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### Entirely Too Modest

When President Roosevelt urging upon congress greatly increased appropriations for strengthening the national defense the time is opportune for Oregon to press its demands for modernization and expansion of the defenses at the mouth of the Columbia river, the gateway to the Columbia and Willamette valleys and the great inland empire of eastern Oregon, Washington and Idaho.

The need for fortification of the mouth of the Columbia is too obvious to need discussion, the only defense at present being an obsolete gun emplacement at Fort Stevens—a "mud-fort" structure that would be reduced to nothing by one hour's intensive shelling and bombing by an invading enemy and open an unobstructed way into the heart of the northwest and the great government plants at Bonneville and Grand Coulee, which will alone represent an investment when completed of \$250,000,000.

Oregon's requests for defense appropriations are modest, probably too modest to seriously impress a congressional naval defenses committee that is caloused to thinking in terms of hundreds of millions of dollars. Perhaps it would be wise strategy to demand \$100,000,000, a figure more in keeping with the importance of the project.

All Oregon and the Columbia Defense league is seeking is the rehabilitation of Fort Stevens to modern standards and the construction of a destroyer base at Tongue Point, for which the city of Astoria has furnished a \$100,000.

Oregon should go after defense appropriations on the same scale that California and Washington do. Since the World War California has secured appropriations of \$330,000,000 and authorizations for \$32,000,000 more; Washington has been given \$135,000,000 and Oregon \$2,867,000. The people of Oregon should forget their inferiority complex and learn to go after what they want and are entitled to in a big way.

### Anti-Lynching Bill

The senate is wasting its valuable time in an acrimonious debate over the so-called anti-lynching bill which is of doubtful constitutionality when it should be devoting its energies to vital recovery measures to end the "recession." And the controversy between the north and south is splitting the democratic party when unity is essential.

The measure was introduced by Senators Wagner and Copeland of New York as a gesture for the support of the Harlem negroes and is supported by northerners who have large negro constituencies—a political play to hold the negro vote. The bill provides:

Imprisonment from 5 to 25 years and a fine up to \$5000 for any state official not using "diligent" effort to prevent a lynching; imprisonment up to 25 years for any official conspiring with a mob to release a prisoner to it; damages up to \$10,000 against any county in which mob violence occurs, the money to go to the victim or his heirs.

The measure is a clear invasion of state rights by interference with state and local government and there is little likelihood that it would stop lynchings which occur in the north as well as the south. Some southern states already provide similar penalties on officials.

Since 1882 when records began to be kept, there has been a steady decrease. The total lynchings for the 55 years were 3,679 of which over 700 were whites. The record for last year was only 8, showing that the south is remedying the situation and actively preventing lynching as far as possible. The south is the only section of the country that has a real racial problem and is handling it now admirably. After its own strenuous efforts, the proposal for the federal government to butt-in is naturally resented.

While 8 persons were being lynched last year some 38,000 persons were being killed on our highways. It would seem far more important to legislate for the protection of the 38,000 than for the eight.

### Tomb of the First Pharaoh

An English Egyptologist, W. B. Emery, announced his belief that he has discovered the tomb of Menes, the first historical ruler of all Egypt and founder of the first dynasty. He was the builder of Memphis and his almost legendary reign dates back to 5000 or 6000 years ago. In later dynasties he was worshipped as a god.

Mr. Emery uncovered at Saggara five subterranean chambers containing clay sealings marked with the name Aka, one or the historical originals of Menes. Further evidence is expected with the excavation of a cluster of graves about the central tomb, probably those of servants.

Dual tombs of the Pharaohs are not uncommon. What was believed to be a tomb of Menes was found in 1897, a small rectangular chamber of brick containing objects bearing Menes' name, but it was not surrounded by the usual exterior chambers marking the burial places of kings of the First Dynasty.

Menes was the ruler of Upper Egypt who conquered the separate kingdom of Lower Egypt. His name appears as the head of the lists in Herodotus and Mantheo as well as in the native Turin Papyrus of Kings.

A year ago Mr. Emery discovered the tomb of an Egyptian nobleman which is believed to be 7200 years old.

### Rogerses Are Hosts Card Club Members

Oak Point—Mr. and Mrs. Joe Rogers, Sr., entertained the Nite Hawk card club recently. High honors at "900" were awarded Mrs. Jonas Graber and consolation went to Mrs. Roy Bigelow. Mr. and Mrs. Bigelow will entertain the group Saturday. Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Allen. Members present were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bigelow, Mr. and Mrs. Jonas Graber, Mrs. Edward Harnsberger, Glenerva and LaVerne and Mr. and Mrs. Rogers.

Start Motor Trip  
Scotts Mills—Mr. and Mrs. Bert Whittinghill and daughter, Helen, left the first of the week for Corona, Calif. They are driving and

plan to be gone about three months. Helen is an expert orange packer and will work most of the time while there. The Whittinghills came from Corona to Oregon last summer and bought a home here.

Carter Honor Guest  
Stayton—Friends and relatives of O. B. Carter honored him on his 83rd birthday when they surprised him at his home Sunday. Those included in the party were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carter and son, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Carter, Mr. and Mrs. Roy D. Carter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heater and children, Miss Phidella Darst, Miss Susie Kearns and Harold Pendleton.



A Dog's Life

By Beck

## NEWS BEHIND THE NEWS

By PAUL MALLON

Washington, Jan. 13—Usually the annual economy drive has violent energy at the start of each session of Congress—in words. Then it fades gradually away as the session proceeds, in deeds. This year, it may now be announced, the economy drive faded on the first deed, without a word. In fact, the tone in which appropriations—curtailing and budget-balancing—Woodrum laid the first annual appropriation before the House the other day, was so soft you could hardly hear the economy movement fall. Apparently he knew of the movement to slash Mr. R's budget only through hearsay. The implication he left was that all these news stories you have been reading about Congress doing something further to cut expenses were ghost stories. He fenced with some anonymous somebodies who "want to take this bill and cut it 15 to 25 percent" and then he wound up with what is to be the new policy of the congressional curtailers and balancers:

"If we can hold this deficit to what is set out in the president's message, \$950,000,000, I think it will be a step in the right direction."

Difficulties Faced  
Difficulties of economizing were made quite clear by Mr. Woodrum. He mentioned that this first appropriation bill contained the veterans pensions and allowances and asked the congressmen if they were going to cut that. The question was merely rhetorical. No one expected him to wait for the answer and he didn't.

Mr. Woodrum also said his bill contained "appropriations which are nearest to the heart of the people." Meaning the TVA. The curtailled CCC, the social security board, the vets, etc. These certainly seemed to be nearest the hearts of the congressmen because they applauded everything he said, except his approval of Mr. R's curtailment of the CCC.

Truth is Woodrum and the house

leaders were skittish about that. They had arranged an army of speakers. "French mortars," they call them. These were to be wheeled up and aimed at the expected rebellion against cutting CCC one penny. To the amazement of the leaders, the mortars were not needed. After some mild protest, the house approved the president's CCC curtailment without even forcing a show-down vote.

What this all means is that if you had any expectation congress would seize the economy leadership from Mr. R. (as threatened), you may now forget it. The bottom of the budget yardstick is to be Mr. R's budget. Congress will work up from there.

FDR's Yardstick  
This fact may be clouded for a while yet by the use of a few foggy figures. For instance, the congressmen who worked on this first bill are patting themselves on the back because their totals show they reduced the proposed budget by \$3,732,000.

They did, but nearly \$3,000,000 of the savings resulted from the fact that the TVA engineers can not make up their minds where to build Gilbertville dam after the budget had included an estimate for it. And hence the money is not wanted now.

The other \$700,000 trimmed from the \$1,410,000,000 bill was almost entirely a reduction in allowances for the social security board administrative expenses. Customary congressional procedure is for the house to do a little delicate trimming like this, and then the senate later restores the trimming. Generally the senate restores far more than the house took out.

There is no reason yet to expect that the usual procedure will not be followed this year.

McReynolds to Quit  
Creditable inside confirmation has been obtained that Justice McReynolds is the only justice who is expecting to retire. A friend of his has noted some personal steps McReynolds has taken lately which can only be interpreted as preparations for retirement. The time is uncertain. General assumption is it will come after the sole remaining new deal case has been disposed of, certainly at the end of the court session in June.

Court intimates have long been worried about Justice Cardozo's health. He pulled through one of these heart attacks before, but the court has not been expecting him to return to active duty anytime soon.

At any rate the conclusion is now clear that the supreme court hereafter will be any kind of court Mr. Roosevelt chooses to make it, provided he can get his nominees con-



...LESSENERED BY USE OF SERUM are pneumonia's often fatal complications. In the N. Y. health department, a nurse takes vials of therapeutic sera from an icebox.

### Knox Wants Cut In Tariff Rates

Cleveland, Jan. 13 (AP)—Col. Frank Knox wants the republican party to espouse reductions in "excessive" tariff rates that "protect monopoly."

Party experience with the tariff, he held today, dictates "a lesson which can be ignored only at the peril of defeat in 1940."

In an address which he called "deliberately provocative," the 1936 vice-presidential candidate said his party should follow tariff revision by telling farmers to expect no cash bonuses for crop restriction. Then, he said, the government should provide a "dollar redeemable in gold."

Col. Knox's address differed in some respects from the party's last platform, which called for "sufficient" tariff protection against "destructive competition" and proposed "reasonable benefits upon the domestically consumed portion" of crops which show exportable surpluses.

Knox said republicans lost in the 1912 and 1932 elections after upward revision of the tariff. This revision contributed to defeat in 1936, he asserted, "by emphasizing party domination by large business interests, enriched through the indirect subsidy of an excessively high tariff, under which they were freed completely from competition in the domestic market."

firmly by the senate.

### Roosevelt Jovial

It did not get out but the first person who signed the Texas delegation petition that the president appoint Rep. Hutton Sumner to the court was the president's loyal floor leader, Sam Rayburn. This might be more significant, if a certain omission had not occurred in the list of petitioners. Southpaw Maury Maverick did not sign. The announced excuse was that he was in Minneapolis when the petition was circulated and could not sign.

The petitioners do not know it yet, but a telegram was sent to him asking him to sign and no answer was received.

Mr. Roosevelt has been beaming since the burial of the Ludlow amendment. Callers report he has not been as peppy and jovial in months.

### May Makes Talk on Bonneville Power

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TALK 'OF MICE AND MEN' occupied Broderick Crawford, who plays dumb Lennie in John Steinbeck's hit show on Broadway, and his mother, Helen Broderick, film and stage comedienne, Miss Broderick, in New York on vacation, saw her son backstage. George, in the show, is played by Wallace Ford.

### Compromise All Rodeo Questions

Salt Lake, Jan. 13 (AP)—Fred S. McGargar, secretary of the Rodeo association of America, said here today that all questions considered by the Ogden convention of the association last Saturday were settled by compromise.

Representatives of the Cowboy Turtle association had presented requests for a "closed shop" among rodeo riders and asked the right to select their own judges. These were opposed by the association and later were withdrawn.

"Everything was settled by compromise," said McGargar today, "and when finished everybody was satisfied with the compromise."

No demands were made but several requests. Most of them were granted and those not granted after discussion were withdrawn by the cowboys.

"James Minotto of Phoenix, Ariz., spokesman for the turtle association, read a resolution thanking rodeos and the rodeo association of America.

"Absolute assurances were given that no trouble would occur at any rodeo in 1938."

Among the requests granted were suggestions for changes in the rules governing calf roping, team roping and barbecue riding, McGargar added.

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