

Today

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Congress Comes Back.
Sad, Snowy, Slippery.
John D., the Third.
Easy, With Russia.

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Congress met yesterday and a cut of \$160,000,000 in the income tax is the program.

That will be welcome news to those that pay income tax, a small percentage of all the people.

But it is just as important news to those that pay no income tax. They all earn money, and any cut in income tax, especially in corporation tax, encourages development, expansion, employment.

A man will work harder for money that the government does not take away from him.

Sad, snowy, rainy day in Wall Street. Snow falling, melting; sidewalks, streets and prices slippery. Not much progress on foot, not much progress on the ticker.

Prosperity for the next few months depends on the mental attitude of the people and their private talking. No President, no collection of hundred million dollar men, no promises to spend billions, can wipe out the bad effects of a national pessimistic mood.

If every man would learn to talk about the country's progress and future as a young mother talks about her new baby there would be no danger of hard times.

John D. Rockefeller, third, grandson of the builder of the name, went to work at 26 Broadway yesterday morning. He was on time.

Twenty-three years old, a big young man, bigger physically than his father, John D., third, will have many opportunities in life. He will inherit what is called the world's largest fortune. By the time he gets it it may not be as big as Edsel Ford's, and not as big as that of some unknown man today.

But, he will surely have enough to carry out ideas that he may have. Everything depends on the ideas.

A few men because of great wealth stand out in history. There was the richest Roman, whose son went to war with Caesar and made a good general. His father, with all the money, made a failure when he went with Lucullus.

The original Medici took to money making, his son doing

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HOOVER IS EMPHATIC ON LIQUOR

Message to Congress Says Man Who Selects Particular Laws to Obey Is Enemy of Society—End of Tariff Controversy Is Urged—Naval Program or Limitation.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—A speedy end to the tariff controversy, prompt tax reduction and strengthening of prohibition enforcement were urged upon congress today by President Hoover in his first message to the state of the union.

A score of other proposals were contained in a 12,000-word document which the chief executive sent to the house and senate for reading by the clerks and in which he gave an account of his nine months' stewardship in the White House.

Most of the message was a plain matter of fact recital of what he has done and hopes to do, but he resorted to strong language in dealing with prohibition and law enforcement, a subject which he frequently has stressed since taking office.

His Drink Buyer. Calling for cooperation of the average citizen in making statutes effective, the president said that the attitude of the man who selects the particular laws he will obey "may obscure, but can not conceal, the ugly truth that the lawbreaker, whoever he may be, is the enemy of society."

Mr. Hoover stood squarely on the position he took at the opening of the special session when he asked for tariff rates beneficial to agriculture and to industries which have not been prosperous and put into official language his known desire for a one per cent reduction on individual income and corporation taxes.

Retain Flexible Tariff. Once again he asked that the broad principle of the flexible tariff, by which the executive may order rate changes upon recommendation of the tariff commission be retained. The senate has voted that this power should lodge with congress.

Outstanding among the president's suggestions was one that the major prohibition enforcement activities should be transferred from the treasury to the justice department. At the same time the president declared his wish that the District of Columbia, around which a furor has been raised recently as a result of charges of liquor drinking in and out of public life, should be a "model city of law enforcement" for the nation. He asked that the necessary laws be enacted to make it so.

Naval Alternative. The annual message set forth the alternative of naval limitations at the London conference or a six year building program costing \$1,200,000,000. He asked that congress "give earnest consideration to the possibilities of prudent action which will give relief from our continuous mounting expenditures for national defense."

President Hoover's suggestions, which, if followed, would give the senate and house many issues for debate, included a range touching almost every phase of the nation's domestic and international problems. They included: Many Suggestions. Adherence to the world court. Delegation by congress of power to reorganize government departments to the president. Early construction work on an extended public buildings program throughout the country.

An increase from \$20,000,000 to \$35,000,000 in the next fiscal year to push the Mississippi flood control work and more liberal appropriations for general river and harbor work.

Legislation to simplify and expedite consolidation of the railroads. Investigation into feasibility of amending national banking laws to permit chain banking in limited regions.

Creation of full time federal power commission of three members. Establishment of permanent federal radio commission. Appointment of a special commission to negotiate contracts looking to the resumption of activities at the Muscle Shoals properties. Congressional study of immigration.

FARM LEADERS MEET WITH PRESIDENT HOOVER



Farm leaders conferred with President Hoover at the White House to pledge their aid in carrying out his plan for stimulating business and industry. Left to right, front row: C. E. Huff, president Farmers' union; Leroy Milton; S. H. Thompson, president American Farm Bureau federation; Alexander Legge, chairman farm board; Secretary Hyde and Earl Smith. Back row: C. M. Rogers, C. C. Talbot, Louis Chambers and P. T. Betts.

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FAIR BUSINESS STOCKS RALLY THIS WINTER IS AS PRESIDENT VIEW OF EDISON TELLS PLANS

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Stock prices staged the most impressive rally today since the mid-November break on buying presumably influenced by the publication of President Hoover's "message to congress. Scores of active issues were marked up 4 to 11 points a share, with a few specialties up \$12 to \$24, on active buying for both long and short accounts.

Final prices generally were around the day's high levels. The highest grade industrials were in demand in the late upward movement which carried most of the popular shares from four to 16 points beyond the preceding close. Much of the rise was due to a revival of public buying and the professionals also took the long side of the market with confidence, at least temporarily. General Electric, the American Tobacco, Standard Gas and Electric, Air Reduction and J. I. Case, among others, were 9 to 19 points higher. The close was strong, sales approximated 3,700,000 shares.

WEST CHARGE, N. J., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Thomas A. Edison, in one of his characteristically laconic interviews, has disclosed the discovery of a plant that will produce rubber on a profitable basis. A series of questions was submitted to the aged inventor at his laboratory and he wrote brief replies to each.

He was asked: "Have you found one plant or more which will produce a satisfactory amount of rubber for commercial purposes?" He answered with the single word, "Yes."

Other questions and their answers were: Q—"In your opinion what is the business outlook for this winter?" A—"Fair."

Q—"Are you going to conduct any other major experiments this year?" A—"I am conducting several other experiments, some of which have been in progress for several years, but not yet commercial."

Q—"What reports do you get from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology about Wilbur Huston?" (Huston won the Edison scholarship in competition with boys from all states.) A—"I get no reports. He is down with scarlet fever and is quarantined with 29 other students."

Much improved in health since his attack of pneumonia several months ago, Mr. Edison will leave on Thursday for his winter home at Fort Myers, Fla., where he will continue his experiments in search of a rubber substitute.

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6 DISTRICTS VOTE EXTRA ROAD LEVY

Jackson Districts to Spend \$25,000 Aside From County Outlay—Reese Creek, Lake Creek, Rancheria, McLeod, Wimer and Oak Grove Planning Extra Improvements.

Six county districts of Jackson county have voted special road levies for the coming year, entailing an expenditure of approximately \$25,000 for roads, in which the county proper will have no financial share, outside of the furnishing of road machinery for the carrying on of the operations.

The districts voting the special levies are: Reese Creek, Lake Creek, Rancheria, McLeod, Oak Grove and Wimer. The highest levy was voted by the McLeod district, it was 8.5 mills, and the funds will be expended on widening, eliminating curves, lowering grades and graveling on the following roads of that section: Laurelhurst, Edmonston, Lewis, Ulrich and the Elk Creek road. The latter road is a unit of the Elk Creek loop road, which when completed will extend to Post, and tap new recreational territory.

The Wimer district voted a 4-mill levy. Fifteen hundred dollars will be spent on the upper Evans Creek road, as far as the school bus route extends, and the balance on the McArthur road to the Queens ranch, the Owens-Williams cut-off road, and repairs to the Mulhorn road. The special levy meeting voted that no funds be spent until the location of the roads was definitely settled.

Plan Dead Indian Route. Lake Creek district voted a 2.5 mill levy, to be expended on the South Fork of Butte Creek road, on a route to be selected by the county engineer. The road, when completed, will reach the Dead Indian Soda Springs, a favorite picnic and camping spot for southern Oregon folk.

The Oak Grove district voted a 2-mill levy. Seven hundred dollars will be expended on the Dark Hollow road, and the balance used for graveling all other roads of the district. The levy was the highest in the history of the district.

A 7-mill levy was voted by the Rancheria district at Butte Falls, the levy being apportioned over six roads of the section. Five mills are given to the Butte Falls-Prospect road, and two mills for the Owens camp road. The remaining millage is divided between the Conley, Smith and Alberta roads.

The Reese Creek district voted a 5-mill levy, allotted as follows: \$500 on the Meridian Orchard road; \$500 on the Crater Lake highway to Antelope road; \$1000 on the Niek Young road; \$700 on the Dodge bridge road; \$1300 on the Wiffy Orchard road; \$500 on the West Rogers river road, and \$200 for the widening of the Trail road. Graveling and repairs are the chief items of road work.

The special levies, when expended, will improve routes alike to schools, recreation spots, farming sections and orchards. The special levies have been filed with the assessor's office for extension on the tax rolls.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(AP)—The senate took up the long delayed Vore case today and after several hours of discussion recessed until 10:30 a. m. tomorrow without acting.

Recess was taken after Senator Norris, Republican, Nebraska, reported his resolution to deny a cloture on the opening argument in support of Senator-elect Vore of Pennsylvania because of excessive expenditures by the Pennsylvania in the 1926 campaign.

RAIN FOR FRISCO BY END OF WEEK SEEN

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Rain for San Francisco and the greater part of northern California before the end of the week was predicted here today by the weather office.

Bad Check Pays For Marriage of Medford Meanie

Radio Preacher Bill Ray has had a personal acquaintance with the meanest man in the world. He was a bridegroom, according to Bill, who talked in high and acted in low. He got the minister out of bed a week ago last Saturday night, put him to the trouble of arousing the county clerk for a license, made fun of Bill's Ford car and his bride accompanied him to the scene of the marriage and then gave him a N. S. F. check as a fee.

Not only that, but, according to Bill, he gave the local physician who examined him for a doctor's certificate the same kind of a check. Nor did he discriminate when it came to paying for the license. The checks were all made out on the First National bank of Ashland.

FAILURE OF GRAIN PLAN IS FORESEEN

Kansas City Man Refuses Appointment As Head of New Marketing Organization—Plan, As Outlined, Will Fail, Is Word to Chairman Legge of Federal Farm Board.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 3.—(AP)—Because he believes the plan of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, as it is outlined at present, will result in failure, Charles W. Lonsdale of Kansas City has declined to accept appointment as general manager of the new marketing organization.

Mr. Lonsdale wired his refusal of the office to Alexander Legge, chairman of the federal farm board. The Kansas City grain man previously had rejected the offer for business reasons, but was asked to reconsider.

"While I am wholly sympathetic toward all sound effort to improve the relative economic position of agriculture," Mr. Lonsdale said, "I believe there are certain fundamentals which cannot be safely violated, and I am compelled to refuse the tender of responsibility as directing head of the Farmers' National Grain Corporation because of my sincere conviction that the plan as at present outlined, will fail."

LOCAL COUPLE OF TENDER AGE IN ELOPEMENT

Ray Childers, 18, and Ella Kirby, 16, Believed to Have Answered Call of Cupid—Parents Enlist Aid Sheriff's Office.

The district attorney and sheriff offices are seeking the whereabouts of Ella M. Kirby, 16, and Ray Childers, whose 18th birthday is today, who disappeared Thanksgiving day. It is the official supposition that the youthful pair have eloped.

According to the officials, Miss Kirby and Childers were last seen about noon last Thursday, by Childers' father, who advised his son to take the girl to her home, and then do the same himself. Young Childers has an auto, and \$25 he borrowed from a relative, the sheriff says.

The authorities say that the girl became angered when her step-father denied her permission to attend a dance. The couple have been friends for several months. The girl resides with her mother and step-father in the Roxy Ann district. She is described as an exceptionally attractive girl.

Sheriff Jennings, when apprised of the disappearance of the couple telephoned to the three nearest marriage license bureaus, at Yreka, Calif., Klamath Falls and Grants Pass. No license had been issued to parties of that name. Messages were also sent to Crescent City, Calif., and other coast cities in the hope of finding a trace of the pair.

FORD ADDS 20 MILLION FOR WAGES

Minimum Wage Scale Advanced to \$7 Per Day—Increase Effective Dec. 1—Applies Only to Workmen in U. S.—Third Major Step Since January, 1914—Plan Volume.

By David J. Wilkie, Associated Press Correspondent. DETROIT, Dec. 3.—(AP) Wage increases that will add approximately \$20,000,000 a year to the payroll of the Ford Motor company were announced today by Edsel Ford, president of the company. The minimum wage of \$6 a day is increased to \$7 a day and increases graduating on the basis of five cents an hour were given employees already receiving between \$7 and \$10 a day.

The increase, which is effective as of Dec. 1, is confined to employees within the United States. Of these, 116,643 come in the classification of increases of five cents an hour to all employees who have been receiving \$7 or more per day.

Those whose minimum wage will be increased from \$6 to \$7 a day number at the present 24,220. The increase is in line with the announcement recently made by Henry Ford at Washington during President Hoover's business conference.

Third Increase. The wage increase from a minimum of \$6 a day is a third major step of this kind taken by the company since January, 1914. At that time the company started the industrial world by raising the scale from an average of \$2.34 a day to a minimum of \$5. This increase generally was considered a radical industrial move and many economists contended it could not be successfully accomplished.

Simultaneously the company reduced the working day from nine hours to eight hours. The increase alone resulted in an increase of \$11,000,000 a year for the workers concerned while additions to the number of employees by reason of the shorter working day caused an added wage payment throughout the Ford plants of \$6,000,000 a year.

The second major increase was announced on January 1, 1919, when the minimum scale was increased from \$5 to \$6 a day. "We are able to make this wage increase partly because of anti-trusted economies and the great volume of production which we have had over a period of months and partly because of our excellent outlook for next year."

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ABANDON HOPE FINDING BODIES KLAMATH LAKE

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 3.—(AP)—Hope of finding the bodies of Ed Syfert and S. E. Burk, drowned in Klamath lake a week ago when it is believed they abandoned their boat on a duck hunting trip, was halted yesterday when a special mid-rake drawn over a two-mile area failed to snag the bodies.

Klamath Falls.—Pioneer East Side pharmacy opened for business in Mills addition.

Will Rogers Says: BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Dec. 3.—The regular session of congress opened yesterday to investigate what was done at the last session. This is also to relieve the farmer a gain, relieve him of a year's encouragement that he may have received during the last one. One thing Mr. Hoover is not responsible for the holding of this session. Got to blame the founders of the constitution for it. Can't lay this one on him. The last one cured him. Your, WILL ROGERS.

DENY PENNEY CO. AND ROEBUCK TO MERGE BUSINESS

CHICAGO, Dec. 3.—(AP) Reports that negotiations for a \$300,000,000 merger of Sears, Roebuck and company and the J. C. Penney chain of retail merchandise stores were under way here today in La Salle street today but gained little encouragement from statements by officials of the big mail order house.

Julius Rosenwald, chairman of the board of Sears, Roebuck, said in the rumors were not true and repudiated published statements in which he was quoted as verifying them.

Sears Roebuck now operates more than 300 branch retail stores throughout the country, and Penney has more than 1200 small stores.

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Final Word that Santa Claus will be present at the big Christmas opening in Medford tomorrow night was a telegram received this noon at the Chamber of Commerce from the Santa Claus toy shops at the North Pole. The wire indicated that he had left this morning and plans to greet every Medford boy and girl at the chamber shortly after 7 o'clock.

The telegram received today is as follows: Boys and Girls, City of Medford: I will arrive tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock in the good ship "Spirit of Christmas," and will fly over you for 15 minutes to let you know I have arrived. Do not meet me at the airport as I am coming into Medford to meet you at the Chamber of Commerce with a big supply of toys and candy I have brought down for you. I want every boy and girl to be there.

SANTA CLAUS. Medford merchants have made arrangements to welcome the famous visitor and have provided a big automobile with which to bring him into the city from the airport. Parents are urged to bring the children downtown early and to keep them as orderly as possible when the time comes to welcome the bearded saint. The Christmas opening proper will start promptly at 7 o'clock when the lights of the city will be turned off for a few moments to allow display windows to be unveiled. It will be at this time that the "Spirit of Christmas" will circle over the streets, carrying Santa Claus, who will greet those below him for 10 or 15 minutes. Upon landing at the airport, Santa Claus will be brought into Medford immediately.

The Elks hall will play on the streets during the evening and will be near the Chamber of Commerce during the time the toys will be distributed. Merchants are also expected to keep stores open during the evening, providing the opportunity for window shoppers to shop inside as well. There will be no sales made, the store being held open for display purposes only. Prizes will also be offered for the best window displays, the prizes being separated into various groups to create greater competition. It is expected jockeys will have a difficult time in picking winning displays, indications being apparent that merchants are putting considerable effort into the contest. Prizes are also being awarded to merchants using electric illumination for decorative effects. A number of local firms are decorating store fronts with Christmas greenery, interwoven with small decorative electric lights.

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