' meeting Friday night and will assist with the program being arranged by Mrs. M. M. Gilmour and committee.

## PLAN TO RELIEVE FARM DEBTORS ON MORTGAGES

Portland, Feb. 21 (AP)—Operating on the theory of "applied Christianity" and on the premise that many mortgages can be re-written at a lower rate of interest to the benefit of both mortgagor and mortgagee, the state mortgage adjustment committee met in conference here Monday to forestall such a situation as has developed in the middle west.

The purpose of the organization is to effect amicable agreements between farmers threatened with mortgage foreclosures, and mortgage holders. Forty volunteer workers from Columbia, Clackamas, Clatsop, Hood River, Washington, Yamhill and Multnomah counties met in the conference.

A similar meeting was set for today at Medford, and one will be held Thursday at Arlington, and Friday at Baker.

"Just a little applied Christianity, that's our goal," said O. M. Plummer, chairman of the committee. "It will be a case of getting the borrower and the lender together and doing what we can in the way of adjustments that will rebound to the benefit of both."

One application for readjustment has already been received in Multnomah county. These applications are made through the secretaries of the several county committees after they have been turned into the office of the county agricultural agent.

### CLEVELANDS ARE HOME

Liberty—Mr. and Mrs. Ray Cleveland and son returned home from Mount Shasta, Calif., Saturday, where they were called by the illness and death of Mrs. W. F. Wright, grandmother of Mrs. Cleveland. They were accompanied by Mrs. Mildred Rogers and Mrs. Mabel Comstock, sisters of Mrs. Cleveland. The trip was made by motor and much snow was encountered in the mountains. At Mount Shasta there was three feet of snow.

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3 for \$1.95

Silk Crepe Slips Informal slips, dance sets, panties and gowns. Beautifully embroidered and lace trimmed. They sell ordinarily up to \$3.95. Remodeling sale price—

\$1.95

Gowns & Pajamas Crepe de Chine embroidered gowns and pajamas. Exceptionally fine quality. They sold up to \$4.95. Choice on these odd ones left—

\$2.95

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