

INFLATION BILL WINS APPROVAL

FERRAR CASE FOR ASSAULT GOES TO JURY

Agitator Charged With Attack On Purvine Denies Battery

Rebuttal Evidence Presented by State Followed by Arguments

The case of Max Ferrar, charged with assault and battery on the person of S. Ellis Purvine, one of Salem's best known citizens, went to the jury in Judge McMahon's court this afternoon.

When court adjourned at noon today all the attorneys for defense and state had made their arguments to the jury with the exception of District Attorney Trindle who was to put in the remaining evidence starting at 1 o'clock. Trindle's arguments are never exceedingly lengthy and including the court's instructions the case was expected to be in the hands of the jury early by the middle of the afternoon.

Defense in the case rested yesterday afternoon after the defendant had testified in his own behalf with H. H. Heston, Homer Green and Dick Eastman, his associates, also giving testimony.

The state put in a brief rebuttal this morning. Dr. Mary Purvine (Concluded on page 9, column 6)

FRANCE TO STAY ON GOLD BASIS

Paris, April 21 (AP)—A government spokesman said today France is determined to maintain the gold standard and fight American dollars in a possible commercial invasion by raising tariffs.

Both the government and the bank of France are "undisturbed," he said, and consider the franc absolutely solid.

The whole problem, including the changed aspect of the Washington conversations between Roosevelt and former Premier Herriot, will be considered at a cabinet meeting tomorrow.

Georges Bonnet, minister of finance, in the meantime, talked with Clement Moret, governor of the Bank of France, and then consulted with Premier Daladier. It was agreed that it is unlikely that anything will be done particularly concerning tariff increases until after the Washington talks.

The French resolve to maintain gold is based on tremendous reserves and in the belief that gold will continue to come to France.

Exchange experts, however, comment that the Bank of England has taken 4,000,000 francs from France since January 1 and are continuing to buy.

More than half of this lost gold came to Paris from Belgium, Holland and Switzerland, weakening those countries. It was agreed that those countries must necessarily precede any similar action by France and such action would make the French situation increasingly difficult.

CREDIT EXPANSION OF THREE BILLIONS

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Credit expansion up to \$3,000,000,000 through the federal reserve system will be the first step of President Roosevelt under the terms of the Thomas bill for revaluation of the dollar, the United Press learned authoritatively today.

At the same time it was said that the White House was hopeful that there would be an adjustment of conditions to obviate the necessity of utilizing the more radical provisions of the bill.

SUMNER WELLS ENVOY TO CUBA

Washington, April 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated Sumner Wells as ambassador to Cuba.

Theodore A. Walters, of Idaho, was named to be first assistant secretary of the interior.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper

By DON UPJOHN

When Lindy made his famous flight the Spirit of St. Louis was an airplane. Now it's Budweiser.

"Triangle Egg Producer," is being advertised by local stores. Isn't that going to be a little tough on the hens?

Well, well, seeing everybody else is doing it we've about decided to go off the gold standard ourselves. We expect to jump from the gold standard to the copper standard.

Incidentally we'd like to be on a hop standard right now with a couple thousand holes to hop into some buyer's hands.

Rev. B. Earl Parker, pastor of the First Methodist church, when asked his business at the Lions' club yesterday promptly responded, "I'm here to participate in the big festival, same being Frank Deckerbach, Sr., and Frank Deckerbach, Jr. Makes it kind of tough on the boy, at that. Here he was expecting to be able to wear dad's white pants for the occasion. But with the governor on the job Frank will have to go out and buy a pair for himself. I'd sure be a joke on young Frank if he went down to the store and found all the white pants had been sold."

We heard a local chap remark yesterday, "I don't know what this here gold and silver standard business is all about as long as everything is going up it looks good to me."

Celebrating the 20th anniversary of Blossom Day Sunday for the first time two generations of King Bings will participate in the big festival, same being Frank Deckerbach, Sr., and Frank Deckerbach, Jr. Makes it kind of tough on the boy, at that. Here he was expecting to be able to wear dad's white pants for the occasion. But with the governor on the job Frank will have to go out and buy a pair for himself. I'd sure be a joke on young Frank if he went down to the store and found all the white pants had been sold.

We put it up to Walt Thompson plain and aboveboard on the street today to tell us his middle initial. And when he told us, was our face red!

We read in an eastern paper where a woman had a man arrested because he grabbed her and kissed her under the chin. Well, maybe she thinks she was wrong about some experience. But she oughta have what happened to us once, when a certain young lady here in town grabbed us and kissed us under the chin. If she thinks it hurts to be grabbed and kissed under the chin she ought to be kissed under the chin once. Donegane, we thought for a time our mistletoe never would get over the shock.

Looking at some of the waists the girls are wearing around in public now, it makes us shudder to think what's going to happen when the weather really turns warm.

All of the leading economists are now telling us in one way or another what is going to happen because of the latest Roosevelt move. Well, the leading economists have been telling us the past three years what is going to happen about this and that and donegane if any of them have ever been right. So don't get excited over what they say now.

The best answer will be to wait and see.

LINDY ARRIVES BY AIR AT ST. LOUIS

St. Louis, April 21 (AP)—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh arrived here at 1:25 p.m. today from Indianapolis on their trans-continental tour.

A "homecoming" crowd of several hundred persons, including city officials, was at Lambert-St. Louis airport to welcome the flying couple.

Huge Dirigible Macon Takes Maiden Flight Over Northern Ohio

Akron, Ohio, April 21 (AP)—The U. S. Macon, sister ship of the wrecked Akron, took off on her maiden flight at 5:59 a. m. (Eastern Standard Time) today. Several hundred persons braved the crisp early morning air to see Uncle Sam's new Goliath of the air begin a series of test flights preliminary to her acceptance of the navy.

The Macon's stern was freed and water ballast was dropped to level her off to the proper buoyancy just before Captain Alger H. Dresel gave the command to send her aloft.

The silvery ship, almost a duplicate of the Akron which crashed at sea with a loss of 73 lives early this month, headed into the northeast breeze 35 minutes after Captain Dresel gave the signal to walk the 785-foot long vessel out of her dock.

AURORA BANK OFFICERS HELD GUILTY BY JURY

Geisy, Schwab and Watt Convicted of Using Mails To Defraud

Phoenix Acquitted—Sentences To Be Pronounced This Afternoon

Portland, April 21 (AP)—Three officers of the Willamette Valley Mortgage Loan company of Aurora were convicted in federal court here of using the mails to defraud. One was acquitted.

They were B. F. Geisy, president of the company; Zeno Schwab, secretary, and Gordon Watt, attorney. William Phoenix, manager of the firm, was acquitted.

The jury deliberated more than 17 hours. The case was one of the most involved mail fraud cases to be held here. Each of the defendants was indicted on four separate counts. Geisy and Schwab were convicted on three counts each, and Watt was found guilty on one.

The defendants were charged with selling worthless notes as mortgages by making false representations. The mortgages sold, it was alleged, were not secured by trust deeds on real estate, as represented, or by other collateral.

The government charged the defendants sent the fraudulent mortgages through the mails, upon expiration of valid mortgages held by the reputed victims, to replace the good paper which was in the form of mortgages on real estate. In order (Concluded on page 8, column 6)

3 GOVERNORS FORM PROGRAM

Portland, April 21 (AP)—With development of the Columbia and Snake rivers as the general theme, governors of Idaho, Washington and Oregon were to meet here today to discuss the development project in the light of an employment enterprise to tie in with the administration's public work program. The conference was to open at 2 p.m.

Governor C. Ben Ross of Idaho was bubbling over with enthusiasm when he reached Portland today. "The price of everything is up," he said eagerly. "Wheat, potatoes, wool—everything is up. Inflation is doing it."

President Roosevelt, he said, gave the people of the United States exactly what they needed when he instituted his inflation program. "I can see nothing but good in the affairs," Governor Ross said. "Why potatoes, and we grow lots of them in Idaho—have doubled in price in the last 20 days!"

Governor Clarence D. Martin of Washington was to reach Portland during the morning for the conference with Governors Ross and Julius L. Meier of Oregon.

It was expected that proposals for development of the entire Columbia river reclamation project would be discussed by the state executives.

EINSTEIN OUSTED

Berlin, April 21 (AP)—The curatorship of Professor Albert Einstein in the National Physicochemical Institute was canceled today. The curator said the action was taken because of his opposition to Hitlerism.

Amelia Can't Agree on War With D. A. R.

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Speaking before the Daughters of American Revolution, who for years has been adopting resolutions calling for armies and navies for national defense, Amelia Earhart said today no organization should advocate armaments unless the members were willing to bear arms themselves.

The aviatix said equally with men was essential in everything and asserted women should be drafted in event of war.

Miss Earhart said at present there are but 600 licensed women pilots compared to 18,000 men, exclusive of army and navy.

She announced she would "touch on a point on which this (Concluded on page 9, column 6)

BRITAIN URGED TO BACK DOLLAR

London, April 21 (AP)—Although the government was being importuned today to maintain the ratio between the pound and the dollar which existed before the United States abandoned gold, there was no indication of any official move to meet this demand.

A highly articulate section of the press held it was necessary that Britain retain the advantages that have accrued to her through the depreciated pound.

"The British government must see that the pound moved correspondingly away from the dollar," an editorial in the Daily Express said.

The Daily Mail declared that "if world currencies are revealed it should clearly be understood that Britain, owing to her unfavorable trade balance, will keep sterling at the present ratio with other currencies."

These newspapers have a combined circulation of nearly 4,000,000 and in addition the Rothermere Press (the Mail) and the Beverbrook Press (the Express) control influential provincial newspapers.

In financial quarters the indications are that the present policy of letting sterling and dollars find their levels will be maintained, with hope that President Roosevelt's economic discussions in Washington and the world economic conference will unify the nations from starting competition in debased currencies.

RUTH'S SANITY HEARING OVER

Florence, Ariz., Apr. 21 (AP)—Counsel for the state and for Winnie Ruth Judd stipulated this afternoon that the condemned woman's sanity hearing is to be closed without hearing of any further testimony.

Superior Judge E. L. Green, granting an additional hour to attorneys to prepare, set 2:30 p.m. as the hour for beginning of argument by counsel. He previously had granted the state a recess until 1:30 p.m. to search for missing witnesses. It was not able to produce them and agreed to a proposal of O. V. Wilson, chief of Mrs. Judd's counsel that the case be closed.

Judge Green had placed no time limit on counsel's argument.

He indicated he would agree to a night session, if necessary, to place the case in the hands of the sanity jury tonight.

Wilson was to present the main argument for Mrs. Judd, urging the 12 jurors—any nine of whom may reach a verdict to declare the blame woman insane, instead of hanging one week from today for killing Agnes LeRoy, in the "trunk murder" case.

INFLATION MOVE HELD NON-POLITICAL

London, April 21 (AP)—The motives which led President Roosevelt to take the United States off the gold standard were purely domestic, the Washington correspondent of the powerful London Times said today in a dispatch to his paper. He refuted the widely held British belief that the action was based on international political motives with the object of improving Mr. Roosevelt's bargaining position in his forthcoming conferences with Premier Ramsay MacDonald.

The international aspect, the Washington dispatch said, was secondary. President Roosevelt, it said, originally intended to withhold the new gold embargo until after his conversations with MacDonald and representatives of other European nations. But the weight of the inflationist movement in congress forced immediate action to prevent passage of an "unwise" inflation measure, the correspondent said.

M'DONALD HERE TO WAGE FIGHT ON DEPRESSION

British Premier Arrives For Economic Conference With Roosevelt

Says Gold Abandonment Only Emphasizes Distress of World

New York, April 21 (AP)—Arriving in America to help map the campaign for a world war against what he called "unmerited poverty," Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald said today America's abandonment of the gold standard affects England "not at all so far as I am concerned."

In a brief interview on the liner Berengaria at Quarantine before he was taken ashore on the city tug Macon, MacDonald was asked if he was disappointed in President Roosevelt's action in respect to the gold standard.

"Oh gracious, no," he replied, adding that he really was without information concerning this development, aside from the bare fact that this country had for the time being abandoned the gold standard.

"It only brings out in higher light," he said, "the distress of the world and that it what your president and I are trying to face, and I hope, to face it successfully."

At the beginning of the interview on the Berengaria, MacDonald handed the following written statement to the press:

"I hope to have with the president a frank exchange of views over a wide range of issues, both economic and political. In the short time at our disposal, definite arrangements of course are not to (Concluded on page 9, column 6)

F. D. EAGER TO GREET PREMIER

Washington, April 21 (AP)—President Roosevelt welcomes the opportunity to talk on a frank, informal "basis" with Prime Minister MacDonald who arrives late today.

This was made known at the White House as the distinguished visitor neared Washington.

Concerned over angered feelings abroad where some construed President Roosevelt's sudden abandonment of the gold standard as a diplomatic maneuver to obtain a bargaining advantage on the eve of the international conference, friends of the administration insisted that he was moved essentially by a desire to lift domestic prices and head off unwise and extreme inflationary measures advocated in congress.

President Roosevelt was eager to settle down with the British prime minister for intimate personal man-to-man talks over the acute situation.

LAND BANKS WILL CURB FORECLOSURE

Washington, April 21 (AP)—A policy of leniency, under which foreclosure proceedings will be instituted only when every other avenue to prevent loss is exhausted, has been adopted by the federal land banks.

The farm loan board announced today that foreclosure proceedings as of March 31 were begun on only 1.8 percent of cases where farmers had failed to fulfill their obligations under the loan contract.

"Where the farmer plays square, the banks are showing all possible patience," a representative of the board said.

"Practically every case where foreclosure proceedings are begun represents instances where the farmer has been abandoned or the farmer-borrower has decided he will make no further attempt to pay taxes or his indebtedness."

PORTLAND SUES PHONE COMPANY

Portland, April 21 (AP)—The city of Portland today filed a circuit court suit against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Co., seeking to enforce an ordinance effective January 1, 1933, and requiring payment of five per cent of gross earned revenues while the firm continues to operate without a franchise.

WEST AND SOUTH UNITE TO FIGHT FOR ROAD MONEY

People Back Home Urged To Press Demands for Federal Highway Funds As Most Feasible Form of Emergency Unemployment Relief; Machinery Ready and Waiting

By HARRY N. CRAIN

With a view to supplying the greatest unemployment relief upon the shortest notice, while at the same time establishing community assets of permanent importance and increasing value Oregonians along with citizens of other western, southern and middle western states are being solicited to urge upon their representatives in congress the inclusion in any national public works program or other legislation designed to provide jobs for the idle substantial appropriations for highway construction.

The greatest service that can just now be rendered by road boosting clubs, chambers of commerce and by other organizations and individuals to the cause of more and better highways and early relief for the greatest number of unemployed is to convince their congressmen and senators of the vital importance of such appropriations, in the opinion of the American Association of State Highway Officials and (Concluded on page 6, column 7)

SEES NEED OF PRICE FIXING

Washington, April 21 (AP)—The price-fixing provisions of the farm relief bill still are needed to restore agricultural commodities to their "fair value" despite inflation proposals before congress, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace feels.

As Wallace views it inflation would not properly effect a balance between the goods the farmer buys and those he sells.

Wallace, it was said today, was enthusiastic, however, about the benefits which he expects inflation to provide the farmer.

Since under inflation fixed charges such as telephone rates, railroad fares and taxes would remain the same, an increase in the price farmers received from their products necessarily would give them a sound purchasing power.

The social theme of inflation, it was explained, is aimed at boosting commodity prices all along the line without prejudicial favor to farm products. While it will probably establish better values of crop issue, it also will raise prices of industrial products so that the actual balance between the two will remain virtually the same as under deflated values.

GERMANY TO STAY WITH GOLD

Berlin, April 21 (AP)—Under no circumstances will Germany abandon the gold standard, an official statement of the reichstag said today.

German officials looked on the devaluation of the dollar with conflicting views.

On the one hand, it was feared there might be a detrimental effect on Germany's export trade.

On the other, it would facilitate repayment of dollar debts.

The statement continued that if the devaluation of the dollar is intended to be permanent, it would aggravate the dumping of currency initiated by Britain's abandonment of the gold standard, increasingly affecting German export trade and automatically decreasing Germany's ability to pay debts.

First Lady Of Land And First Lady Of Air Fly Over Capitol At Night

Washington, April 21 (AP)—A slim, quiet, woman in white evening dress took Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt on a flight over Washington and Baltimore last night without even taking off her white kid gloves, as she piloted the big transport plane.

The first lady of the air, Amelia Earhart, was at the controls part of the time on the first night flight made here by the first lady of the land.

"Just as safe," Mrs. Roosevelt replied when some one asked her if she felt as secure with a woman pilot as she usually felt on her frequent air trips. "I'd give a lot to do it myself," she added.

GOLD DOLLAR REVALUATION TO BE FOUGHT

Senate Banking Committee Reports Favorably Despite Split

Roosevelt To Force Passage With Cloture Threat on Filibuster

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Senate Majority Leader Robinson today flung the unqualified influence of President Roosevelt behind the movement for speedy disposition of the administration inflation bill and threatened with cloture all who dare filibuster it.

Robinson boldly met a filibuster threat which he attributed to Senator Reed, Rep., Pa.

The majority leader addressed the senate with the announcement of administration plans a moment after Chairman Fletcher of the senate banking and currency committee had reported the inflation plan favorably to the senate. Robinson insisted that the inflation became a rider to the farm bill.

Robinson said a filibuster or other delay to the inflation bill would hamper Mr. Roosevelt in his negotiations with foreign statesmen. Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald is due in Washington late today. "If the president is to be hampered and impeded in his negotiations with representatives of some (Concluded on page 9, column 6)

LAY PLANS TO FIGHT INFLATION

Washington, April 21 (AP)—House and senate republicans opposed to the administration inflation bill met in a back-to-the-wall conference late today to plan a round robin attack on the program.

Senators Reed of Pennsylvania and Walcott of Connecticut were among those who joined house minority leader Snell and former Secretary of Treasury Ogden Mills.

The republicans met shortly after senate majority Leader Robinson had challenged opponents of the bill to dare a filibuster on it. He threatened immediate resort to the cloture if a filibuster develops.

Informed senators predicted today that the inflation bill would pass the senate Tuesday and be enacted into law before the end of next week. Opponents of the bill privately conceded that they cannot stop it.

It was understood that if the republicans go through with their round robin public statement of protest they will invite prominent democrats to join them in sign the condemnation of inflation.

Latest polls on senate sentiment indicated the inflation bill would show more than 60 senators for and fewer than 30 against on the show-down vote.

MERCHANDISING BY UTILITIES REGULATED

Merchandising by public utilities must be handled in separate department hereafter and all employees in the operating division are prohibited from using the time paid for by the rate payers in soliciting, selling and assisting in merchandising.

This was the order issued today by Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner.

The question had been before the commissioner for more than a year as well as before the last legislature. Merchants of the state Thomas said, have been demanding that utilities not charge expenses incurred in merchandising against the rate base.

ROOSEVELT AND PREMIER TO CRUISE

Washington, April 21 (AP)—Recovered from his slight cold President Roosevelt today completed plans for a cruise down the Potomac Sunday with Ramsay MacDonald, British premier.

The trip on the party boat, Sequoia, will give Mr. Roosevelt such an opportunity for intimate exchanges with the prime minister as the secluded Rapidan camp gave President Hoover when Mr. MacDonald was here before.

Only a small party will make the trip, including Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Isabel MacDonald.