

# News Review of Current Events the World Over

New Tax Program Stirs Hot Debate—Black's Seizure of Telegrams—Norris Dam Is Completed—Italo-Ethiopian Peace Draws Nearer.

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CONGRESSMAN SAM B. HILL of Washington and his subcommittee of the house ways and means committee took up the heavy task of determining how the new revenue of \$1,137,000,000 called for by President Roosevelt should be raised. Treasury officials recommended that an average tax of 3.3 1/2 per cent should be levied on undivided corporation profits and a tax of 90 per cent on all refunded or unpaid AAA processing taxes. In this the fiscal experts followed the suggestions of Mr. Roosevelt. They told the subcommittee that the proposed corporation surplus tax would yield the government \$620,000,000 annually. The President has estimated that this amount will be needed to finance the new farm program and the soldier bonus.

The so-called "windfall" tax on processors who successfully challenged the AAA in the courts, it was believed, would yield another \$200,000,000. This will be used to reimburse the treasury for losses suffered as a result of the Supreme court's invalidation of AAA. There remains an additional \$317,000,000 which it is proposed to raise through excise taxes on a wide range of farm processors. Chairman Hill said the experts and the members of the subcommittee were agreed that the tax on undivided surplus should not apply to banks and life insurance companies.

There was wide divergence of opinion concerning this tax among leaders in congress. Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, Democrat, for instance, declared himself against it as an unnecessary additional burden on business, and indicated he would support, instead, a plan to tax the income from federal securities now exempt. Senator Borah, Republican, said that in principle he endorsed the plan of taxing undistributed earnings, while Senator Hastings of Delaware, also Republican, denounced it as "confiscatory." Senator King of Utah, Democrat, and Representative Knutson of Minnesota, Republican, were moved by the program to demand immediate cutting down of federal expenditures, and in this Mr. Borah concurred. Speaker Joseph W. Bryns and Majority Leader W. B. Bankhead professed to see no difficulties in the way of the proposed measure.

One thing that boosted the chances of the President's tax program was a report from Secretary of Commerce Roper that corporation income in 1935 was 300 per cent higher than in 1932.

IN THE course of his probe into the affairs of enemies of the New Deal, Senator Black of Alabama, chairman of the lobby committee, assumed the right to seize and examine their private telegrams, and thus his investigation was carried into the courts. Silas Strawn, Chicago attorney, learned the committee was about to subpoena his telegrams and he obtained a temporary injunction blocking such action. He has asked the District of Columbia Supreme court to make this injunction permanent.

The wholesale examination of telegrams was attacked by Representative Wadsworth of New York, and defended by Senator Black. "It strikes me," Wadsworth said, "that we have reached a strange stage in the development of democracy when private correspondence can be seized without court procedure or search warrant."

Black said: "Repeatedly it has been held that the senate can call for what it pleases. There appears to have been a concerted effort by those who seek to influence legislation behind the scenes, through subterranean channels, to prevent us from getting evidence."

It was reliably reported in Washington that the federal communications commission, which has jurisdiction over telegraph companies, has seized millions of telegrams from the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies and turned them over to the Black committee.

ON THE third anniversary of his inauguration President Roosevelt pushed an electric key in the White House which set in motion machinery that closed the sluice gates of the Norris dam in the Tennessee Valley project. This signaled the completion of that part of the vast work on the Clinch river. "I hope as many people as can will go to see the Norris dam in eastern Tennessee," the President said in a formal statement. "It exemplifies great engineering skill, high construction efficiency, and

above all, it is the key to the carefully worked out control of a great river and its water spread over parts of seven states. "The Norris dam is a practical symbol of better life and greater opportunity for millions of citizens of our country. The nation has come to realize that national resources must not be wasted and the Norris dam is evidence that our program for conservation of these resources is going forward."

SENATOR BORAH and Senator Van Nuys of Indiana, the latter a Democrat, introduced a bill directed against certain practices of the chain stores. The measure would make it unlawful for any person engaged in commerce to grant any discount, rebate, allowance or advertising service charge to a purchaser over that available to the purchasers' competitors. It also would prohibit sales "at prices lower than those exacted by said person elsewhere in the United States for the purpose of destroying competition or eliminating a competitor."

Co-operative associations would be exempted from provisions of the measure. Violators would be subject to a \$5,000 fine and a one-year jail sentence. The so-called Robinson-Patman anti-monopoly bill, also aimed at chain stores, will be passed by the senate before very long, according to a promise made by Senator Robinson to a mass meeting of 1,500 independent merchants who went to Washington to lobby for the measure. This bill legislates against special prices, rebates, advertising allowances and brokerage fees giving sales advantage to chain stores.

THROUGH its committee of thirteen the League of Nations appealed to Benito Mussolini and Emperor Haile Selassie to consent to immediate negotiations for an end to hostilities and a definite re-establishment of Italo-Ethiopian peace. Though consideration of the proposal by his cabinet council was delayed a few days, Mussolini, according to advices from Rome, was disposed to acquiesce provided territory in Ethiopia already occupied by Italy is considered hers and left out of the negotiations.

Haile Selassie accepted the proposal without reservation. In recent days his armies in the northern sector have been routed in big battles and have lost many thousands of men, and the Italians have penetrated far toward the interior of the country; and in the South the invaders were preparing for a rapid advance.

Back of the league's appeal was the standing threat of extension of sanctions to include an embargo on oil. This suddenly brought about a situation rather disconcerting for the league. Dr. Giuseppe Motta, Swiss foreign minister, gave a warning that if the oil embargo was applied his country might feel it necessary to leave the league in order to preserve its neutrality if the consequent threatened war in Europe resulted. Motta pointed out that if Italy quit the league and hostilities ensued, Switzerland, through her membership in the league, would appear in Italian eyes as a party to a hostile coalition, and would be subject to invasion, by Italy on one side and perhaps by Germany on the other.

BRITAIN'S government evidently believes another war is coming, and intends to be well prepared. It made public a gigantic program for increases in the army, navy and air forces and for swift mobilization of man power and industry. No official cost estimate was given out, but authorities said the total over a three-year period would be not less than a half billion dollars. The program includes these features:

Army—Four new battalions of infantry are planned. All units are to be mobilized, mechanized, and re-equipped. Especial attention will be paid coastal and anti-aircraft defenses.

Navy—Two new battleships next year and an increase in cruiser strength from 50 to 70, with five new ones to be laid down this year. Naval personnel also will be increased by 6,000, a new aircraft carrier will be constructed, and the air arm of the navy will be strengthened.

Air Force—About 250 new war planes will be added to the home defense squadrons, bringing the total to 1,750. Twelve new air squadrons for imperial defense—that is, air forces available for transfer to danger areas—will be added, and more pilots will be recruited.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers

Astoria — The Columbia river salmon pack for 1935 amounted to 332,739 cases, valued at \$3,405,282. The 1934 pack was 362,721 cases, valued at \$3,462,919.

Albany—The dog population of Linn county has either suffered a great decline or many owners are slow about taking out licenses. Thus far, only 700 have been licensed. The total last year was 2160.

Milwaukee—E. W. Kirkpatrick of Milwaukee, who recently announced his candidacy for the democratic nomination for congress from the first district, has been elected president of the Clackamas County Bar association.

Sweet Home — Thus far there has been expended on 67.85 miles of the North Santiam highway \$1,217,465. With the exception of \$300,000 contributed by Marion county, the funds have come from national forest appropriations.

Salem—Robert W. Ruhl, editor of the Medford Mail-Tribune, was appointed to the state board of higher education by Gov. Charles H. Martin to succeed Leif S. Finseth, Dallas. Ruhl's appointment has been forecast for some time.

Eugene — The Eugene water board is planning to go ahead on its building program on the McKenzie river regardless of what the Northwest regional planning commission has to recommend. The Waterville plant will be rebuilt, at a cost of \$35,000.

Estacada—Abernethy orange of Clackamas county has gone on record in opposition to the water carriers bill pending in the United States senate. The bill would give to the interstate commerce commission power to fix rates on boats and barges operating in inland waters.

McMinnville—The old question of whether unborn bobcats are eligible for bounty payment has been revived in Yamhill county. M. S. McMullen of Vida brought in the embryos of two cats, along with pelts of six adults. His claim for bounty on the embryos is being held up.

Albany—A sure shot is Thomas Hufford, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hufford of Foster. The boy killed an eight-foot cougar with a 16-gauge shotgun. "I just dropped to my knee and let him have it," was the way Tom described his kill. The cougar was just 27 feet away, ready to spring, when the boy fired.

Vale—Reminiscent of early days in Malheur county was a recent horse auction at Vale. Buyers from all parts of eastern Oregon and southern Idaho attended the sale, at which 100 horses were sold. The highest price paid was \$152.50 for a 1500-pound gelding. A span of mules brought \$270. The highest price paid for a team of horses was \$220.

Bend—A river is where a river was. Not many persons here recall seeing water in the course of Dry river, which sweeps along a 90-mile course from Hampton butte, northwest across the desert to Crooked river canyon. Geologists claim the river was once a torrent when glaciers fed it. But heavy snows of this winter, melting recently, have filled the ancient course with muddy water.

Hermiston — Superintendent Babcock of the Umatilla Indian reservation will soon have his jurisdiction enlarged. In addition to his present territory, he is to have supervision of Indians on the north side of the Columbia river from Cascade Locks to Roosevelt, and on the south side from Hood River to Arlington. The present enrollment of Indians on the Umatilla reservation is 1150. To this number will be added 300 to 400.

Marshfield — Local residents who visited Seallon Caves north of Florence last Sunday report that Mrs. Finnegan, Oregon's front-page sealion, is now domiciled at that coast landmark, residing among hundreds of her fellow sealions. Keepers at the caves declare they have seen her several times—an easily recognized beast, they say, with a bad eye and rope marks around her tummy, left when state fish and game commission hoisted her from land to sea.

Tenth Son Born — Rainier—The tenth consecutive son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Reid Davis of Rainier Saturday. There are no girls.

Coast Enjoys Sunshine — Toledo—March came in as gently as the proverbial lamb last Sunday, with the first sunny day of the springtime, after a month of almost continuous storm. Daffodils and other varieties of the early flowers gleamed in the warm sunshine. A beautiful day all along the coastline was reported.

## Almanac That Saved Life of Columbus Is Exhibited

A book that, according to legend, saved the life of Christopher Columbus has been on view in an exhibition of the library of the late former king of Portugal in Paris, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The exhibition includes 120 items published between 1489 and 1509 by the most important printers of Europe.

Columbus had the Perpetual Almanac of Abraham Zacuto with him on his journey to America. Legend says that at one time the Indians were on the point of killing him. He impressed them by predicting an eclipse of the sun of which he had read in the almanac. They thereupon desisted.

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